

**Ringmore Parish Council (RPC) Meeting  
Tuesday, 18th March, 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). H. Hinkley (HH) Chair Parish Events Sub Committee, DCC R. Gilbert (RG), SHDC B. Taylor (BT), 4 members of the public (MsP) attended.

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

A Challaborough resident spoke about the yellow line signage still needed in the village and that the mounting post for the previous signs had been cut down. IB will chase DCC for action on this.

**IB to Action**

**To accept apologies for absence:**

Apologies received from Cllr. Mike Wood,

**County Councillor Updates:**

RG reminded the meeting that this would be his last as a Councillor after 20 years of service first as a District Councillor and then as County Councillor.

RG advised that DCC has now produced for submission to government 5 options for consideration for a single tier authority, each with a population of between 300,000 and 500,000. The options include a Plymouth centred authority; an authority centred on Exeter and a 3rd centred on Torbay. The government decision is due in November, for all new authorities to be functioning by the end of 2028. All County and District Councils will be dissolved and elections for the new authority will take place, in Devon's case probably in 2027. An overlap period may be allowed, to facilitate a smooth transition.

On behalf of the Parish, The Chairman thanked RG for his support and work for Ringmore and wished RG well for his retirement.

**District Councillor Updates:**

BT reported that he had attended a meeting at Holywell Meadows to deal with 'snags' with the new builds; that the road had been adopted by DCC and that its surfacing could now be completed. Also, that the 3 Open Market houses had been acquired by SHDC, made possible by a government grant of £300,000 and would be let at affordable homes rates to those who lived locally or had strong local connections.

Although not in the Parish BT advised that the refuse bins at Sedgewell Slipway would be retained with collections three times a week and a financial agreement with RPC Ltd had been reached to maintain a bottle bank in the Bigbury on Sea car park.

**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.

**2024.165 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.

**2024.166 Highways**

There had been no adverse outcomes to the scaffolding erected for the installation of solar panels on a village property as reported in the February meeting.

**2024.167 Finance**

To receive Bank reconciliation to February 28th 2025 at £17,468.43 and approve March payments due.

*n.b. £10,000 transferred to 95 Day Acct. 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025 but not considered as immediately available cash.*

<b>Interim Cash</b>		<b>£11,872.44</b>	
<b>Position as at</b>		<b><u>£ 5,393.77</u></b>	
<b>13/02/25</b>		<b>£17,266.21</b>	
<b>Cash</b>	<b>Position as at</b>	<b>28/02/25</b>	
<b>2025</b>	<b>Current AC</b>	<b>as at</b>	
		<b>28/02/25</b>	<b>£12,146.84</b>
		<b>28/02/25</b>	<b><u>£ 5,393.77</u></b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£17,540.61 (A)</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Contingency</b>		<b>£ 2796.00</b>
	<b>Wildlife Verges</b>		<b>£ 725.00</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ 3,521.00 (B)</b>
	<b>Net Funds available (A-B)</b>		<b>£14,019.61</b>

**To note:- payments made February 1st 2025 to February 28th, 2025**

EDF Energy, Night landing site	8.00
I Bramble; Clerk's Salary Jan 1st–Jan.31st, 2025.	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE Jan.1st-Jan. 31st, 2025.	39.80
I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, Jan 2025. Parish Council	6.30
W.I. Hall:- January & February , 2025 hire charge at winter rate	32.00

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W.I. Hall hire:-March 2025 at winter rate	1 16.00
FW Jarvis & Sons Ltd. Parish Room. New Lights and rewire	926.40

**Receipts:- February 1st, 2025 –February 28th, 2025**

Lloyds Bank Interest:- February 2025	4.72
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**2024.168 Movement of funds into a higher rate deposit account.**

£10,000 has now been moved into a 95 day notice account at a current interest rate of 3.46%

**2024 169 Summary of Parish and WI marquee repairs.**

Quotes have been obtained for the repair of the parish marquee and were high enough to prompt quotes for a new replacement **CE to Action**

HH reported on progress for the 2025 August Bank Holiday event with costs at similar levels to last year's event. Support has been given by stallholders from last year, but including the Bank Holiday Sunday is being reconsidered.

**2024.170 Challaborough**

Signage for yellow lining in Challaborough is being resolved by DCC Highways Officer and IB will chase for this to be completed. **IB to Action**

**2024.171 Environmental matters:**

Maintenance of trees, hedges and verges is progressing, with only a few verges to now clear. A road sweeper will then be brought in for further tidying up work.

**2024.172 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update**

DCC's new footpaths officer has now established firmer contact with HK and RPC and that sits alongside the already strong contact with DCC's local officer.

**2024.173 To receive National Trust update**

The NT has not removed the dolphin washed ashore recently which remains as a health hazard. SHDC advise that it is the landowner's responsibility to move it will be contacted but also that the Natural History Museum may be interested in taking it to establish the cause of death. The NT would prefer to leave it to be washed back out to sea for nature to then take its course but Cllrs thought that that was now unlikely to happen and HK will re approach the NT. **HK to Action**

**2024.174 SHDC Grants for Business and Parish Councils**

BT's Locality budget grant funds have been received from SHDC for the re-equipping of lighting in the Parish Rooms.

**2024.175 Fibre optic installation into the parish**

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

**2024.176 New Councillor**

A new Councillor is still being sought to bring RPC up to its full strength of seven.

#### **2024.177 Correspondence**

No specific matters were raised from correspondence circulated to Councillors.

#### **2024.178 A.O.B.**

Claire Puckey from the Four Rivers Dementia Alliance spoke about the support the Alliance is able to offer dementia sufferers and their families, mainly through Parishes and Parish Councils. For further information and help please contact the Alliance at [enquiries@fourriversdementia.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fourriversdementia.org.uk)

#### **2024.179 Matters for discussion at next meeting:-**

The date of the annual Parish Meeting to take place in April will be advised.

**The meeting closed at 8:15 pm**

**Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00pm in the WI Hall.**

Signed:.....Dated:.....  
Cllr. Mike Campbell, Chair, Ringmore Parish Council.