

Ringmore Parish Council (RPC) Meeting

Tuesday, 15th Sept 2026 at 6:30 pm in the WI Hall

MINUTES

Present; Chair Cllr. Michael Campbell (MC), Vice Chair Cllr. Chris Eddy (CE), Cllr Malcolm Findlay (MF), Cllr. H. Kent Woolsey (HK), Cllr. M. Hyde (MH), Cllr Mike Wood (MW), Ms H. Hinkley (HH), Chair, Parish Fair Committee, and many members of the public (MsP). Cllr Bernard Taylor (SHDC) (BT), Anna Bennett to take minutes

Welcome:

MC welcomed and thanked everyone present.

To accept apologies for absence

Cllr. Andy King (AK) and Ian Bramble (IB), Clerk

Declarations of interest from Councillors

Cllr. Michael Campbell (MC) - 0694/26/LBC: Holdings Ringmore TQ7 4HH;

County Councillor's update – nothing to report

District Councillor's Update – Cllr. Bernard Taylor.

The reorganisation of the parish boundaries is on hold (for at least 2 years) and the May elections will take place following the existing boundaries.

Planning objections will in future need to be submitted in writing and under the new regime no verbal representations will be allowed. An open meeting to discuss these changes has been scheduled (date?). BT reiterated the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Joint Local Plan as reference benchmarks for any future planned developments.

To receive and approve minutes of the RPC meeting held on Tuesday, July 21st, 2026

Postponed to next meeting as Clerk absent.

Matters arising from minutes of the RPC meeting held on Tuesday, July 21st, 2026

Postponed to next meeting as Clerk absent.

To receive and approve minutes of the Extra-ordinary RPC meeting held on Thursday, August 20th, 2026

Postponed to next meeting as Clerk absent.

Matters arising from minutes of the Extra-ordinary RPC meeting held on Thursday, August 20th, 2026.

Postponed to next meeting as Clerk absent.

2026.54 Sale of Church land

Postponed to next meeting as Clerk absent.

2026.55 Planning Matters

1. Planning Applications SHDC Response Date

0694/26/LBC: Holdings Ringmore TQ7 4HH; 8/11/2026 ?

Listed Building Consent to re-roof entire building, removal of old slates, batons and soffits, replacement with slate, felt, batons and soffits
Parish Council No Objection

2. To note planning decisions:

1972/26/TCA; Ivy Cottage, Ringmore TQ7 4HL. Approved ?

T2 & T3: Sweet Chestnuts – *Crown raise to approximately 3 metres from ground level - maintenance works.* Approved

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 To note withdrawn applications: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.

2026.055 Finance

Postponed to next meeting as Clerk absent.

2026.055 Challaborough nothing to report.

2026.056 Environmental matters

MF reported on a carbon footprint survey which has been circulated indicating that Ringmore has a higher than average carbon footprint. There were no details on how the survey had been achieved and the County Councillor will be approached to provide further information.

2026.057 To receive Parish Paths Partnership update –

HK reported that grants have not been paid and there seems to be a considerable delay due to understaffing and illness.

2026.058 To receive National Trust update

HK reported that the National Trust is scheduled to begin structural repair work on the stream bridge at Ayrmer cove in October.

HK will again request permission to store an extra 20-foot container at the barn.

The National Trust will hold an open day on the 23rd September to discuss their plans for widening footpaths and rewilding certain areas.

2026.059 Parish Heating Oil Scheme – ongoing scheme requires a volunteer to administer it.

2026.060 Parish Policies Review and Update.

MF will forward to MC for approval.

2026.061 Ringmore Fair

CE produced the accounts to date which include all income and expenditure.

The income generated was £8,342 and the outgoings were £8,253 thus leaving a profit of £109. This includes the VAT which will be reclaimed but not the £1,000 grant from the County Councillor Louise Wainwright or the £1,000 grant from District Councillor Bernard Taylor. MC will discuss what happens to these.

CE thanked all those involved in making the fair such a success, particularly Steve Chapman, The Fish family and Connor for supplying food and drink and Heather and Nigel for organising.

MC proposed and HK seconded that the left-over wine and beer will be made available for raffle prizes for village events (Church, WI). Agreed unanimously by council.

CE agreed to organise a village meeting in October to discuss the next fair.

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Heather Hinkley as fair organiser reported that although there has been a resounding positive post fair feedback, she is disappointed and saddened by a constant negativity from a couple of people going back 6 months. She reported that she was particularly upset by the inference that money was mismanaged and was incredibly insulted when, in fact, she and Nigel have been out of pocket each year. She had been instructed by the Parish Council in the first year of the fair to create and run a Fair account. The council have a download of the account statements showing all transactions for each year.

HH has produced a detailed report for the forthcoming newsletter listing the many people involved in making the fair a success but emphasised that this goodwill happened because of relationships formed over 17 years of being associated with the village, and objected to the question of whether there was a vested interest in using certain suppliers. A community event should support local suppliers and use the best, which were actually the cheapest.

HATCH have maintained the same cost across the 3 years with 10% discount and were the cheapest.

STEVE CHAPMAN from FRYER TUCKS provided the bar and pump via Salcombe Brewery for FREE which would normally cost £300 and £110 installation.

ANDREW FISH from LIDSTONES has maintained the same hog roast cost and free straw bales.

CONOR from JOURNEY'S END INN provided free vegetarian burgers.

The JAZZ BAND reduced their cost by £50.

ANNA BENNETT gave the use of her field without which the Fair wouldn't have happened as no other venue was suitable. The use of the WI and Parish room were discussed in the first year but were not large enough.

Cllr. Bernard Taylor congratulated Heather and Nigel on organising and managing a highly successful village/community event.

Didi Sims reported that the band on Saturday night had been very impressed with the venue and would like to come back next year

Lizzie Andrews reported that she was extremely saddened by the couple of people who had been so un-community spirited for no apparent reason. That the fair was an important part of living in this community and that she had been taking part since her now grown-up children were babies.

Andrew Hitchmough reported that the fair was integral to the Ringmore calendar and that we were very fortunate to have Heather and Nigel to organise it since he can remember a few years ago at a village meeting everyone wanted a fair but no one could be found to take on the organisation of it.

2026.062 Website Training and management proposed TEAMS meeting

Postponed to next meeting as Clerk absent.

2026.064 Correspondence

No correspondence.

The meeting closed by MC at 8pm

Next meeting to be held on, at 7:00pm in the WI Hall.

Signed:.....Dated:.....

Cllr. Mike Campbell, Chair, Ringmore Parish Council.