**Ringmore Parish Council (RPC) Meeting**

**Tuesday 19th March, 2024 at 7.00 pm in the WI Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Cllr. M. Campbell Vice Chair, Cllr M. Swan Cllr. Helen Kent-Woolsey (HK), Cllr. Richard Kent-Woolsey, (RK), Cllr. Andi King (AK), DCC Cllr R. Gilbert (RG), Ian Bramble (IB) (Clerk).**

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

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

 The organiser of the planned Parish Event gave an update on progress and

 projected costs of the Parish Event, with net costs after a VAT reclaim and RPC

 contribution of £500 likely to be c£2,215. A paying bar is envisaged and a ticket

 price of £25 was discussed although this still has to finalised. Insurance for the

 event seems to be covered within the Parish public liability policy and IB will

 confirm this once the final format is confirmed but does not expect problems.

**To accept apologies for absence:**

 Apologies were received from; SHDC Cllr B. Taylor, Cllr J.Reynolds, and Cllr. M. Wood,

**County Councillor Updates:**

* RG gave an update on the 8,500 miles of Devon roads for which DCC is responsible, as well as over 100,000 gulleys and drains.
* Nationally, this has been the wettest winter for 135 years and the wettest in Devon for 35 years, which has raised the local water table to a level which inhibits repair work, including the filling of potholes. In effect the water table is so high, roads have been turned into drains and gulleys for run off from the land.
* DCC estimate that £1.5billion will be needed in Devon alone to bring roads back to their condition of 25 years ago but that the condition of 25% of unclassified roads is so poor it is unlikely they can be restored.
* Regrettably, rural roads are not seen as a priority by central government and within Devon there is debate about the expenditure on roads v. affordable housing.
* It is necessary to keep reporting potholes needing repair and to keep a record of the ’W’ reference no. for each report.
* Finally, the collapsed drain outside the church is now scheduled for repair.
* **DEVOLUTION;** If you are interested in following this, please go to DCC website

**District Councillor Updates:**

 There was no SHDC report.

**Declarations of interest from councillors:**

 There were no declarations of interest.

**To receive and approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday February, 20th 2024**

 MC proposed approval, AK seconded and Cllrs approved unanimously

**Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**2024 027 Planning Matters. SHDC response date**

**1 To consider the following applications**

 None to consider

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

None to note

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

 It was noted that the recent Cross Park application had been withdrawn for reasons as yet

 Unknown, as this has not yet been included in the Weekly Planning Lists.

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

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

 are not for public discussion.

**2024.028 Removal of 7 elm trees at the Parish Rooms.**

 Payment from SHDC has been received and payment approval is an agenda item under

 Finance. This will no longer appear on future agendas

**2024.029 Highways**

 The issue of residents parking in Challaborough is still ongoing.

**2024 030 Personal email addresses**

 The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has recommended that all local Cllrs

 adopt ‘.gov.uk’ email address. RPC Cllrs have recently migrated to a ‘@gmail com’ form

 which seems to provide acceptable levels of security for considerably less cost than the

 NALC recommendation. In view of this and that another change of email addresses will

 cause some disturbance MC proposed remaining in the gmail format unless anything

 further emerges which would suggest change. Cllrs agreed unanimously.

**2024.031 Councillors Registers of Interest.**

With one exception these are now up to date

 **2024 032 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 12/03/24** | **£8,468.80** |
| **2023** | **Savings** | **as at 12/03/24** | **£5,338.37** |
|  |  | **Total** | **£13,807.17** |

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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**  |  |  | **£9520.17** |

 **To note payments made, February 1st, 2024 to February 29th, 2024 £**

 EDF Energy; Night landing site 8.00

 I Bramble; Clerk’s Salary, January 1st-Januaryr 31st, 2024 198.94

 I Bramble; Clerk’s mileage January1st -January 31st, 2024 6.30

 **March 2024 payments due;**

 EDF Energy, Night landing site 8.00

 I Bramble; Clerk’s Salary February.1st–February 29th, 2024. 198.94

 Clerk’s mileage RPC meeting February 14th, 2024 6.30

 Payment to Parish Rooms re. elm tree removal 1000.00

 Payment to Ringmore WI ref. Hall hire Jan 2023 to March 2024 171.00

 Payment to Mrs A Kohler ref. agreed back-dated salary increase and

 overtime payment 42.50

 PAYE payment ref above salary payments Mrs A. Kohler 10.60

 **Receipts:– February 1st, 2024 to February 29th, 2024**

 Bank Interest; 5.89

 SHDC Local Budget payment re Parish Rooms elm tree removal 1000.00

 MC proposed approval of the above statement and payments, AK seconded and

 Cllrs approved unanimously

**2024 033 Challaborough**

 There was nothing to report this month.

**2024 034 Environmental matters:**

* Camping at Ayrmer Cove: There was nothing further to report and this will not appear as a future agenda item unless anything new is reported.
* A dead dolphin washed up on the beach and there is uncertainty about its disposal. The NT has not yet replied to RPC contact about it and will be recontacted.
* The Parish event has been reported upon in ‘Open Session’ above and it was suggested that unused money from the Covid grant, currently held on account, could contribute to costs for the event.

**2024 035 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update**

 HKW has met with our DCC co-ordinator, Ros. Davies, agreed a programme of work

 and has submitted the appropriate P3 application forms, with the track by End House

 specifically identified foe work. Cllrs., asked that the National Trust (NT) be prevailed

 upon to maintain its tracks on its land within the Parish and this will be a specific agenda

 item for future meetings, as will be RPC’s parish lengthsman activities.

 In future, a second Cllr. will join HKW with regard to indentifying grant monies available for

 this and other parish environmental work.

**2024 036 Community Composting**

 Contact will be made with South Brent in light of SB’s experience in setting up and running

 its own scheme. Contact will also be made with Kingston PC for its views on joining with

 Ringmore and Bigbury in a joint scheme. **IB to action**

**2024 037** **SHDC Grants for Business and Parish Councils**

 RKW agreed to take on responsibility for monitoring sources of grant money for the

 parish. All sources of grants and funding will continue to be monitored and explored.

**2024 038 Any other Business**

 **With great regret RPC accepted Cllr Mary Swan’s resignation as Chairman and**

 **Parish Councillor. Cllrs thanked Mary for her contribution in both roles in serving**

 **on the Parish Council and the Vice Chairman paid tribute, on behalf of the Council,**

 **to Mary’s commitment, energy and decisive Chairmanship.**

The matter of non-patrons parking in the pub car park was raised and HKW will circulate a

 note on this throughout the WhatsApp group.

 **The Parish Council AGM will be held, preceding the next scheduled Council**

 **Meeting, on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024.**

 **Matters for discussion at next meeting.**

 None were raised

The meeting closed at 8:30

**Next Parish Council Meetings**

Ringmore Parish Council A.G.M. Tuesday 16th April March, 2024, at Ringmore WI Hall at 7pm, to be followed by the regular monthly meeting at 7:30pm

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

Cllr. Mike Campbell, Vice Chair, Ringmore Parish Council.