

Ringmore Parish Council (RPC) Meeting

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

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. M. Campbell (MK) Chairman, Cllr. C. Eddy (CE) Vice Chairman, Cllr. A. King (AK), Cllr. H. Kent Woolsey (HK), Cllr. M. Findlay (MF), Cllr. M. Hyde (MH), SHDC Cllr. B. Taylor (BT), H. Hinkley (HH) Chair, Ringmore Events Sub Committee, Mr. I. Bramble (IB) (Clerk).

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

HH updated RPC on progress and costs to date for the 2026 August Fair. There was debate about continuing with a programme for Sunday and closely monitoring attendance and receipts for each of the here days, or integrating the planned Sunday afternoon events with the planned Saturday programme. This is still to be resolved. Adverse weather insurance was raised and quotes will be obtained.

IB to Action

To accept apologies for absence:

DCC Cllr. Wainwright (LW), Cllr. M. Wood.

County Councillors Update

DCC Wainwright's February report is on the parish website and includes a report on the recent gas outage for Kingsbridge, Marlborough and Salcombe and responses to it from Wales and the West utilities and the other agencies involved in advising residents and the establishment of a hub for the support functions that were put in place and provision of material support where needed.

District Councillor Update:

- BT has reported that the SHDC Community Awards panel is now assessing nominations with the results to be decided and announced on March 26th.
- BT reported also on the current position re. Neighbourhood Plans with advice that 5 year reviews proceed and of possible help from SHDC for the reviews now due for the majority of existing plans.

Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were no Declarations of Interest

To receive and approve minutes of the RPC meeting held on Tuesday, February 11th, 2026.

CE proposed approval, MF seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously

Matters arising from minutes of the RPC meeting held on Tuesday, February 11th, 2026

There were no matters arising.

CE proposed approval, MF seconded and Cllrs approved unanimously.

2025.132 Sale of Church land

Legal matters are delayed due to ill health of the vendor's solicitor.

2025.133 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 To note withdrawn applications: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

2025.134 Finance

To receive Bank reconciliation to February 28th, 2026 at £21,250.81 and approve March payments due

n.b. £10,289.58 on deposit in a 95 Day Acct. as at February 28th cannot be considered to be immediately available cash.

Interim Immediate cash Position as at 12/03/26		Curr. Acct	£ 9,331.85
		Dep. Acct.	£ 1,422.99
		Total	£10,754.84
2026	Current AC	as at 28/02/26	£ 9,538.79
	Deposit AC		£ 1,422.44
	95 Day Account		£ 10,289.58
		Total	£ 21,250.81
Reserves	Contingency		£ 2,796.00
	Rewilding		£ 725.00
	Fair 2026 27		£ 1,000.00
	95 Day Account		£ 10,289.58
	Net Funds available		£ 6,440.23

To note February 1st to February 28th 2026; payments made;

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
EDF: Nightlanding site :	8.00
A King:- Parish lengthsman's repair materials	125.35
I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, December Extraordinary meeting	6.30
I Bramble:- Clerk's Salary; January 1st –January 31st, 2026	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE: January 1st –January 31st, 2026	39.80
I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, January RPC meeting	6.30
Devon Air Ambulance:- August Fair donation	894.00

Receipts:- February 1st, 2026 – February 28th, 2026

Lloyds Bank Deposit Acct: Interest: February, 2026	0.64
Lloyds Bank 95 Day Acct: Interest: February, 2026	20.72

Payments to date & due March 1st, 2026 to March, 31st, 2026

Parish Laptop replacement:	500.00
W.I. Hall March RPC meeting:	16.00
EDF Nightlanding site:	8.00
Cumbria Clock Co: Church Clock, Annual Maintenance:	222.00
Rugby Club August Fair Donation	50.00

MC proposed approval of the above statement, HK seconded and Cllrs. agreed unanimously.

A RPC has received a request from Modbury Caring for a donation and after discussion an amount of £200 was suggested, which MC then proposed, was seconded by HK and unanimously agreed by Cllrs.

2025.135 Challaborough

No update to give

2025.136 Environmental matters:

RPC awaiting further information re. water quality monitoring of bathing water etc.

2025.137 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update

No report possible but Cllrs. Reported on poor condition of decking on Darkey Lane with DCC agent to inspect it for the repairs necessary.

2025.138 To receive National Trust update

The Trust's Tree planting programme began as planned on March 14th, with participation from members of the public, including from outside parishes. The rubbish bin at Ayrmer Cove will be emptied and cleaned

2025.139 SHDC:- Grants for Business and Parish Councils

Payment in principle was approved for a 'wacker plate' and a disc cutter, for repair of potholes. Grants from DCC are available which IB will pursue with DCC Cllr. Wainwright.

2025.140 Donation of Trough

AK explained that a neighbour wishes to donate a planted granite trough to the Parish, with a suggested location of the Bowling Green. Accordingly, MC

proposed the Bowling Green, seconded by AK and Cllrs. agreed unanimously.

2025.141 Church Clock

MC will look into the matter of responsibility for costs and repairs of the clock.

2025.142 Neighbourhood Plan 5 year Review

RPC agreed that there should be Cllr representation on the 5 year Review Committee and that RPC should meet with the Committee fairly quickly; that the costs of a full-blown review seemed prohibitive and that light touch changes only should be preferred; that Ringmore is an 'unsustainable village', with seemingly little land immediately available for sizeable development.

2025.143 IT policy

IB advised that all Parish Councils are now required to have an IT policy and the document circulated prior to the meeting has been based on a template produced by Government Digital Services.

MF proposed approval, CE seconded and Cllrs. agreed unanimously.

2025.144 .gov email addresses

IB advised that establishment of Cllr. .gov email addresses by visionict, RPC's website provider was the most cost effective and quickest way forward.

IB to Action

2025.145 Nightlanding site

The annual inspection of the site is pending, the outcome of which will be advised at the April meeting.

2025.146 Annual Parish meeting, April 21st: Parish Council AGM, May 19th

There was agreement for the above annual meeting dates.

2025.147 Correspondence

There has been notification of The Village Halls Small Grants Fund for which projects for the Parish Room would be eligible.

2025.148 A.O.B.

The cutting of trees by the Parish Romm will be proceeded with.
Community Conversations with Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Defib refresher training after April 11th will be advised.

The NT will be chased for consent for a second Parish container on its land.

HH reminded RPC of the need for a new heavy duty padlock for the gate to the path to existing container.

IB to Action

Matters for discussion at next Parish Council meeting

No Matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 8:35 om

To next meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 21st at 7:00pm in the WI Hall.

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

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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.

Interim Immediate cash			
Position as at		Curr. Acct	£ 9,780.97
at		Dep. Acct.	£ 1,422.44
12/02/26		Total	£11,203.41
2026	Current AC	as at 31/01/26	£ 10,093.28
	Deposit AC		£ 1,421.80
	95 Day Account		£ 10,268.86
		Total	£ 21,783.94
Reserves	Contingency		£ 2,796.00
	Rewilding		£ 725.00
	Fair 2026 27		£ 1,000.00
	95 Day Account		£ 10,268.86
	Net Funds available		£ 6,994.08

To note January 1st to January 31st 2026; payments made;

EDF Energy, Night landing site	8.00
I Bramble:- Clerk's Salary; December 1st –December 31st, 2025	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE; December 1st –December 31st, 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 1st, 2026 – January 31st, 2026

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

HMRC VAT Reclaim 1294.31

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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 14th 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 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

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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

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