

**Ringmore Parish Council Meeting.**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm in the garden of the WI Hall.**

**MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**Present** Cllr Richard Baker, (RB)(Chair), Cllr Andi King, (AK), Cllr John Reynolds, (JR),  
Cllr Mary Swan, (MS), Cllr Michael Wood, (MW), Cllr Rufus Gilbert, (RG)  
(DCC), Cllr Bernard Taylor, (BT)(SHDC)

**In attendance** Sally Smale Clerk and 2 Members of the public

**2021 70** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Campbell and Vincent.

**County Councillor's Report**

Some points of interest regarding Devon:

- 1) Population 802000 excluding Plymouth and Torbay
- 2) 440 Parishes
- 3) 5x AONB's
- 4) 2xNational Parks
- 5) 4th oldest population of any County excluding Dorset, Cornwall and East Sussex.

- Some points of interest about DCC:

Gross spend =£1.5 Billion.Net Spend £578 Million. Difference being school spending coming from Government.

70% of budget gets to 3% of population being most disadvantaged and vulnerable.

£282Million spent on adult social care.

DCC still has 180 schools = 94000 children

Highways transport and waste spends £57Million a year and disposes of ¼ million tons of waste.

- A379 is traffic light free

**District Councillor's reports**

- The recycling service is experiencing further difficulties as 10 drivers have COVID – still catching up and garden waste is now the lowest priority. There is a plan to expand at Ivybridge refuse centre which will hopefully speed up the process.

BT and RG noted RPC's comment that £millions spent for a new service that has resulted in residents being in exactly the same place as they were before and the lack of due diligence by SHDC in awarding and monitoring compliance to the contract. They explained that a very real effort is being made to make it right as it is not possible to return to an in-house service.

- SHDC is supporting the electric car and bike club. There is a plan to roll out the installation of charging points.

It was noted that the lack of charging points is acting as a deterrent to tourists visiting the area.

**Clerk to request information on possible grant funding to install a charging point in Ringmore**

**Clerk to request information on the DCC and SHDC joint plan for roll out of the installation of charging points and where Ringmore fits in with this.**

**2021 71            There were no declarations of interest from councillors**

**2021 72            Cllr Mary Swan was elected as Vice-Chair to take office until the next Annual Council Meeting – the declaration of acceptance of office was signed.**

**2021 73            Flooding problems outside Smugglers Cottage:**

- a) DCC will clear the ditch on the highway – clerk to email DCC for an indication of timing. AK will remove the boulder. It was agreed that the 2 actions need to be done simultaneously. SHDC and DCC to be approached for possible funding via their Locality Budget and Sustainable Communities Locality Fund.**
- b) DCC had agreed to scrape the roadway and verge from Challaborough Cottage down to Smugglers Cottage**
- b) It was agreed that RPC would fund the on-going maintenance of the area (using DCC grants where possible) and a local lengthsman will be approached for a quotation.**

**RG left the meeting at 7.40pm.**

#### **Public participation session**

Chair welcomed the members of the public present.

One member expressed the wish to clarify the situation regarding the planning application for The shed / field at SX 651 465 Ringmore TQ7 4HR

- Expressed regret that the project seemed to have caused so much concern and assured council that every effort had been put into minimising the impact of the project on the community.

#### **SUMMARY**

Two factors – conversion of a) the shed and b) establishment of a pop-up campsite

- a) Shed - Consideration is being given to converting this into a workshop for a small local enterprise. Planning at early stages.**
- b) Pop-up camp-site** (Possibly not happening this summer but not ruling it out)
  - 5-10 pitches (tents only)
  - Nothing bigger than a transit van

- No trailers or caravans
- Not to be accessed via Channel View, and the lower entrance would be used
- Temporary showers and toilets would be installed

**RPC confirmed that they support this initiative in principal and requested that the applicant attend a future meeting when plans have progressed. It was agreed that communication channels be kept open by all parties.**

**2021 74            It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be accepted as a correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.**

**2021 75            The decisions made by the Clerk under the Scheme of Delegation (App. 1 circulated previously) were ratified.**

