

Clerk's Report 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023

## Agenda Item

**11.4 Bill Almond Memorial Field (formerly Fields House Field)** - The executors of the property have kindly agreed to fund the purchase and fitting of a gate between the graveyard and the new entrance to the field once the path is completed.

## General

**Affordable Housing Funds from Caburn Field Development (£480k)** - Ian Fitzpatrick confirmed that the funds are still ring-fenced for Ringmer affordable housing and there is no time limitation on the use of the funds.

**Assets of Community Value** - Current successful applications:

Where	Accepted	To reapply by
Anchor Inn Public House	11/08/2022	10/08/2027
Anchor Field Car Park	23/08/2022	22/08/2027
Barcombe Mills Car Park	12/01/2023	11/01/2028
Fingerpost Field	14/12/2022	13/12/2027
Swimming Pool	01/08/2022	31/07/2027
Village Hall	16/01/2023	15/01/2028

**Bin by the Millennium Clock** - This bin has been re-concreted into place by our Groundsman Tony Read.

**Elections** - An email was sent out by the office on 14/02/2023 with all the necessary information. Please let us know if you require a hard copy of the Nomination Pack. ESALC are putting together a video for potential candidates which should be ready in the coming weeks and will be shared once available.

**Finance** - We have received a refund of £150 from Surrey Hills Solicitors in respect of legal work carried out in connection with the lease surrender at Anchor Field. This was a correction of a billing error. Two office computers have been replaced at a cost of £980.00. The existing ones were not Windows 11 compliant and funds were taken from the earmarked reserve allocated to office equipment renewal.

**Fingerpost Field Gate** – The gate has been mended so that it now opens and closes properly but the two supporting posts are rotten and need replacing. I will provide the Working Group with quotes once these have been received.

**Item 20, 17/01/2023 Meeting Minutes** - re. JK's reporting of the area of land surrounding the telecommunications mast near the allotments being used as an industrial area with various debris now surrounding the mast. We had the following response from Toby Collins, Senior Caseworker Planning Enforcement of Planning First on 25/01/2023: **An issue has been forwarded to me by Claire Tester regarding activity at the UK power networks site near the electricity sub-station. I have been in contact with UK Power networks and the situation is that they are stockpiling materials for works to be carried out on this site in the next few weeks. They will be removing a section of unprotected hedgerow to assist with access and will be replacing the length of hedgerow with suitable planting as recommended by the ecology department. They are not required to submit planning permission for these works and there is no breach of the planning regulations, but they have been conscientious in communicating.**

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**Jubilee Rose Garden** - Our Groundsman Tony Read kindly donated and planted 7 new roses in the Jubilee Rose Garden.

**Ringmer Amateur Dramatic Society** – Requested permission to advertise on the Village Green for the two weeks prior to their next production on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March. This was agreed to as per the ongoing arrangement.

**Ringmer Village Green Boundary** - Following a resident's enquiry as to exactly where the boundary stands as it abuts the houses in Christie Ave/Delves Way, I met with James Harvey from Strutt and Parker to assess onsite. He was unable to clarify but has agreed to organise a GIS (Geographic Information System) survey at their expense to enable them to give a definitive answer. We await the results.

**Water Resources South East Consultation** - Cllr John Kay was asked if he would kindly respond on behalf of the Parish Council by the deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023. To be confirmed.

### Upcoming Meetings

**PCSO Surgery - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 7pm-9pm** at our offices.

**Strategic Plan Working Group - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 9.30am** at our offices - open to all Cllrs.

**Bowls Club** - Cllrs have been invited to the official opening of the new Clubhouse on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 2pm**. RSVP: Martin Whitlock.