



**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
IT IS BEING HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2022,
STARTING AT 7.30PM IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL**

057/22 To record those present and accept any apologies.

Those Present:

Cllr Wilson – Chairman, Cllr Fish, Cllr Eddy, Cllr S Manion – KCC Cllr, also present 2 members of the public & the PC Clerk.

Apologies from C Simpson, and Cllr Deschamps who will be late.

058/22 to Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other significant Interests (OSI) or any voluntary Interests.

Cllr Wilson declared an interest 062/22 family & 63/22 a & B, knows the quote

059/22 To note/agree and sign the minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed with the following amendments:

060/22 Open session for members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda.

1. Concerns that the road, is incorrectly marked. As it is not a private road, vehicles are having issues that they cannot park. After a brief debate, it was felt that some legal advice was needed.
2. Does the PC own the footpath from Wellington Road to Boundary Road South Road? Looks like we do, no-one appears to be maintaining it. A question was asked about the KCC having some grants. Cllr Manion will investigate and revert to the council.
3. The gate near by has not been looked after, the cycle path was resurfaced by KCC some long time ago. Cllr Fish will take picture and send it to the PROW office.
4. Launching ramp. There has been some issues with this being blocked by people parking cars. The district council said he would investigate this.

Cllr Deschamp arrived

061/22 Reports by District and County Councillors

- Cllr Manion is celebrating the work of carers – please highlight to anyone who is a carer,
- Still a live issue refugees from Ukraine – still a need, but matching seems to be a problem.

Cllr Richardson reported on two items:

- Community Grants 20th June – have some applications, put the word out.
- UK shared prosperity fund from central government. – look at DDC

062/22 To consider/agree the filling of casual vacancy

Chrissy would like to join us, Prop by Cllr Fish, seconded by Cllr Dougill all agreed unanimously. She highlighted that she has lived in both villages and hopes to be a valuable member of the council.

063/22 Finance

a) To note the items for payment & agree, and to ratify those already paid. These were agreed

To	Reason	Gross amount	How paid	VAT
Croner	Invoice	£184.94	SO 01/06/2022	£28.80
Plusnet	Invoice	£36.60	DD 01/06/2022	£6.10
Black Forge Signs	Ringwoud sign	£6,660.00	Bacs 06/06/2022	£1,110.00
Clerks Pay	April Pay	£693.05	Bacs 08/06/2022	0.0
S. Wilson	Reimbursements Flowers	£78.64	Bacs 02/06/2022	£13.10
	Jubilee event	£29.79	Bacs 02/06/2022	
	Jubilee event	£72.05	bacs 02/06/2022	
	N Carrington Allotment fencing	£400.00	Bacs 02/06/2022	0.0
HMRC	NI & IT	£173.20	Bacs	0.0
L Hedley	Jubilee food	£46.79	Bacs	0.0
T Old	Invoice 16	£80.00	17/05/2022	0.0
	Invoice 17b	£80.00	02/06/2022	
	Inovice	£70.00	08/06/2022	
L Hedley	Annual PC meeting refreshments Annual Meeting	£33.58	Bacs	0.0
S Wilson	Chairmans allowance	£37.50	Bacs	0.0
Castle Water	Allotments	£5.00	SO	0.0
L Hedley	Clerks pay May	£693.05	Bacs (NF)	0.0

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	Jubilee food	£46.79	Bacs 02/06/2022	0.0
N Carrington	Allotment Fencing	£400.00	Bacs 02/06/2022	0.0
Ringwold Village hall	Hire of office/hall	£200.00	SO 01/06/2022	£6
T Old	Reimbursements Alan Keys	£7.49	Bacs 30/05/2022	£1.25
HMRC	NI & IT	£173.20	Bacs 26/06/2022	0.0
Harbour Print	Various signs	£379.20	15/06/2022	£63.20

To note receipt of payments to the Parish Council During May 2022

Field Rent	£72.50
VAT refund	£2,611.69

- b) To consider / agree the quote/s for a new security fencing for the allotment
There was only two quotes received it was **agreed** to defer until all councillors have seen the quotes.
- c) To consider/agree the grant application received from the Rural Roundup Group
To **defer**, until all the Councillors have seen the letters and to see an up to date set of accounts: The Clerk was asked to contact the organisers of the Rural Roundup and request a meeting.
- d) To complete the Community Governance questions 2021/22
To **defer** as the Clerk had been unable to complete the forms, as some of the information is not available
- e) To agree the figures for 2021/22
To **defer**, until the end of year as accounts are involved.
- f) To consider the situation with regards to the toilets
The Clerk showed members a sign that the DDC wish to replace at the site of the public toilets, and this was **Agreed**. It was further **agreed** that the PC should consider the possible purchase of the toilets, but would need more details and would want this writing before any final decision was made.
- g) To agree any actions regarding the toilets after the debate
It was felt that more information was required and would need to be in writing
- h) To discuss new/replacement benches.
We are looking at having a repair. A Suggestion about having a memorial bench was noted, it was felt that maybe a small brass plate on any benches may be an idea; These would be ordered by Cllr Fish.

64/22 Planning

a) To note decisions made by the District Council

There were none reported.

b) To note the applications as listed, consider, and agree any comments to be sent to the District Council.

1. 22/00708, Kittyhawk. On the back of an unadopted road, on land that was gardens now has 3 dwellings on it. This is a removal of a conservatory and replaced with single storey rear extension. No issues.

2. 22/00696, 14 North Road. To demolish the exiting rear extension, replace with first floor rear extension. It was considered at the meeting, that while there have been 3 previous applications which have been then withdrawn. There are no material planning reasons, however there is concerns regarding some overlooking to the neighbours, and would like officers to ensure that this is not an issue.

Post meeting comment, the clerk, in hindsight, contacted councillors with concerns regarding the comments.

065/22 Matters of General Interest

1. Raised, Kent wildlife trust on Freedown Woods, Cllr Fish believes he may have a copy of a report and will scan and send it round. A meeting is taking place on Thursday at 9.30am.

066/22 Close of public section, and date of next meeting

The next meeting is on the 11th of July at 7.30pm.

067/22 To exclude the public under the Admission to Public Meetings (1960) Act

This was **agreed** even though there were no member of the public present.

068//22 Staffing Issues

Office assistant, as only one has come forward at this time, it was agreed to re-advertise the post, then invite anyone who applied for an interview. the role needs to be for at least 6/12 months.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Volunteer who had done a lot of filing when the Council first opened the offices.

(Post meeting note – now have 3 applications)

Village caretaker, and his work in the village.

There are still things not completed, however it was noted that He is only here one day a week.

The items on the list were considered, and the Clerk stated that she would prepare an update for each meeting.

069/22 To consider a legal situation with regards to a fence

It is noted that prior to the pandemic, a report on a fence was received but no follow up took place, the Clerk was asked to write a letter.

070/22 Date of next meeting and Close.

The next meeting will be on 13th July, however the Clerk highlighted that there may need to be a meeting prior to the beginning of July to agree the completed AGAR forms, a date will arranged as required, there being no further business the meeting closed at **21.39pm**