

Neighbourhood Plan :-

Report to the Ringmore Parish Council 15th September 2020

The RNPSG has updated its draft of the Neighbourhood Plan in the light of comments from Duncan Smith, Head of SHDC Neighbourhood Planning and Val Scott. The final draft, with photographs, has been sent to Jason Elson of SHDC to format and layout the final document prior to printing. Unfortunately Mr Elson has gone on paternity leave until September 21st and therefore progress in this regard is stalled until that date.

Our thanks are due to David Vincent for uploading a significant amount of data to the PC website. This information forms the basis of the evidence that has to be provided when the draft Plan is published. This process is called Regulation 14 and is a closely controlled procedure. It is the official consultation with all parties who may have an interest in the final plan and takes six weeks.

It is hoped that the final version of the Plan can be given to Parish Councillors in advance of the next PC meeting in October. If council wish it, a meeting to discuss this document could be arranged at a different date before then, to answer questions etc. The RNPSG needs the formal and minuted approval of the PC to proceed to Regulation 14 submission.

Following the Regulation 14 consultation the Plan will proceed, after any necessary amendment, for approval by SHDC (regulation 15)

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10th September 2020.

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Report to the Ringmore Parish Council 20th October 2020

The Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has completed its drafting of the Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan (The Plan) and this has been professionally set out by a member of SHDC services. All maps have been professionally produced by another member of SHDC services.

I propose adoption of the Plan by the Ringmore Parish Council, so that it may proceed to the next stage known as Regulation 14. This stage allows for a formal 6 week consultation by all concerned individuals. Business owners and public service bodies will be written to, inviting their feedback. The plan will be placed on the Parish Council website and advertised as available to be viewed there.

After the six week consultation and consideration of the feedback, the Plan will proceed to Regulation 15, which is a detailed review of the Plan by SHDC. After this, there will be a detailed review by a Government Inspector before the Plan is put to a Parish referendum for adoption.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their support during the last three years that it has taken to write this Plan. I would also like to thank everyone who has helped and assisted with its formulation either by sitting on the Steering Group or by giving their opinion at the various parish consultations that have been held during the period.

Twelve different people have served on the Steering Group during this time and five of these were or are Parish Councillors. Each chapter of the Plan has been written by an individual member of the Steering Group and reviewed several times by the whole group. In addition the draft Plan was reviewed by Val Scott, a Town Planner and Chair of Bigbury NP and also Duncan Smith, Head of SHDC Neighbourhood Planning to ensure compliance with the various regulations at this stage.

Lastly I would like to explain that the Plan must be in concert with the National Planning Policy Framework 2019 – a Government document and also the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan 2019 – the planning document agreed by the District Council SHDC. Our Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan sits alongside these documents and must be considered equally with them in any planning decision.

The Ringmore Steering Group, in writing this plan must show clear evidence for any policy that it includes and it must also show that this reflects the wishes of the majority of people willing to make a comment in the Parish about its content. To this end the Steering Group contracted with Devon Communities Together, an independent organisation, to help write a detailed parish questionnaire and report on the wishes and ideas of the Parish for its future and their independent report is included with the Plan for your information. The other documents used and reviewed in the writing of this report are listed in Appendix v and are available on the PC website.

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The Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan was published on the Parish Council website on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 after all houses in the parish had received a leaflet advertising this on the previous Saturday.

The Plan officially entered the Regulation 14 Consultation Period on Friday 6th November and this will last six weeks until Friday 18th December 2020.

As part of the advertising of this event posters were erected in the village and adverts placed on Bigbury Drums and Charterlands Chatter websites. There will be an article in the Ringmore Newsletter when published on the 1st December. In addition over 80 people were emailed with the official notice and a copy of the Plan inviting them to comment and/or log in to a Q&A meeting. Hard copies of the Plan have been placed in the church porch and at Holywell Stores. A copy at the Journeys End has been delayed until the current covid regulations are relaxed on December 2nd.

On Saturday 14th November the Steering Group held a Zoom meeting which was open to all members of the public and had been advertised. The Steering Group received questions on the Settlement Boundary, Sustainability and Heritage Assets. People who attended the meeting included a senior member of the House of Lords and a prize winning architect who had recently moved into the village. All the attendees congratulated the team on producing a detailed and professional Plan.

SHDC has passed an unofficial comment that it is desirable that the owners of any Green Space being nominated in the Plan should have been contacted first and that the Government Inspector would want to see evidence of this. This has set the RNPSG a problem because three of the sites are manorial waste with no known owner. Consequently the Steering Group placed an advert in the Kingsbridge Gazette seeking any descendant of Arthur Crawley Pode, the last known owner of Ringmore Manor. In addition a professional "Heir Hunter" has offered to do some research in his spare time and he may have access to records not normally available on the internet. It is interesting that Mr Pode was also owner of the Manor of Modbury and therefore contact has been made with Modbury PC and Modbury Historical Society to see whether there is any useful information available. We have not had any useful replies to this enquiry at the time of writing this report.

After the end of the Reg 14 Consultation the steering group will consider and where appropriate react to the comments that have been made after which the Plan will enter Reg 15 which is official submission to SHDC. This process will also take six weeks.

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