

Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter

Newsletter – December 2022

Planning

Lewes District Council Planning Committee voted to approve the Norlington Lane Solar Farm application on Tuesday by 5 votes to 4. This is disappointing for the Parish Council who voted unanimously against the proposal and for the nearly 90% of Ringmer residents who submitted comments to the Planning Committee objecting to the proposal.

Ringmer Parish Council recognise the need for 'green' energy and are proud to say that the only solar farm in the Lewes District is at Upper Clayhill in our parish. The Parish Council objections were all associated with the location adjacent to Norlington Lane. The fields are of the highest quality for arable production; they are set against a quiet leisure lane with some of the oldest buildings in Ringmer, whose setting will be destroyed if the solar farm is constructed.

Cllr Sarah Phillips represented the Parish Council and covered all of our concerns in her presentation objecting to the application and was ably supported by two Ringmer residents. Cllr Richard Turner, a member of the Planning Committee, also spoke strongly against the application.

Parking

As well as the concerns raised by residents about parking on pavements, the Parish Council has also received several complaints about parking on grass verges and the resulting poor state of those verges. Vicarage Way is a good example of this and the Parish Council is seeking the opinions of local residents and users on the suggested use of bollards to prevent parking on that verge.

The Parish Council has also received comments about parking at the junction of Harrisons Lane and the Lewes Road. We would ask residents living near the junction for their views on extending the double yellow lines further along Harrisons Lane.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on: admin@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Queen's Jubilee Tree

A *Prunus Accolade* has been planted in the Jubilee Garden. Our thanks to Goldcliff Garden Centre for donating the tree and the accompanying stake, tie, compost and rooting powder. A virtual plaque has been applied for and we are working to acquire a physical plaque.

Queen's Memorial Tree

A *Prunus Autumnalis* has been planted behind the bench near the village War Memorial. Our thanks to Goldcliff Garden Centre for offering a discounted price.

May 2023 Elections

The local elections in May 2023 will see the current Parish Council replaced by a newly elected group of residents. Johnny Denis is unable to stand for re-election due to his other commitments and has offered to speak to any resident considering putting themselves forward as a candidate. Please contact Johnny on 07949 013 075.