

**MEETING NOTES
OF
THE RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL
SKATE PARK WORKING GROUP
Held on
Wednesday 21st October 2020
7.00pm Via Zoom**

In attendance; Cllr Kay, Cllr May, Cllr Terry, Cllr Turner and Cllr Whitlock.

Co-opted Members; Marisa Hayes, Amy Prifti, Teresa Sutton, and Rachel Willats

Also, in attendance; Karen Crowhurst – Clerk/RFO

Item No	Agenda Items
1.	APOLOGIES – To receive apologies for absence
1.1	Apologies were received from Cllr Herbert.
2.	ACTION POINTS AND UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Site visits to other skate rampsb) Costings of other skate ramps – Horam Parish Councilc) Visit to Hassocks Parish Council – The Clerk, Cllr Harper and Cllr May
3.	SITE VISITS AND SITE ASSESSMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Update of site visits in Ringmerb) To agree the criteria for sites based on ROSPA and Lewes District Council’s guidelinesc) To submit a report to the Greens and Amenities Committee
2&3	Items 2 and 3 were discussed in no particular order. Arising from considering the above items it was reported that.
2&3.1	Site visits have been taken out within the Parish or Ringmer. Following on from the site visits it was reported that in accordance with specific guidelines have been given by Lewes District Council that need to be considered it, was felt that there are four main sites.
2&3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Fingerpost field (The Broyle)2. Anchor field (Where the original skatepark was)3. Cheyney field (the land at the back of the scout hut, not the fenced off area)4. Ringmer Green (location to be discussed) Although not all other sites have been completely ruled out.

- 2&3.3 All the above sites come with their own challenges from who owns the land to whether these sites can meet the requirements. It was agreed that the next steps are to speak to the owners of each piece of land to see what the possibilities are with regards to building the skatepark.
- 2&3.4 Cllr May reported that he has had a discussion with the Clerk of Hassocks who have built a very well used skate park, The the group should consider whether the new Skate Ramp should be a destination Skate Park or a Skate Park that would serve the residents of Ringmer. After some consideration it was agreed that a tailored Skate Ramp would be the preferable option. It was therefore agreed to recommend to the Greens and Amenities Committee that the Skate Park will be a Skate Park to serve the village. **Action- Recommend to the Greens and Amenities Committee.**
- 2&3.5 Discussions were held regarding the various sites. It was agreed that Fingerpost Field be considered as the Council is awaiting confirmation after revisiting the site assessments whether Lewes District Council would grant permission for a Skate Ramp to be installed in that area. One other concept that came to the table was to consider installing a smaller Skate Ramp on the land the Parish Council has acquired at Anchor Field as part of development and install a small ramp at Fingerpost Field. Cllr May advised Members that he has spoken with the CEO and Head of Ringmer Academy who advised for various reasons that the Academy would not be a suitable site.
- 2&3.6 The cost of a village Skate Park rather than a destination Park was considered. As the village park was the most preferable option it was agreed to request from the Greens and Amenities Committee that the amount of £110K be the total cost of the project. It was also agreed to request the Clerk seek alternative funding. **Action – Recommend to Council**
- 2&3.7 The Village Green location was discussed, it was felt that if an alternative site could be found and a Skate Park will fit then that would be preferable. The original site by the Holm Oak has now been discounted. An area of the Green that could be considered is by the entrance to Delves House as it has a natural bowl. It was felt that this would be the most aesthetically pleasing option if the Green was chosen as there would be no impact. No recommendations were forthcoming.
- 2&3.8 Members wanted to give consideration to the size and scale of the Skate Park and agreed that this should be done once a site has been established and young people have been consulted.
- 2&3.9 Areas near Anchor Field were also discussed.
- 2&3.10 Arising from discussions the following actions were agreed.
- 1) For the Clerk to contact Lewes District Council to establish if a Skate Ramp could be installed on or near the Anchor Field Site and to revisit Fingerpost Field possibilities .

- 2&3.11 2) For the Clerk to write to Cheyney Trust to establish whether they would be happy for a Skate Ramp to be installed near the Scouts Hut and establish any rental cost as well as how long a lease arrangement would be
- 2&3.12 3) For the Working Group to contact suppliers and gain some images for the various sites proposed.

4. FURTHER SITE VISITS TO OTHER ESTABLISHED SKATE RAMPS

- 4.1 No plans were made to carry out any further site visits.

5. TO AGREE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GREENS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR DECISION

- 5.1 There were no other recommendations not included in these meeting notes.

6. ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA

- 6.1 There were no items for referral.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th November via zoom.

8. CLOSE OF THE MEETING

- 8.1 There being no further business, the meeting closed.