



**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,  
HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023, IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL  
STARTING AT 7.30PM.**

**062/23 To record those present and accept any apologies.**

Those present: Councillor: N Fish – Chairman, K Lewis, R Dougill. M Meyerowitz, Cllr S Manion – KCC, Cllr O Richardson - DDC

Apologies: were received from S Hogben, C Morris, M Dechamps, and S Wilson; all accepted.

**063/23 to Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other significant Interests (OSI) or any voluntary Interests.**

There were none declared, however when agenda item 071/23 commenced Cllr Dougill declared an interest as owner of the land that was being discussed.

**064/23 To note/agree and sign the minutes of the May meeting**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes were **agreed and signed** as a true record.  
*Cllr Meyerowitz arrived*

**ACTIONS;**

**Clerk – to send clean copy to assistant**

**Assistant Clerk– to place on notice boards and website**

**065/23 To consider any updates on items following a previous meeting and agree any actions.**

1. Zetland Arms – Parking/tables – New tables over the prescribed area and the boat ramp, the chairman stated he had sent a chasing email to DDC, but they have not had a look yet.

*Cllr M Bates arrived.*

2. No Name Road – in relation to fencing, the Clerk reported that she had sent information to Wellers LLP, but still waiting for a reply.

Cllr Dougill commented that the water board were having trouble finding the water main as it appears to be in a private garden and not on the road as annotated on their map. Has a further private fence been moved?

3. Direction sign for toilets, used to have a sign, proposed we fund and replace; agreed:
4. Highway Improvement Plans (HIP)  
One was completed 2 years ago, but due to various reasons no-one reported back to the PC with any information. Last week a meeting with the new highways steward took place to discuss the updated HIP.  
Various items were debated and the Chairman will send pictures of the problem of parking by the triangle in Kingsdown, where it has been suggested that yellow lines are placed.

**ACTIONS:**

**Various actions required by clerk and Councillors as required**

**066/23 Standing Orders.**

After an exchange of emails regarding queries between the Chairman and the Clerk, it was noted that although the draft document was slightly different to the one on the website, it was the layout not the content that was affected. The Chairman proposed they be adopted and seconded by Cllr Dougill; these were **unanimously adopted.**

**ACTIONS:**

**Clerk to arrange clean copy and send to assistant**

**Assistant to place on website**

**067/24 Open session for members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda.**

- A couple of new residents moved in to the village and live opposite the bus stop, both were rather concerned regarding traffic speeds, they have witnessed an elderly person with a Zimmer having trouble getting across the road and in some areas the pavement is very narrow. It was noted by one of the new residents that it appears the police are the worst offenders, even when not having blue lights on.
- A suggestion regarding speed watch, which had been used in the village was made.
- Ripple Court has recently been given permission to be a wedding venue, this may increase traffic on the A258 being a direct route, which does not appear to be taken into account.
- The Clerk was asked if a letter may be of help by highlighting this to the owners of the company.

**ACTIONS; Clerk to write letter to wedding venue**

**068/25 Verbal Reports by District and County Councillors**

1. Cllr S Manion gave a short verbal report.
  - He congratulated the councillors for their previous years' work and welcomed the 'new' ones that have stood and wished everyone success.
  - Underage vaping – the KCC has an active programme taking place to prevent children being able to purchase these.
  - MMR Vaccine – a concern has been raised due to the increase in these illnesses in children.
  - The No use empty scheme – where empty properties back into use, has produced a large number of properties in the area ready for living in.

2. Cllr Martin Bates

- He has a new Cllr position, now the shadow portfolio parking and transport and corporate and on the Dover transport board
- Although no longer on the Committee planning, he will still champion the village.

3. Cllr O Richardson.

- The DDC tenants housing survey is still open.
- There is a consultation by KCC on closing or reducing the times the household waste sites are open; he urged everyone to reply to this. DDC is opposing this move.  
Local issues.
- 15 North Road, there are still ongoing issues.
- 1 North Road – the door application had not been sent to the PC as it was considered a non-material change.

**069/26 Finance**

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

Name	Reason	Amount
Croner HR	Invoice C000692918	£197.88
Plusnet	Invoice 0005342616	£40.13
HSBC	Bank Charges	£8.00
Castle Water	Bill No. 8152705	£2.44
Various	Staff pay & Costs	£1,998.50
N Fish	Reimbursement Land registry charges	£12.00
N Fish	Tesco: refreshments for meeting	£59.91
Harmer & sons	Invoice 21351 Invoice 21500	£501.00 £501.00
S Wilson	Reimbursement Gate and allotment	£1932.32
DDC*	Dog bin annual fee for emptying	£140.00

\* It was noted that there is no need to put dog waste in to a separate bin as it is considered non-hazardous. In addition, this is for 2 bins for the year, not 3 as stated in the invoice.

b) To note the Phone provider will not be continuing service

This was noted

c) To consider the 2 quotes to move.

To be deferred as they have not arrived.