**2021 76            It was resolved that, in the light of continuing uncertainty regarding the COVID situation, RPC would maintain the temporary scheme of delegation to the clerk but hold in abeyance whilst meetings resumed and use only if the situation arises that formal meetings need to be suspended at short notice.**

**2021 77            Church Clock repair and on-going maintenance**

**a) Repair - £3,675 plus VAT**

It was noted that in 2002 RPC had resolved *to care and maintain the clock as far as is reasonable* and it was agreed that the clock was a community asset. **Council agreed that as a body it was very keen to contribute to the repair of the clock relative to the council current budget, but that since the repair quotation amounted to circa 70% of the annual precept, various options for funding should be explored.**

Five options were considered and proposed for action by Council and Church:

- Explore grant-funding available - both the Church council and the Parish council could examine opportunities for grant funding via SHDC and DCC
- Fund-raising activities – the Church should lead on this
- Local benefactors – both the Church and RPC should consider whether there are local philanthropists who might help
- Partial funding from RPC using monies from the excess funds raised by the community for the Night Landing Site and held by the council as a contingency for further community initiatives.
- Friends of All Hallows Fund and annual match funding

**b) Annual maintenance of the clock - £188 pa.**

**It was resolved that RPC would commit to this and it would be built into the 22-23 budget and precept demand.**

**2021 78            Planning**

**The following planning application was considered:**

1683/21/FUL    Change of use of agricultural field to garden for growing vegetables, and erection of poly tunnel and shed/stable    Land adjacent to The Old School House, The Sycamores, Tosca Ringmore TQ7 4HJ

**Support**

The response to the RPC request for a review and clarification of Application 4178/20/PTF :- Notification of proposed change of use of agricultural building to B1 Business Use. The Barn at SX 651 465 Ringmore TQ7 4HR was received:

*I don't think any material the applicant submitted would have altered the case one way or the other from what has been explained to me.*

*The barn can benefit from permitted development Class R to B1 use, and this was the permission sought and granted.*

*B1 use has since been subsumed into Use Class E which covers many previously different use classes.*

*However, the permission is only for change of use, but not for any developmental change of the structure, which would require planning permission.*

**It was agreed that this was not a satisfactory response and RPC requested BT to pursue.**

**2021 79            Finance**

**1. The following payments were approved and receipts noted:**

Tall Orders	2021 15	Grass/paths/tree maintenance	-360.00
Smale	2021 16	Clerk's Pay	-92.30
Smale	2021 17	Clerk's Office (Phone / heating )	-9.00
SHDC		For Permissive Footpath	+ 800.00
EDF		NLS	-12.00
HMRC	2021 18	Clerk's Tax	-69.00

**2. The financial statement as at 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 was received**

Current Account (12/7/2021)	£5057.82		<b>RESERVES</b>	
MINUS Unpresented	0		Contingency	3,104
PLUS Uncleared receipts	0		COVID grant	334
Current Account	£5057.82		Election	70
Savings Accounts	£5271.79		Neighbourhood Plan	712
TOTAL FUNDS	£10,329.61		P3	-598
			Wildlife verges	1,000
			TOTAL	4621.69

**TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE            £5,707.92**

**2021 80            The Neighbourhood Plan update was received:**

The Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan is now under Regulation 16 which is a consultation with local public bodies conducted by SHDC. This period of review will end on the 26th July 2021 after which and subject to any revisions the plan will be forwarded to a Government Inspector

**2021 81            Environmental matters:**

It was noted that BT has £750 available for rewinding projects and that this would be available for phase 2 of the Ringmore project. He would require a phase 2 project description, and JR would write to Judith Woodings and Jane Reynolds advising them of the opportunity.

It was noted that A. Bennett has purchased Helen's Field

**2021 82            The Parish Paths Partnership update was received**

The new permissive path opened early June. 3 weeks later the oak sign post was stolen. This was reported to the police.

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**The September meeting will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Parish Hall**

No meeting in August                      9th September                      19<sup>th</sup> Oct                      16<sup>th</sup> Nov  
 No meeting in December