**Ringmore Parish Council(RPC) Meeting**

**Tuesday 16th January, 2024 at 7.00 pm in the WI Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Cllr. Mary Swan (SW), Chair, Cllr. Helen Kent-Woolsey (HK), Cllr. John Reynolds (JR), Cllr. Richard Kent-Woolsey, (RK), Cllr. Andi King (AK), Cllr. Mike Wood (MW), Ian Bramble (IB) (Clerk).**

**Nine members of the public (MsP) were in attendance.**

**Members of the public (MsP) were welcome and invited to speak in ‘Open Session’**

Valda Smith of the National Trust (NT) and Ranger for the area, outlined her role in the area and answered questions from MsP and Councillors, including complaints about;

* camping at on the beach at Ayrmer Cove about which the NT will tell campers is prohibited but that moving them on is a police role. Cllrs. asked that at least warning signs about the prohibition are reinstated, both in the car park and on the beach.
* the NT’s role in maintaining and repairing footpaths was discussed and the Trust was asked to notify the Parish in advance of work to be done.
* there was no NT policy to evict tenant farmers and that their role in improving ‘nature value’ of farms was emphasised.

MS reminded those present of HKW’s role as Parish Paths co-ordinator.

**To accept apologies for absence:**

Apologies were received from; Cllr M Campbell

**County Councillor Updates:**

DCC Cllr Gilbert; a report had been submitted, please see below:-

* the Devolution proposals for Devon (not now to include Plymouth) have in principle been agreed with government and should come in to force on April 1st, 2024. There will no changes to the make-up of Districts, Parishes and DCC.
* The transfer of LEP’s Local Enterprise Partnerships to upper tier authorities (DCC) will also be completed by April 1st 2024
* The £2.00 bus fare will continue till end 2024
* Devon will get £6.6M from the Hs2 cancellation towards road repairs
* DCC has bought six replacement gritters.
* DIY waste taken to recycling centres. Contrary to media coverage, this will be limited and not include tyres and asbestos. I will let you know the details.

**District Councillor Updates:**

* The home upgrade grant runs until March 25,for homes with EPC ratings D, E,.F, G that are not connected to mains gas, but there may be ways around this restriction.  Household income must not be more than £31k gross and anyone interested can contact Dave Sexton at [swdevon.gov.uk](http://swdevon.gov.uk/).
* SHDC has a thermal imaging camera to loan out; apply to Luke Rees, SWDEVON.[GOV.UK](http://gov.uk/)
* SHDC will subsidise. E Bikes; if informed of any one in the area who rent out e-bikes.
* Carleton Power has announced they have secured funding for the proposed green energy hub at Langage industrial site.

**Declarations of interest from councillors:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**To receive and approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st November, 2023**

MS proposed approval, HKW seconded and Councillors approved unanimously

**Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**2024.001. Bank Mandate Authority Changes and up date.**

IB outlined the present, incomplete status of the procedure for setting up on line payments approval and that he would continue to press Lloyds on this until the process is completed.

**2024.002 Planning Matters. SHDC response date**

**1. To consider the following applications**

 4209/23/FUL:- Cross Park, Ringmore, TQ7 4HW.

 *Replacement dwelling (resubmission of 1542/23/FUL)*

 RKW noted that the plans submitted improved significantly on the original submission and

 had addressed the majority of concerns of parishioners, particularly with regard to height,

 scale and massing.

 MS proposed support, RKW seconded and Councillors supported unanimously.

 4062/23/TCA:-Orchard House Ringmore TQ7 4HJ

 *T2 & T3: Alder - remove x3 lowest limbs. T4: Alder - remove x1 lowest limb.T5: Holly –*

 *reduce height by 4m. T6 & T7: Alder - remove x3 lowest limbs on N side. T9: Sweet*

 *Chestnut remove x5 lowest limbs, crown lift to 6m above ground level.*

Councillors had no objections.

MS proposed support, J.R seconded and Councillor agreement was unanimous.

**2**.**To note the decisions made by SHDC**:

 3273/23/HHO: Higher Manor Bungalow, Ringmore, TQ7 4HJ. 14.12.23

 Householder application for changes to dwelling (part retrospective),

 (resubmission of 0633/23/HHO)

 BT explained the current position ref. an incorrect drawing of a boundary line on the plans

 Submitted.

**3**.**To note withdrawn applications:**

 None to note

**4**. **Enforcement cases**

 All enforcement cases are sent to Parish Councillors directly, due to confidentiality and

 are not for public discussion

**2024.003 Quote for removal of 7 elm trees at the Parish Rooms.**

 BT will advise of the amount he can find in his sources of funding.

