

Ringmore Parish Council (RPC) Meeting

Tuesday, 16th September, 2025 at 7.00 pm in the WI Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. C. Eddy (CE), Cllr. H. Kent-Woolsey (HK), Cllr. M. Hyde (MH), Cllr. A. King (AK), Cllr. M. Wood (MW), H. Hinkley (HH) Chair Parish Events Sub Committee, Ian Bramble (IB) (Clerk) and 4 other members of the public (MsP) attended.

County Councillor Updates:

At the Chairman's discretion LW spoke first to allow her to leave to attend other PCC meetings later in the evening.

- LW asked RPC for a list of road works to be put forward to DCC as a 'bid' for priority for funding, emphasising that there will be a competitive nature to the 'bids'.
- DCC are proposing that 20mph zones are created in villages with the ability to find funds of between £5K-£10k, to contribute to cost to in order obtain a higher priority for DCC's limited budget for such zones.
- LW encouraged a Parish workshop to help find solutions to poor Broadband speeds for properties remote from the Openreach cabinet in Ringmore Village, notably in Challaborough. As previously reported all the 'Parishes' in in the Salcombe Division have been excluded from the current national programme for fibre optic installations. MW advised that Ringmore was not scheduled by Openreach before late 2029.
- Traffic management, especially when holiday park caravans are being moved into or out of the area, with little or no notice, is a worsening problem and LW is organising a Tri Parish meeting with Ringmore, Bigbury and Kingston to discuss possible solutions. BT is discussing with SHDC licencing arrangements for wide vehicles to see if stronger action can be taken via the issuance of licences.
- A River Summit is to be held at Kingsbridge Community College on Saturday Oct.4th and that bids for funding for improvement of river water quality in the River Gara and Slapton Ley, River Avon and Kingsbridge/Salcome Estuary. At least one representative from each Parish is invited.

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

The foremost issue raised was notice given at very short notice by the Diocese of Exeter of the sale of the land by sealed bid, which carries the permissive public footpath, which forms part of the pedestrian access from Ringmore Village to St Ann's Chapel. Letters of protest were sent by MsP and RPC, asking for the sale to be delayed to give time for RPC to try to coordinate a competitive bid. This correspondence proved successful with the Diocese recognising the concerns raised and making an offer to transfer the land upon which the paths sit at no cost, conditional upon the Parish paying the legal costs etc. of the transfer process. It was noted that the licence for the path runs out in January 2026.

Also given at short notice were amendments to the Challaborough Bay licencing extension application prior to the hearing by SHDC Licencing Committee on September 18th but with no opportunity for RPC to discuss and comment upon. BT was asked to delay the hearing to allow RPC to form and submit its reaction.

To accept apologies for absence:

Apologies received, Cllr. M. Campell,

District Councillor Update:

- BT encouraged Cllrs & parishioners to attend the Planning Committee hearing for the latest Higher Manor Barn application on Oct 2nd and the site visit on September 29th. Richard Baker (a member of public) was asked by committee if he could represent the Parish Council and attend the site visit (29th Sept) and application hearing (on 2nd October). He agreed.
- BT undertook to follow up the request to delay the Licence Extension hearing.
- There are no bars to the PC owning land for the footpath (f/p) and further discussion followed, about next making provision for it to become a Public Footpath. Concerns were expressed about the other sections of the footpath to St Ann's Chapel being allowed to remain as permissive f/p and whether that uncertainty could be removed.
- There was mention of the Air Ambulance no longer needing lights at the night landing site and that the current reserve held in the Parish Account could now be available to contribute to the cost of additional land to safeguard permissive paths.
- In the process of transfer RPC will have to secure rights of way etc to enable maintenance of the f/p hedge and fencing.
- BT congratulated HH and the Events Committee for their work and success in organising a second annual Parish Fair.

Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were no Declarations of Interest

To receive and approve minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Friday, July 4th

Matters arising from the Extraordinary meeting held on Friday, July 4th, 2025

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To receive and approve minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday, August 14th, 2025

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HK proposed en-bloc approval of the above minutes, CE seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously.

There were no matters arising from the above minutes

2025.059 Sale of Church land

Following the above discussions on the transfer of land to Ringmore Parish, CE proposed that RPC advise the Diocese of Exeter of its agreement with the proposed transfer as suggested by the Diocese and that RPC pay the legal costs etc of the Transfer.

2025.060 Planning Matters.**SHDC Response Date****1 Planning Applications**

None to discuss

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

2025 061 Highways

Highways issues were covered above by LW.

2025 062 Finance

To receive Bank reconciliation to August 31st, 2025 at £14,128.40 and approve September payments due

n.b. £10,151.27 on deposit in a 95 Day Acct. as at August 31st cannot be considered to be immediately available cash.

