

## **Ringmore Parish Council (RPC) Meeting**

**Tuesday, 17th February, 2026 at 7.00 pm in the WI Hall**

### **MINUTES**

**Present: Cllr. C. Eddy (CE) Vice Chairman, Cllr. A. King (AK), Cllr. H. Kent Woolsey (HK), Cllr. M. Findlay (MF), Ian Bramble (IB) (Clerk) and 2 other members of the public (MsP) attended.**

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

**National Trust;** Valda Smith report, see appendix (i) below.

Tree planting will start on 14<sup>th</sup> March and volunteers to help will be welcomed.

#### **To accept apologies for absence:**

DCC Cllr. Wainwright (LW), SHDC Cllr. B. Taylor, (BT), Cllr. M Campbell, Cllr. M. Hyde, Cllr. M. Wood.

#### **County Councillors Update**

LW's January report is on the Community Website and highlights the Emergency Planning meeting set for March 6<sup>th</sup> in Modbury and the second Neighbourhood Area Committee meeting set for March 28<sup>th</sup> also in Modbury. The recent Highways Meeting with LW., RPC Cllrs. and our DCC Highways Officer has been separately reported upon and minutes of which are also available in the Community Website.

#### **District Councillor Update:**

- BT has reported that the SHDC Community Awards panel is now assessing nominations with the results to be announced in March.
- Following SHDC's recent planning approval for 75 new homes in Modbury, SHDC will be producing a paper on it before the end of February. The approval is significant because of its repercussions for existing Neighbourhood Plans and particularly those such as RPC's which is now due for its first 5 Year Review.

#### **Declarations of interest from Councillors**

There were no Declarations of Interest

#### **To receive and approve minutes of the Extraordinary RPC meeting held on Tuesday, December 16th, 2025**

HK proposed approval, CE seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously

#### **Matters arising from the Extraordinary RPC meeting held on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

There were no matters arising.

HK proposed approval, CR seconded and Cllrs approved unanimously

#### **To receive and approve minutes of the RPC meeting held on Tuesday, January 20th, 2026**

HK proposed approval, CE seconded and ||Cllrs approved unanimously

**Matters arising from minutes of the RPC meeting held on Tuesday, Jaslyuary, 20th 2026**

There were no matters arising.

HK proposed approval, CE seconded and Cllrs approved unanimously.

**2025.122 Sale of Church land**

Legal matters are ongoing.

**2025.123 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

**2025.124 Highways Visit by DCC Cllr Wainwright and DCC Highways Officer**

Minutes of this meeting with RPC Cllrs are available on the Community website.

**2025.125 Finance**

To receive Bank reconciliation to January 31st, 2026 at £21,783.94 and approve February payments due

n.b. £10,268.86 on deposit in a 95 Day Acct. as at January 31st cannot be considered to be immediately available cash.

<b>Interim Immediate cash</b>			
<b>Position as at 12/02/26</b>		<b>Curr. Acct</b>	<b>£ 9,780.97</b>
		<b>Dep. Acct.</b>	<b>£ 1,422.44</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,203.41</b>
<b>2026</b>	<b>Current AC</b>	<b>as at 31/01/26</b>	<b>£ 10,093.28</b>
	<b>Deposit AC</b>		<b>£ 1,421.80</b>
	<b>95 Day Account</b>		<b>£ 10,268.86</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 21,783.94</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Contingency</b>		<b>£ 2,796.00</b>
	<b>Rewilding</b>		<b>£ 725.00</b>

	<b>Fair 2026 27</b>		<b>£ 1,000.00</b>
	<b>95 Day Account</b>		<b>£ 10,268.86</b>
	<b>Net Funds available</b>		<b>£ 6,994.08</b>

**To note January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2026; payments made:**

EDF Energy, Night landing site	8.00
I Bramble:- Clerk's Salary; December 1 <sup>st</sup> –December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE; December 1 <sup>st</sup> –December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	39.80
Lloyds Bank:- Acct. Service Charge	4.25
Donation from Fair receipts to Devon Air Ambulance	894.00
A.King:- Lengthsman's repair materials	105.37

