

Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter

July 2022

Children's Playground

The formal opening of the playground will take place at 1pm on Saturday 23rd July. Kompan, the contractors, have arranged for an ice cream van to be present and free ice creams will be available between 1pm and 4pm. The Parish council are delighted with the positive response to the new facilities, in particular the accessibility to the playground and the provision of some wheelchair compatible equipment.

Skatepark

We can confirm that the planning application has been made together with the required additional information. We are now awaiting validation.

Planning

The Parish Council were pleased to receive the news that the Gleeson Planning Application to build up to 200 houses on land next to the Primary School owned by the Glyndebourne Estate has been refused. As reported in the Sussex Express the LDC officers departed from the usual procedure and independently refused the application. The planning officers unanimously backed the objections to the scheme made by the Parish Council. This is only one of several large scale development proposals and the Parish Council will continue to do all they can to maintain the integrity of the village environment.

Swimming Pool

Members of the Parish Council have been in discussion with Kings Academy, Wave Leisure and ESCC about the future of the swimming pool. The next stage is to produce a viable business plan and establish the refurbishment and operating costs.

Neaves Lane Water Treatment Plant

We have arranged a meeting with representatives of Southern Water to discuss the current situation where raw sewage is being routinely pumped into the neighbouring water course, which in turn feeds into Glynde Reach and the River Ouse. Some of the questions that we have requested answers to are as follows:

- What the problems at the plant that have led to such high levels of discharge, how are the figures looking so far for 2022 - are they better or worse than 2021?
- What is currently being done to improve the performance of the plant?
- How long will it take for zero raw sewage discharges at the plant and what are your plans for achieving it?
- How would you assess the impact of future housing developments, not just in Ringmer but in any of the areas served by the plant?