

**Ringmore Parish Council (RPC) Meeting
Tuesday, 18th February, 2025 at 7.00 pm in the WI Hall**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Michael Campbell Chairman, (MC),), Cllr. H. Kent-Woolsey (HK) Cllr C. Eddy (CE), Cllr. John Reynolds (JR), Cllr. A. King (AK), Ian Bramble (IB) (Clerk).
1 members of the public (MsP) attended.

Members of the public were welcome and invited to speak in 'Open Session'
None spoke in this session.

To accept apologies for absence:

Apologies received from Cllr. Mike Wood, DCC Cllr. Gilbert, SHDC Cllr Taylor.

County Councillor Updates:

DCC Cllr Gilbert submitted a brief report in that DCC is now fully engaged in constructing its proposals for Single Tier authorities in Devon to meet the Government deadline of March 21st and that all single tier authorities must be established by April, 2028.

District Councillor Updates:

BT also submitted a report, which noted that SHDC will have a clearer view of the single tier authority outcomes for the South Hams by the March RPC meeting.
BT has instigated a 'Green Award' to add to the Awards already proposed.

Declarations of interest from councillors:

None declared

To receive and approve minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday January 21st, 2025

MC proposed approval, JR seconded and Cllrs supported unanimously.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

2024.150 Planning Matters

SHDC response date

1 Planning Applications

None to consider

2 To note planning decisions:

None to note

3 To note withdrawn applications: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.

2024.151 Highways

A recent 'Road Closure Notice' for scaffolding to be erected for the installation of solar panels was discussed and MC explained, following correspondence from DCC, that contractors were required to satisfy DCC that their proposals met statutory requirements and that should road closure become necessary

Councillors understand the ultimately responsibility for that lies with DCC as the Highways Closure Notice issuing authority. This needs to be confirmed by RG.

2024.152 Finance

To receive Bank a reconciliation to January 31st 2025 at £17,468.43 and approve January payments due.

Interim Cash		£11,872.44
Position as at		£ 5,393.77
13/02/25		£17,266.21
Reserves	Contingency	£2796.00
	NP Balance	£0.00
	Wildlife Verges	£725.00
Total		£3,521.00
Funds Available		£
		£12,191.24

To note:- payments made January 1st 2025 to January 31st, 2025

EDF Energy, Night landing site	8.00
I Bramble; Clerk's Salary Dec. 1st–Dec.31st, 2024.	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE Dec 1st-Dec. 31st, 2024.	39.80
I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, Nov. Parish Council	6.30
W.I. Hall:- November, 2024 hire charge at winter rate	12.00

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I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, RPC January meeting	6.30
W.I. Hall hire:-January 2025 at winter rate	16.00
W.I. Hall hire:-February 2025 at winter rate	16.00
H Hinckley:- RPC share of new WI Marquee	281.00

Receipts:- January 1st, 2025 –January 31st, 2025

Lloyds Bank Interest:- January 2025	4.57
VAT Reclaim:- March 2022 – September 2024-	1974.56

2024.153 Setting Parish Precept 2025/2026

SHDC has received and acknowledged RPC's precept request for 2026 2025, with the first half year's payment due in April.

2024.154 Movement of funds into a higher rate deposit account.

The proposal to move £8,000 into a higher rate Notice account has had to be repropoed to approve a higher amount of £10,000, which is the minimum amount acceptable. MC proposed movement of £10,000 into a Lloyds Bank 95 day account, JR seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously. **IB to action**

2024 155 Summary of Parish and WI marquee repairs.

The fabric of the Parish marquee is repairable at a likely cost of £250 and quotes are being obtained and an order of new poles from the original supplier is in hand.

2024.156 Challaborough

Outstanding issues to be discussed will be deferred to the March meeting. In the meantime the signage for yellow lining in Challaborough is being resolved by DCC Highways officer.

2024.157 Environmental matters:

A 'polite notice' will be delivered to residents to remind them of their responsibility for maintenance of trees, hedges and verges etc which abut footpaths and roads.

2024.158 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update

DCC's new footpaths officer has now established contact with HK and RPC and following a walkaround with their field officer DCC has agreed to deal with immediate maintenance of footpaths F1 & F13. No others have been identified as needing immediate attention.

2024.159 To receive National Trust update

The NT has not removed the dolphin washed ashore recently which remains as a health hazard. SHDC will be contacted for its advice and action in arranging for its removal. **IB to action**

The triennial lease on the 3 land upon which the Parish's storage container has been formally renewed (for a further 3 years).

2024.160 SHDC Grants for Business and Parish Councils

Locality budget grant funds have been received for the re-equipping of lighting in the Parish Rooms.

2024.161 Fibre optic installation into the parish

Alternative provision is being explored, now that the Ringmore has been excluded from the Connecting Devon and Somerset programme, due to lack of funds.

2024.162 New Councillor

SHDC has confirmed that a public election for a new Councillors is not necessary, therefore co-option to RPC will be possible if a candidate steps forward.

2024.163 Correspondence

No specific matters were raised from correspondence circulated to Councillors.

2024.164 A.O.B.

Attendance of Parish Councillors at Parish Rooms Committee meetings was confirmed with MW or HK to attend future meetings.

2024.165 Matters for discussion at next meeting:-

None were raised

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00pm in the WI Hall.

Signed:.....Dated:.....

Cllr. Mike Campbell, Chair, Ringmore Parish Council.