**ACTION: Clerk to make the payments as listed**

**To chase for the quotes**

## 070/23 Planning

### a) To note decisions made by the District Council

23/00407	Herring Hanger 140 Wellington Parade Kingsdown	Erection of single storey rear extension, bay window and balconies to first floor together with alterations to fenestration (conservatory, bay window demolished) 19-May-2023 GTD
23/00413	Land To the North East of Balmoral Road	Sycamore (T1) - crown raise to 6 metres; Ash (T2) - pollard single lower lateral limb overhanging parking area to first pollard point, both the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 12 of 2012 15-May-2023 GADV

### b) To consider and agree comments for the following

Application number	Address	Proposal
23/00636	The Court Yard Upper Street Kingsdown	Erection of a car port. The Council had no objection
23/00699	Forelands, Queensdown Road	Erection of single storey rear extension The Council had no objection
23/00700	Helford, Hillcrest Road, Kingsdown	Replacement single storey front extension and alterations
23/00657	51 Balmoral Road Kingsdown	Retrospective application for a fence. (There is a picture on the DDC website but I am unable to access.)
23/00574	Walmer Court Farm. 466 Dover Road, Walmer	Change of use of land as secure dog field <i><u>After a detailed debate, Cllr Dougill proposed to object. Seconded by K Lewis, voting was unanimous.</u></i>
23/00583	Walmer Court Farm, 466 Dover Road, Walmer	Display of a non-illuminated pole mounted sign <i><u>After a detailed debate, Cllr Dougill proposed to object. Seconded by K Lewis, voting was unanimous.</u></i>
Local Plan	Regulations 19, 20 & 35	To make any comments if required. Cllrs this was forwarded to you by email.

**ACTIONS: Clerk to send comments to DDC**

### DDC Annual Plan.

Comments must be in by 6<sup>th</sup> July. It was **agreed** to defer this item, until a later meeting.

**ACTIONS: All Councillors to send any comments to the Clerk within 3 weeks**

### **071/23 Correspondence**

- a) Letter looking for someone – A gentleman was looking to track down a Mr Jaffrenou; none of the current Cllrs know this person, but it was noted he had been the Chairman of the PC some years ago in 1974.
- b) emails re access to Bluebell woods.

Some members of the public feel this should be the main access to the woods.

- This access is privately owned and as such the owner MAY allow access and was happy to do this initially, but did put up signs not to feed the horses & ponies. These were taken down by members of the public who had no right to do this. Horses should NOT be fed by passers-by.

However, since purchasing the farm many incidents have taken place:

- Gates on his land being left open, dogs allowed to run off their leads, some of his animals have been chased, even bags of mints were thrown over the fences into the field, which if they had been eaten could have caused untold harm or death to the horses which he rescues.
- In addition, the National Trust have asked the land owner for the private land to be gated, this will prevent cars being taken to the woods In recent weeks the landowner has reported anti-social behaviour.
- There is a valid and legal access to the woods and members of the public are urged to use it, and this access is via Victoria Road,

**ACTIONS: Clerk to reply as required**

### **072/23 Matters of General Interest**

- Many of the grassed areas were not cut due to No Mow May, however this did prove a problem at junctions, therefore, areas next year will be considered so that traffic and sight lines are not obstructed.
- From Queens Rise along the road there is a dog poo. Residents are asked to pick up after their dogs. The broken bin by the entrance to the playing field is listed to be replaced.
- The agreement with the Croner HR will come to an end on the 31<sup>st</sup> December. The item will be further debated under the confidential session.

### **073/23 To exclude the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and Section 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, due to the sensitivity of the items to be discussed**

Although no public remained at the meeting and the district and county Councillors had left, this was **agreed**.

### **074/23 To note the date of the next meeting, and close the public section of the meeting.**

The next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> July, there was no further public meeting business, closed at 8.30pm

### **075/23a Update on the Zetland Arms Inn**

- This had been brought back to the Council due to having discovered there appeared to be three different Lease, none of which had all parties signature on. There also appeared be some confusion over the lease fee within the document.
- A report was read out and this was noted; after which a debate took place. it was agreed by consensus that Cllr Squires would look at the documents to ascertain the situation.
- Cllr Dougill offered to do some further investigation. This was seconded and was fully **supported by the Council.**
- It was further **agreed** that Cllr Squires would review the documents and report back at a subsequent meeting.

**ACTIONS: Cllr Squires to look at documents handed to him, and report back at a later meeting**

**Cllr Dougill to investigate further and report back at a later meeting**

### **075/23b Croner HR.**

The contract will come to an end on the 31<sup>st</sup> December – the question on whether the PC have an alternative was asked. A short conversation finally agreed that the Clerk will investigate whether there is an alternative to Croner HR who, while they had been very helpful was a little expensive; The Clerk was asked to investigate further and return at a later Meeting.

**ACTIONS: Clerk to investigate alternative HR companies and report back at a later meeting**

### **075/23 Close of meeting**

With no further business the meeting closed at 21.19pm