

**Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 at 7.00 pm. WI HALL**  
**MINUTES (DRAFT)**

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

**In attendance** Sally Smale Clerk

**3 Members of the public were in attendance**

**County Councillor update (RG):**

- Reported that, based on numbers on the electoral role for Ringmore, the population is remaining fairly static. In many rural areas in the South Hams population is falling.
- Reminded Council to report all concerns and faults online:  
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>
- Updated that the Connecting Devon and Somerset fibre to premises broadband project is rolling out and target completion date is 2024. Priority is given to properties with no or very slow broadband currently.
- Requested an email detailing all the info. required regarding a query about the rise in COVID cases and what we can do in Devon to ease this.
- Requested an email regarding parents' concerns about the school transport which he will refer onto the relevant officer
- Noted concern that a recent incident in the parish highlighted the shortage of paramedics in rural areas.
- Confirmed that Tor Quarry is included in the long-term plan to upgrade DCC Waste and Recycling Centres.

**RG left at 7.25**

**District Councillor update (BT):**

- SHDC have adopted a 20 year vision to help business thrive and support recovery from COVID
- SHDC are working hard behind the scenes to sort out the problems with the recycling service.
- BT confirmed that SHDC cannot contribute to the extra costs of the skip hire in Ringmore caused by the suspension of the green waste collection but did agree to grant £300 of his locality budget towards it.

**2021 97**      **Apologies for absence due to work commitments were accepted from Cllr Campbell.**

- 2021 98**      **DV declared an interest in agenda item 2021 102 (3), being finance secretary for the church council.**
- 2021 99**      **It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 be accepted as a correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.**

**Item 2021 107 (2) was brought forward and standing orders dropped to receive an update about the rewilding project from the volunteers:**

- First phase seeds and bulbs have been purchased
- Thanks to AK who has removed the turf and cut the grass.
- Planting will begin as soon as weather permits
- A temporary sign will be erected
- It will take approx. 3 years for the verge to come to full fruition.
- RB thanked the volunteers for all their work

**2021 100      Training**

- a) It was agreed that AK would organise the defibrillator training and liaise with MS re promotion in the newsletter. Training to take place in January
- b) It was agreed that the clerk and MS would participate in the website virtual training offered by VisionICT and Council would consider changes to the clerk's hours as a result of adding website to the JD at the next meeting.
- c) No Councillor was able to attend the DALC Councillor training event in November

**2021 101      Planning**

- 1. The following planning application was considered:**
  - a) 3343/21/HHO Proposal: Householder application for home office garden cabin. Ohope Barn, Higher Manor Farm, Ringmore, TQ7 4HL  
**Support**
- 2. The draft Memorandum of Understanding provided by SHDC Development team (Distributed previously) was discussed and it was agreed that this needed further work and explanation from SHDC before any agreement could be made.**
- 3. The following planning decisions made by SHDC were noted:**
  - a) 0497/21/HHO The Sycamores Ringmore TQ7 4HJ Mr Sam Worde  
READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans) Householder application for alterations to include raising roof to create a second floor with two bedrooms and en-suites, new extensions for garage and entrance porch  
**DECISION: Conditional Approval**
  - b) 1683/21/FUL Land adjacent to The Old School House, The Sycamores, Tosca Ringmore TQ7 4HJ Mr Peter Mercy Change of use of agricultural field to garden for growing vegetables, and erection of poly tunnel and shed/stable  
**DECISION: Refusal**

**2021 102 Finance**

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

EDF		Nightlanding site (Sept)	8.00
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SHDC		Precept	+ 3,175.00
S Smale	2021 30	Clerk's Pay	92.30
J Reynolds	2021 31	Rewilding	12.50
S Smale	2021 32	Clerk's Office (Phone / heating )	9.00
S Smale	2021 32	Clerk's Expenses (Mileage)	4.50
EDF		Nightlanding site (Oct)	8.00
Reynolds	2021 33	Rewilding	44.13+.83 VAT

**2. The financial statement as at 8<sup>th</sup> October was received:**

Current Account (8 Oct. 2021)	£8,476.53	<b>RESERVES</b>	
MINUS Unpresented	£0	Contingency	3,088
PLUS Uncleared receipts	£0	COVID grant	334
Current Account	£8,476.53	Election	70
Savings Accounts	£5,271.87	Neighbourhood Plan	712
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>13,748.40</b>	P3	902
		Wildlife verges	762
		Bench	500
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6368</b>

**Funds available: £7,380.40**

**3. The request for funding towards the repair of the Church clock was considered.**

**Proposed by RB, seconded by JR and agreed by all that Council would contribute £500**

**2021 103 Challaborough**

- a) DV and MS fed back on their meeting with the Manager of Park Dean regarding concerns about unauthorised and unsightly developments on the sea-front. The siting of the large container remains a challenge and **DV and MS to pursue.**
- b) The waste land at the bottom of Challaborough (where the bottle banks are) was discussed and **agreed that MW will request that Parkdean arrange for the containers to be emptied.**

**2021 104      Broadband**

Council decided there was no action to take in response to the communication from West Devon detailing a faster broadband deal.

**2021 105      Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

It was agreed that Council would encourage and support groups and individuals in the parish to organise an event, that BT would ask if there was any funding available and that this would be an on-going agenda item.

**2021 106      The Neighbourhood Plan update was received:**

*The Ringmore Neighbourhood Plan is still under Regulation 17 which is the review carried out by a Government Planning Inspector to ensure that the basic conditions of a Neighbourhood Plan are met by the proposal. The inspector requested a report from the Steering Group justifying the inclusion of a Principle Property policy RNP 4 for new builds in the parish. This has been submitted and is based on the Appeal hearing for St Ives and several other Neighbourhood Plans. We are still waiting for the inspector's response.*

**2021 107      Environmental matters:**

1. It was agreed that Ringmore would benefit from having a dedicated Lengthsman and all councillors will contribute to a specification in preparation for submitting a grant application to DCC Highways Management Community Enhancement Fund.
2. The rewinding update was received earlier
3. Ringmore Community Orchard – Roger and Robbie Bristow will be taking responsibility for the management of The Orchard and JR will do the handover.

**2021 108      Parish Paths Partnership update:**

The dredging of the stream on the path below Lower Manor Farm is planned and it is hoped this will prevent the annual flooding problems.

**2021 109      Representation on the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance:**

It was resolved that MS would put a request for expressions of interest from parishioners in the next Newsletter

**2021 110      Matters for discussion at next meeting :**

Budget, Challaborough, Jubilee and fete, Lengsthman, Defibrillator training, clerk's hours

**Next Parish Council meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> Nov      No meeting in December**

**Meeting closed at 9.25pm**