

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 11th January at 19:30
In the Parish Rooms, Lucy Stone Room

Present:			
Cllr Gordon Sims (Chairman) (GS)	Cllr Sarah Phillips (Vice Chairman) (SP)	Cllr Tara Barber (TB)	Cllr Margaret Crompton (MC)
Cllr John Kay (JK)	Cllr Marcia Morgan (MM)	Cllr David Terry (DT)	Cllr Richard Turner (RT)
Cllr John Whitlock (JW)			
Also in attendance:	Abbe Charlesworth (AC) – Clerk		
Members of the public:	7		
Item	Agenda Item	Act	
1.	To receive and accept apologies for absence Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllrs Clare Herbert, Gavin May, Johnny Denis and Matthew Crisp.		
2.	Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Requests RT declared an interest in 7.1 as he is on the planning committee at LDC. JK set up a pressure group called RAGE which is against greenfield developments in Ringmer, so did not comment on 7.1		
3.	To accept the Minutes from the following meetings Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2021	GS	
4.	Public questions or comments This item shall last no more than 15 minutes or at Chairman's discretion during which time members of the public may put questions to the Council or draw attention to relevant matters relating to the business on the agenda. No contribution shall last more than 3 minutes. There was a comment about the Primary School presentation which took place prior to the RPC meeting. The presentation was for the benefit of councillors and highlighted areas for concern surrounding capacity and facilities.		
5.	If the Committee wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed: 'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.' There was no requirement to exercise this resolution.		
6.	Reports received via email prior to the meeting were circulated to councillors a) East Sussex County Councillor b) Lewes District Councillor(s) c) To receive and accept any reports submitted LDC has recently been asked to manage Additional Support Grant for covid impacted businesses. And leisure, hospitality and retail can get 50% business rate relief for 2022. More info at www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/community/covid-19 The Community Safety Partnership still has about £5k uncommitted for projects to tackle priorities including anti-social driving and anti-social behaviour. Full details on www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/lewes-district-council-news/apply-now-for-community-safety-grants-lewes-district/	JD JD	

<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p>	<p>Planning matters</p> <p>To consider responses to Planning applications</p> <p>a) LW/21/0986 Land East of Harrisons Lane, Ringmer, East Sussex <u>Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) for the demolition of an existing residential property and erection of up to 200 residential dwellings including affordable housing with the provision of vehicular access onto Harrisons Lane and pedestrian and cycle access on to Potato Lane alongside public open spaces, biodiversity enhancement, sustainable urban drainage systems, landscaping infrastructure and earthworks.</u> JW to prepare LDC draft. RESOLVED: Parish Council decision: Objection</p> <p>LW/21/0961 3 Peartree Cottages, Lewes Road, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 53U <u>Single story side extension with side access, rear dormer, side facing rooflight and rear rooflight to single story extension.</u> RESOLVED: local resident has raised an access and light issue. Parish Council decision: No Comment</p> <p>LW/21/0955 11 Elphick Road, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5EU <u>Single storey rear extension</u> RESOLVED: Parish Council decision: No objection</p> <p>LW/21/0940/CD Westbourne, Lewes Road, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5ES <u>Approval of Conditions 6 (Drainage strategy) and 7 (CEMP) in relation to application LW/20/0795</u> RESOLVED: Parish Council decision: No Comment</p> <p>LW/21/0931/CD Oak Side Farm Campsite, Green Lane, Ringmer, East Sussex BN8 5AD <u>Approval conditions 3 (eV Charging Point), 4 (External Lighting), 5 (Lighting Design Strategy for Biodiversity) and 9 (Bat, Barn Owl and Bird Boxes) relating to application LW/21/0560</u> RESOLVED: Parish Council decision: No Comment</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Joint letter to The Rt hon Michael Gove, MP requesting immediate action to stop speculative planning applications that ignore democratically decided local plans and exploit the tilted balance created by the 2018/19 NPPF revisions</p> <p>a) To receive an update on the joint letter No response from joint letter sent on 21st Dec 2021</p> <p>b) JK requested that a follow up be sent to Plumpton PC on whether the letter has been sent to the press.</p>	<p>ADMIN</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Highways Matters</p> <p>a) To receive an update on holding a Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting held on 11th January 2022</p> <p>SP reported a number of updates from the meeting: Update on Earwig corner, including timetable for completion of wall, works and feasibility study, questions for the Community Match Funding Scheme were answered. Condition of Vicarage Way verges, Church Hill (pedestrian safety) and Gote Lane verges (End of Springett Ave, leading to Shepherds Way). Sean Homewood from Highways to visit Gote Lane. All matters to be sent to transport dev team.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed she would continue to work on this but was currently awaiting the outcome of the SLR Mtg.</p>	<p>SP/CLERK</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Skatepark</p> <p>a) To receive an update on the lease for Fingerpost Field Heads of Terms received. Council proposed and agreed to write to Landowners to ask them to gift the land to RPC.</p> <p>b) Update on comments received re. the CGIs uploaded onto the website No comments received</p>	<p>ADMIN</p>