**2024.004 Highways**

 The issue of residents parking in Challaborough continues unresolved to the satisfaction

 of residents and further discussions will be sought with Parkdean and also the possibility

 of cutting into a hedgerow to provide extra parking space will be explored.

**2024 005 Personal email addresses**

 The creation of Cllr email addresses is still to be completed and those outstanding were

 asked for by the next meeting.

**2024.006 Councillors Registers of Interests**

To remind Councillors that some Registers of Interest were outstanding with thanks to

those who had submitted them. IB to supply copies to those who requested them.

**2024.007 2024/25 Precept discussion.**

 Councillors had noted the expenditure analysis for 2023/24 and that the one off

 defibrillator expenditure would not be repeated until the current contract ends in

 July 2027. Given this lower forthcoming expenditure for 2024/25 which left room

 for an amount to be set aside to give the basis of whatever the defib. renewal will

 be in 2027, Councillors felt there was no need to ask for an increased precept for

 next year. MS proposed no change to the £8060 asked for last year, JR

 seconded and Councillors supported the proposal unanimously.

 **2024 008 Finance**

1. **To receive Bank reconciliation to December 31st 2023 and approve January payments due.**

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|  **Ringmore PC Budget Spreadsheet** |  |  |  |
| **Year** | **Current AC** | **as at 31/12/23** | **£8,644.62** |
| **2024** | **Savings** | **as at 31/12/3Next Parish Council meeting –** Tuesday 20th February, 2024, at Ringmore WI Hall.**4** | **£5,321.10** |
|  |  | **Total** | **£13,965.72** |
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| **Reserves** | Contingency |  | £3,048.00 |
|  | CoVid Grant |  |  £334.00 |
|  | Election |  |  £70.00 |
|  | NP Balance |  |  £0.00 |
|  | Wildlife Verges |  |  £725.00 |
|  | Bench |  |  £110.00 |
| **Total** |  |  | **£4,287.00** |
| **Funds Availiable**  |  |  | **£9,678.72** |

**To note payments made November 30th to December 31st, 2023**

EDF Energy, Night landing site 8.00

I Bramble; Clerk’s Salary, October 1st -October 31st 198.94

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**Receipts:– November 15th – December 30th 2023**

 Bank Interest; 6.06

**2024 009 Challaborough**

 Further quotes will now be obtained for the materials for a shelter, which can be

 removable from the proposed base. This to ensure the shelter can be built without the

 need for planning permission, with the February meeting as a deadline for these quotes

**2024 010 Environmental matters:**

 A planned Parish event was discussed with some costings quoted for a barn dance in

 Bennet’s Field on August 24; with a Hog Roast and a vegetarian option. It will be a

 ticketed event for all villagers, before then being advertised more widely if there are

 places left. There has been liaison with Kingston Parish to avoid clashing with their event.

 More details will emerge closer to the event and RPC has committed £500 from precept

 funds to support the event.

* JP advised that he will chase the lengthsman and other outstanding invoices for work done to date.
* A stretch of hedgerow remains uncut but it is confidently expected to be completed.
* The potholes at the entrance to the National Trust(NT) car park have been filled and other NT matters have been reported above in ‘Open Session.

**2024 011 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update**

 JR and HKW will meet to discuss precise future recording of expenditure allocation in the

 cash book.

 Work will be done on one or possibly two paths.

**2024 012 Defibrillators**

 Training by SWAS booked for Thursday, Feb.8th 2024 in the Memorial Hal

 £500pa will be set aside annually between now and 2027 to contribute to their funding.

 No one has shown much enthusiasm for the role of village responder and it will not be

 pursued further.

**2024 013** SHDC Grants for Business and Parish Councils

 Funding sources continue to be monitored and explored.

**2024 014 A.O.B**

 A new planning application for Highcote in Challaborough was raised by its owners. To

 date RPC has not been advised by SHDC but details will be forwarded to Councillors as

 soon as they are available. It was noted that the consultation period ends on 16.02 24, so RPC must make a decision before the next PC meeting on February 20th.

**Matters for discussion at next meeting.**

 None were raised

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Other than those above no other matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 8:50

**Next Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday 20th February, 2024, at Ringmore WI Hall at 7pm

Signed:………………………………………………………………Dated:…………………

Cllr. Mary Swan, Chair, Ringmore Parish Council.