**Receipts:- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Lloyds Bank Interest:- December, 2025	0.72
Lloyds Bank 95 Day Acct. interest; January, 2026	22.76
HMRC VAT Reclaim	1294.31

**Payments to date & due February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

W.I. Hall hire:- February Mthly. mtg.	16.00
W.I. Hall hire:- Extra Ordinary December meeting	16.00
W.I. Hall hire:- January Mthly. mtg.	16.00
A King:- Parish lengthsman's repair materials	125.35
I Bramble:- Clerk's Salary; January 1 <sup>st</sup> –January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE; January 1 <sup>st</sup> –January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	39.80
I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, December Extraordinary meeting	6.30
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Devon Air Ambulance:- August Fair donation	894.00
Rugby Club August Fair Donation	50.00

CE proposed approval of the above statement and payments due, MF seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously.

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**2025.126 Challaborough**

No matters to discuss

**2025.127 Environmental matters**

Figures and data, including cost details are awaited for the additional monitoring of water quality in the Avon to be shared by Thurlestone/Bantham Bigbury and Ringmore.

**2025.128 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update**

- The NT will continue to support work in the Parish on NT paths on its land within the Parish.
- Decking on Darkey Lane (P14) is rotten and needs replacing.

**2025.129 To receive National Trust update**

See below from Valda Smith and the report is also on the Community website. Tree planting will start on 14<sup>th</sup> March and volunteers to help will be welcomed.

**2025.130 SHDC:- Grants for Business and Parish Councils**

No additional and updated information to be noted.

**2025.131 Neighbourhood Plan 5 year Review**

Further information is awaited from SHDC as reported above by BT and when work starts on Ringmore's review the Parish Council will wish to be be involved.

**2025.132 A.O.B.**

- Conversations with local communities are being sought by Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. Residents are invited to contact the Clerk at ringmorepc@gmail.com or on 07719 693115 for further details.
- Car parking in Challaborough restricting access for emergency vehicles continues to be a problem.

**Matters for discussion at next Parish Council meeting**

**To be held on Tuesday March 17th at 7:00pm in the WI Hall.**

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

**Appendix (i) Valda Smith National Trust report and update:**

**National Trust, Ringmore update.**

Since our presentation to the Parish Council outlining our plans for the land at Ringmore a lot of progress has been made behind the scenes, and I am delighted to share an update on that with you now.

More detailed designs for the creation of new woodland and wood pasture on approx. 69ha of the land across Lower and Higher Manor Farms, in Ringmore, and Scobbiscombe, in Kingston have been drawn up. Consent to plant on 19ha is in place, funding from Plymouth and South Devon Community Forest has been agreed, and, pending a final written agreement, we expect to be able to start tree planting those areas before the end of this winter. We are awaiting consent from Natural England on the remainder of the 69ha. Once that is in place we will start work in preparation for further planting next winter.

There is an additional approx. 40ha across the 3 farms which designs are yet to be drawn up for. These fields are more complex due to considerations such as potential archaeological interest and wetland creation.

Further investigation of the archaeology is still underway and anything of interest will be recorded and reported to the county archaeologist. Tree planting designs will be informed by these investigations and carefully considered avoiding sensitive areas. The National Trust are also working with the Environment Agency on a wetland creation scheme in the valley back of the beach at Ayrmer. Contractors are currently carrying out surveys and will create design options based on their findings.

Depending on what designs they come up with, will steer what work is then carried out on the stream – I am imagining things like leaky dams, perhaps some scrapes and pools –more information will be provided as and when we have it. This will also guide the tree planting designs for the valley.

Over this winter rangers have continued to lay the hedge along Smugglers Lane, opening some fantastic views down to the beach. Hedge laying is a traditional form of hedgerow management that thickens out the base of the hedge and ensures it's longevity, as well as having huge benefits to wildlife. The team will continue to lay sections of the hedge over coming winters.

If you have any questions or comments or are interested in getting involved in any of our work, then please get in contact by emailing [southdevon@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:southdevon@nationaltrust.org.uk)

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