	<p>c) Update on confirmation of costs No confirmation of costs yet received</p> <p>d) To discuss and agree submitting the planning application (Timeline: end of January 2022) No further information on this</p>	GM and OFFICE
11.	<p>Swimming Pool To receive an update on the current position JD reported that there had been no response following request for an update.</p>	JD/TB
12.	<p>Recovery Fund/Welcome Back Fund re. Precinct shops To receive an update on the current position No update available</p>	GM
13.	<p>Strategic Plan Working Group To receive an update on the current position JW to email all Cllr's to ask if they would like to be involved: DT, MM, MC</p>	JW
14.	<p>Play Area Renewals and Replacements Village Green Play area</p> <p>a) To receive an update on LDC releasing the CIL money GS reported that he informed LDC of how Ringmer wished to proceed and was thanked for his update. LDC were happy with the update on cost (no increase from 21).</p> <p>b) To review and accept any revisions to Kompan's quotation No revisions reported as Kompan had confirmed that prices were the same as original quote and would be held until 31 January 2022. The Council voted unanimously to let the contract for play equipment renewal with Kompan, based on the quote provided.</p>	GS/OFF
15.	<p>Grounds Maintenance – next years grass cutting To receive an update on rearranging the meeting between GM, Anne Duke, Rosemary Colebourn and Tony Read to agree next year's grass cutting. No update available</p>	GM
16.	<p>Open Spaces - other</p> <p>a) To receive an update on obtaining a quote from Highways to install the Parish Office signs No update</p> <p>b) To receive an update on the Parish Council's Assets Survey and audit of bins No update</p> <p>c) To receive an update on the report on the structural integrity of the Flint Wall surrounding the Churchyard Flint wall survey report circulated and no further work to wall required</p> <p>d) To receive an update on acquiring the land at Broyle Gate Farm (Ringmer NHP Policy 8.4)</p> <p>e) No change</p>	MC OFFICE/SP OFFICE OFFICE
17.	<p>Communications</p> <p>a) To receive items for inclusion to the January 2022 Parish Council Newsletter Items received. Two further additions added.</p> <p>b) To receive an update on setting-up a communications working group Nothing to report due to absences</p>	CLERK/SP
18.	<p>Assets of Community Value To receive an update on renewing the Anchor Inn and Fingerpost Field and registering the swimming pool as an ACV. No update on Anchor Inn, Anchor Field, or registering the swimming pool as an ACV</p>	OFFICE/cllrs
19.	<p>Finance Matters</p> <p>a) To receive the latest Financial Reports Query over cost of emptying bins which was explained. Approved</p> <p>b) To approve the latest bank reconciliation Approved</p> <p>c) To approve the list of payments Approved</p>	
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19.3	<p>To receive any Grant applications / Donation requests None</p> <p>To receive and agree the proposed Budget and Ringmer Parish Precept for the financial year 2022/23. The recommended budget was to not increase the precept and this was approved.</p> <p>It was proposed by DT and seconded by JK that we should write to LDC to find out how many residents are paying Council Tax in the parish. Compare with last year to enable us to make decisions on precept.</p>	<p>DT/JK CLERK</p> <p>OFF</p>
21.	<p>Reports, Correspondence, Questions and Future Agenda Items</p> <p>To consider any correspondence received after this agenda has been published for noting or action</p> <p>a) Of note: To pay respect to the recent passing of Alan Grindley. Long standing service from Alan Grindley who was a past Cllr in the Parish has sadly passed recently. JK expressed his deepest sympathies to the family and acknowledged the service that Alan gave to the community.</p> <p>b) JK gave reference to further planning in three areas of Sussex. One being Ringmer.</p>	
22.	<p>Urgent items at the Chairman's discretion requiring decisions which cannot be held over until the next meeting</p> <p>Maria Caulfield had been in touch with reference to the offices being used as a Youth Centre. Nothing else reported since initial correspondence.</p>	SP
23.	<p>To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'</p>	
	<p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.25</p>	

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Date of Next Council Meeting **25th January 2022 at 19.30**

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