

Ringmore Parish Council (RPC) Meeting

Tuesday, 21st April, 2026 at 7.5000 pm in the WI Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. C. Eddy (CE) Vice Chairman, 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. R Baker (RB), Chairman Neighbourhood Plan Committee, Mr. I. Bramble (IB) (Clerk).

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

- RB briefed the meeting on the present uncertainties surrounding the status of Neighbourhood Plans (NHP) during the preceding Annual Parish meeting and on the high costs and the time required to conduct the 5year review now due.
- HH updated RPC on progress and costs to date for the 2026 August Fair in her annual report also in the preceding Annual Parish Meeting.
- There was considerable dissatisfaction expressed about yet another retrospective application for Higher Manor Barn and that it was in conflict with Govt. regulations limiting the permissible number of retrospective applications that can be made following a refused application.
- That plans and documents from previous applications could not be found on the SHDC Planning portal
- Disquiet was voiced also about the last SHDC planning meeting; that elected SHDC Cllr Taylor was refused permission to speak on behalf of the Parish
- That the minutes of that meeting did not give an accurate account of it.

To accept apologies for absence:

DCC Cllr. Wainwright (LW), Cllr. M. Campbell, Cllr. M. Wood, Cllr. A King.

County Councillor Update

In her absence IB summarised DCC Wainwright's Annual Report, now on the Parish Website and highlighted:

- Devolution to Unitary Authorities in Devon, with the Government decision due, probably, in July, 2026
- Fewer Councillors, each with larger business portfolios and each to represent more with the risk of Parish Councils effectively being excluded from decision making.
- Neighbourhood Area Committees to mitigate this risk
- Devon Road Warden Scheme and master classes on pothole repairs

District Councillor Update:

- E Bikes were introduced in Totnes at eight different bases for hire at £2 per hour and has proved very popular
- SHDC emergency team were alerted at Kingsbridge for the Gas leak and were present very quickly to help where they were needed

- SHDC has had three officers working on the LGR full time for over a year to put forward South Hams proposals to the Government, and we should be informed late in the summer on which proposal is adopted, we have had several members briefings during the last 12 months and at a special council meeting the preferred option was voted on
- I was very disappointed that the NPPF has undermined the Neighbourhood plan development boundary and it no longer carries any weight, when an application comes forward for local development
- Just recently the local leisure centres run by Fusion has gone into liquidation and it will be taken over by a new leisure provider at the beginning of June, in the meantime it will stay open and be run as usual by Fusion.

Declarations of interest from Councillors

There were no Declarations of Interest

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

MF proposed approval, HK seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously

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

Padlock for gate to parish container is still to be bought. **IB to Action**
MF proposed approval, HK seconded and Cllrs approved unanimously.

2026.001 Sale of Church land

Transfer of Diocesan land is still in progress and with transaction fees to be authorised for payment in April.

2026.002 Planning Matters.

SHDC Response Date

1 Planning Applications

1733/25/HHO:- Higher Manor, Ringmore, TQ7 4HJ **05/05/26**

Householder application to remove dormers, adjust eaves & ridge line of garage (retrospective)

After discussion CE proposed an Extra-ordinary Meeting on Thursday, April 30th to form RPC's response on 01/05/26.

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

2026.003 Finance

To receive Bank reconciliation to March 31st, 2026 at £21,187.24 and approve March payments due

n.b. £10,313.30 on deposit in a 95 Day Acct. as at March 31st cannot be considered to be immediately available cash.

Interim Immediate Cash Position as at 16/04/26			Curr. Acct	£ 9,133.01
			Dep. Acct.	£ 6,083.09
			Total	£15,216.10
2026	Current AC	as at 31/03/26	£ 9,450.95	
	Deposit AC		£ 1,422.99	
	95 Day Account		£10,313.30	
		Total	£21,187.24	
Reserves	Contingency		£ 2,796.00	
	Rewilding		£ 725.00	
	Fair 2026 27		£ 1,000.00	
	95 Day Account		£ 10,313.30	
	Net Funds available		£ 6,352.94	

To note March 1st to March 31st, 2026; payments made:

W.I. Hall hire: March Mthly. mtg.	16.00
EDF: Nightlanding site March payment:	8.00
I Bramble:- Clerk's Salary: February 1st –February 28th, 2026	159.14
I Bramble:- Clerk's PAYE: February 1st –February 28th, 2026	39.80
I Bramble:- Clerk's mileage, February RPC meeting	6.30

Receipts:- March 1st, 2026 – March 31st, 2026

Lloyds Bank Deposit Acct: Interest: March, 2026	0.55
Lloyds Bank 95 Day Acct: Interest: March, 2026	23.72

Payments to date & due April 1st, 2026 to April, 3th, 2026

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All Hallow's Church; RPC share of Annual Clock Maintenance:	111.00
Rugby Club August Fair Donation	50.00
NDM Distribution Limited; Pothole repairs 'Whacker Plate'	549.00
EC Hopkins Ltd; pothole repairs, petrol cutter	751.80
SHDC; Payroll services	120.00

Howard & Over: Diocesan land transfer 2,400.00

Receipts due April 1st, 2026 to April 30th, 2026

First SHDC Precept payment instalment. £4,659.50

CE proposed approval of the above and authorisation for the April Payments due.
HK seconded and Cllrs agreed unanimously.

2026.004 Challaborough

The Parish noticeboard has been made difficult to access.

2026.005 Environmental matters:

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

2026.006 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update

A temporary repair to the of decking on Darkey Lane has been made, with a permanent repair planned

2026.007 To receive National Trust update

The Trust's Tree planting programme began as planned on March 14th and is now Paused, to comply with planting season procedures and practice.

2026.008 SHDC:- Grants for Business and Parish Councils

Payment in principle was approved for a 'wacker plate' and a disc cutter, for repair of potholes, with payments now approved as above, which IB will pursue grants from DCC with DCC Cllr. Wainwright. **IB to Action**

2026.009 Donation of Trough

This has now been relocated to the Bowling Green.

2026.010 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.

2026.011 .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.

2026.012 Nightlanding site

There was no discussion or comment on this issue.

2026.013 Parish Council AGM, May 19th

The date was noted

2026.014 Parish Heating Oil Scheme

Discussion deferred to the May meeting.

2026.015 Correspondence

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

2026.016

A.O.B.

- The meeting was reminded of Defib refresher training on Thursday, April 23rd at which Cllrs and Members of the public are welcome to attend.
- The NT will be chased for consent for a second Parish container on its land.
- Cllrs. were asked to change their passwords for security purposes.

Matters for discussion at next Parish Council meeting and Annual General Meeting.

No Matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting monthly meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 19th at 7:00pm in the WI Hall.

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

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