Interim Immediate cash Position as at 10/09/25			Curr. Acct £ 1,560.34
			<u>Dep. Acct. £ 2,416.19</u>
			Total £ 3,976.53
2025	Current AC	as at 30/08/25	£ 1,560.94
	Deposit AC		£ 2,416.19
	95 Day Account		£ 10,151.27
		Total	£ 14,128.40
Reserves	Contingency Rewilding		£ 2,796.00
			£ 725.00
	95 Day Account		£ 10,151.27
	Net Funds available		£ 456.13

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

EDF Energy, Night landing site	8.00
I Bramble; Clerk's Salary June.1 st –June.3 th , 2025.	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE June1 st -June 31 st , 2025.	39.80
I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage. June 20 th & 27 th Extra ordinary mtgs	12.60

I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, June 2025. Parish Council mtg	6.30
W.I. Hall:- June 20th & June 27th, 2025 Extraord Mtg., summer rate	24.00
W.I. Hall:- July, AGAR Mtg.	12.00
Lloyds Bank Monthly service charge	4.25
Community First Insurance	262.38

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

Lloyds Bank Interest:- July 2025	3.11
Lloyds Bank 95 Day Acct.interest:- 2025	24.95

August 2025 payments due:

EDF Energy, Night landing site	8.00
I Bramble:- Clerk's Salary; July 1st –July 31st, 2025	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE; July.1st – July 31st, 2025	39.80
W.I. Hall hire:- July monthly meeting at summer rate	12.00
Lloyds Bank; Monthly service charge	4.25
Community First Parish Marquee; All Risks Cover	37.34
South West Hire and Sales; Event Generator Deposit	1,000.00
Hatch Marquee; Hire Balance due	2,215.88

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W.I. Hall hire:- July monthly meeting at summer rate	12.00
Lloyds Bank Monthly service charge	4.25
Community First Par. Ann. Ren. Prem 2025/26 inc Marquee All Risks Cover	299.72
South West Hire and Sales; Event Generator Deposit	1,000.00
Hatch Marquee Hire Balance due	2,215.88

September 2025; payments due:

EDF Energy, Night landing site	8.00
I Bramble:- Clerk's Salary; August 1st –August 31st, 2025	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE; August 1st –August 31st, 2025	39.80
I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, August 2025. Parish Council mtg	6.30
W.I. Hall hire:- July 4 th AGAR mtg. & August 14 th Extraord mtgs	24.00
Lloyds Bank Monthly service charge	4.25
Community First Hired Marquee All Risks Cover for 2025 Event	35.00
Hatch Marquee Festoon lights	94.99
Louise Parker Event Dance Band	750.00
Jarl Bennett Dance Class	100.00
Gear4Music microphone cable	8.98
Journey's End:- Ringmore Fair wine	224.76
RM Street:- Ringmore Fair Beer	326.00
Dukes Valley:-Ringmore Fair disposable wine glasses	15.59
VisionICT:- Website Hosting & support 2025-26	210.91
VisionICT:- email hosted	24.00
H Hinkley:- SumUp Solo payment terminal	70.16
W.I. Hall hire:- September mtg	12.00
Paul Russell:- AGAR 2024 25 Internal Audit Fee	165.00
<u>Total due September</u>	2266.88

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

Lloyds Bank Interest:- July 2025	3.43
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Lloyds Bank 95 Day Acct.interest:- 2025 22.87
South West Hire and Sales deposit refund net of hire charge and fuel 481.60

Receipts:- September 1st, 2025 to date

South West Hire and Sales:- further refund of deposit paid 78.00
SHDC 2nd Parish Precept remittance 4437.50

n.b.. Late notification of payments may be added to the payments due list

CE proposed noting and approving the above statement, MW seconded and Cllrs supported unanimously

2025.063 Challaborough

The problems arising from the patch of 'no mans' land near the slipway remain insoluble as there is no record of the legal ownership of the land involved. Further advice from a higher authority was believed to be needed and will be sought.

2025.064 Environmental matters:

None to report

2025.065 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update

DCC has been made aware that Path 14 is suffering subsidence and needs repair

2025.066 To receive National Trust update

Complaints have been received of vehicles speeding into the NT car park and HK will follow up with the Police.

2025.067 Funding for NHP Review

Provision for this will be raised during the 2025 26 Precept discussions

2025.068 SHDC Grants for Business and Parish Councils

Funding from Grants for the Permissive Footpath land will be investigated.

2025.069 Correspondence

None was brought forward

2025.070 Review of Ringmore Fair and review draft accounts'

Preliminary figures indicate an income of £8,378, an increase on last year whilst total expenditure is still to be established. Final figures should be available for the October meeting. HH and the Events Sub Committee were congratulated on this Second, popular and successful event.

2025.071 New Councillor vacancy

Following the advertising of a Councillor vacancy and confirmation by SHDC that no requests for an election had been received MH nominated Malcolm Findlay for co-option onto the Council, MW seconded and Cllrs supported unanimously.

2025.072 Councillor email addresses

All Councillors now have specific Councillor email addresses.

Matters for discussion at next Parish Council meeting

The old Parish marquee and parish Room Elm Tree removal will be discussed At the October meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday October 16th at 7:00pm in the WI Hall.

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

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