

# **Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter**

**September 2022**

## **Queen Elizabeth II**

During the period of national mourning, the thoughts of many Ringmer residents were with the new King and other members of the Royal family. The Parish Council Book of Condolence was in the Village Library and residents were invited to sign. This will be sent for archiving in due course. The chair of Ringmer Parish Council, Councillor Gordon Sims, has written to the new King on our behalf. The meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> September was cancelled and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 19.30.

## **Planning**

The Lewes Local plan and the RNP envisage a total of 386 new homes in Ringmer over the period 2010-2030, an addition of about 20% to the number of homes in the village. The RNP sought to ensure that at least 80 of those would be new affordable homes.

By the end of December 2021, we had actually delivered 189 new homes, including 60 affordable homes. Another 141 new homes were then under construction, and a further 38 had planning permission. The target number of affordable homes will be delivered by 2022, and we are well on course to deliver the number of new homes envisaged in the RNP.

In addition to the proposal to build a solar farm adjacent to Norlington Lane, there are four other active planning proposals to build houses on green field sites within the village which the Parish Council are opposing. Rangers Farm, Chamberlaines Lane – 68 homes, Thakeham Homes, Bishops Lane – 68 homes, Croudace, Broyle Gate Farm, Lewes Road – 100 homes and Gleasons, Harrison's Lane – 75 homes.

## **Neaves Lane Water Treatment Plant**

Further to our meeting with members of Southern Water's Strategic Planning team and Storm Overflow Task Force, when they revealed that no further work was to be done at the Neaves Lane site, the Parish Council has responded to a Southern Water Consultation about reducing raw sewage releases.

## **Parking**

The Parish Council has received several complaints from residents concerning cars being parked either partly or wholly on the pavement. This is inconvenient for pedestrians especially disabled residents and those with small children. Please consider pedestrians when parking in the street.