

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 06 JUNE 2019 AT RINGMER VILLAGE HALL**

A total of 31 people, including Parish Councillors and the County Councillor were counted as having been in attendance. The Clerk/RFO, Mrs Karen Crowhurst, and Assistant Clerk, Mrs Corinna Goward, were also in attendance.

1.	<b>CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS</b>
1.1	The Chairman Cllr Richard Turner welcomed all those attending the meeting.
1.2	The Chairman then moved onto the proceedings of the meeting.
2.	<b>PRAYERS</b>
2.1	Reverend Beth McCleave opened the meeting with prayers and blessings. The Chairman thanked Beth.
3.	<b>NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING</b>
3.1	The Clerk read the formal notice to convene the meeting.
4.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
4.1	Apologies prior to the meeting were received from. Denise Hadley, Cllr Margaret Crompton, Cllr Gavin May, Cllr Clare Herbert, District Cllr's Sean Mcleod and Emily O'Brian.
5.	<b>Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th April 2018</b>
5.1	The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The Chairman then signed the minutes. There were no questions or matters arising from the minutes.
6.	<b>Short presentations by Liz Owen – Ringmer Community Library and Max Pengelley Ringmer Area Community Land Trust</b>
6.1	Liz Owen provided an informative presentation which included the history of the closure of the library and the decision of East Sussex County Council to close other libraries. Liz informed attendees about partner organisations being involved to keep the library open and the current position of the library to date. Liz also informed attendees about the services the library currently offers.
6.2	All in attendance showed their appreciation by a round of applause.
6.3	One of the Parishioners stood and thanked Liz for all of her hard work. All were in agreement.
6.4	The Chairman thank Liz and presented a cheque on behalf of the Parish Council as a donation to Ringmer Library.
6.5	Max Pengelley provided a PowerPoint presentation which included the forming of the Community Land Trust, the current position of the Community Land Trust, the aims and objectives to provide affordable housing, as well as the area it serves. As well as a new scheme being proposed for 3 bungalows.

6.6	Max informed attendees that they are reliant on funding and donations, which he hopes the Parish Council will be able to assist with.
6.7	The Chairman thanked Max and presented a cheque on behalf of the Parish Council as a donation to Ringmer Area Community Land Trust.
7.	<p data-bbox="300 506 1401 618"><b>Ringmer Parish Council Annual Report 2018 – 2019 reports by the Chairmen of The Council, Greens &amp; General Purposes and Planning Committees</b></p> <p data-bbox="300 663 1401 696">7.1 Further to the reports circulated to all Ringmer households in the Parish Council Newsletter, the Chairman of Greens &amp; Amenities and the Chairman of the Council provided verbal reports.</p> <p data-bbox="300 741 1401 1010">7.2 The Chairman Cllr Turner reported and commented on;</p> <ul data-bbox="347 741 1401 1010" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It being a difficult year for the Council as a whole for various reasons;</li> <li>- The Parish Council now being able to exercise the General Power of Competence;</li> <li>- Community Infrastructure Levy and the percentage being higher as Ringmer has a Neighbourhood Plan;</li> <li>- The aim of the Parish Council to engage with the community more in the administration year;</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="300 1055 1401 1402">7.3 The Chairman expressed gratitude to Cllr Hill the outgoing Chairman of the Council and Martin Whitlock the former Chairman. He thanked The Clerk and Assistant Clerk for working through a difficult year. He then thanked: Fellow Members of Ringmer Parish Council, Members of staff, Tony Read, Barcombe Landscapes, Dick Davis, Edwina Morris, Ringmer Volunteers, RADAR, Tree Wardens, The Village Hall Management Committee, Tony Heath, John Fordham, and Elaine Thomsett, Members of the public who regularly attend meetings for all their support and hard work over the year. The Chairman also thanked Ringmer Evening WI for providing refreshments at the end of the meeting</p> <p data-bbox="300 1447 1401 1939">7.4 Cllr Wilcox – Chairman of the Greens &amp; General Purposes Committee reported on;</p> <ul data-bbox="347 1525 1401 1939" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The decision of the Council to cut urban verges after cuts made by East Sussex Highways;</li> <li>- The role of the Volunteer Litter Pickers and expressed his gratitude;</li> <li>- The relocation of the skate park at Anchor Field;</li> <li>- Recent work carried out at Delves Pond;</li> <li>- The prompt service of the Parish Council Contractor;</li> <li>- The hard work carried out by staff and expressed his gratitude;</li> <li>- His gratitude towards Cllr Hill for stepping in as Chair at short notice;</li> <li>- The renewal of play equipment and suggested people contact the Clerk with ideas;</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="300 1951 1401 2058">7.5 Cllr Booth- Chairman of the Planning Committee reported on;</p> <ul data-bbox="347 2029 1401 2058" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Caburn and Anchor Field proposed development and its complexity,</li> </ul>

	<p>including partners involved and housing numbers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Parish Council not being responsible for any delays with the scheme at Caburn and Anchor Field;</li> <li>- Enforcement matters at the Cala Homes and Bovis Homes sites;</li> <li>- The District Council's role in enforcement matters as they are the authority to deal with enforcement and enforcement concerns.</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
8.1	<p>Parishioners shared their thoughts, comments or raise questions about;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The current position of repair or replacement of the slide on the Village Green? The Chairman of Greens and Amenities advised that it is in hand and has proven to be difficult, therefore, this is an ongoing action of work;</li> <li>- Thanks to the Parish Council for all it's hard work;</li> <li>- Concerns about the loss of play areas in light of a recent Government decision;</li> <li>- Concerns about development at Caburn and Anchor Fields;</li> <li>- Advice to the Community Land Trust that Self Builds would better and more sustainable;</li> <li>- Issues with damage tyres at Bishops Lane;</li> <li>- Speed restrictions;</li> <li>- Large vehicles through the village;</li> <li>- Implementation of a reduction of speed at Yeomans;</li> <li>- Access to the proposed site at Caburn and Anchor Field;</li> <li>- Planning applications.</li> <li>- The pinch points in Bishops Lane;</li> <li>- Incidents that have happened at Bishops Lane;</li> <li>- Vehicles driving the wrong way at Corner Green and request for a no entry sign;</li> <li>- The need for Bishops lane to remain as a country lane;</li> <li>- Bus routes;</li> <li>- Enforcement matters and how to submit them;</li> <li>- Concerns about Delves pond and funds available for its maintenance.</li> </ul>
8.2	The Chairman informed attendees that whilst the Parish Council is asked to consult on planning applications, the final decision lays with the District Council.
8.3	The Chairman also advised that some of the items raised are the responsibility of the Highways Department. It was requested that the County Councillor in attendance speak to concerned Parishioners at the end of the meeting.
8.4	The Chairman of Greens and Amenities Committee addressed the concerns regarding the pond and the trial of a closed fishing season.
	There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm. Most attendees stayed to enjoy the refreshments provided by Ringmer Evening WI.