

# RINGWOULD WITH KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

## Report from the Clerk

083/22 Clerks Report and Updates

### Public Rights of Way, other paths and pavements

These are an ongoing issue with various requests for work to be done. The work has to be agreed by others for example the PROW office, Kent County and the District Councils: this means that there are sometimes delays. The Council asks that you remain patient

### Freedown Wood.

With the really hot weather we are having, be careful when visiting any of the open spaces in the parish, especially the wood, these may look green but fire can still spread very quickly.

It has been reported and noted by the amount of debris left that people are camping in the wood. We have had discussions with the PROW and have agreed the design of some gates and their positions; these gates will allow horses and walkers access, will ensure that the farmer who needs access to the land locked field he owns to open for his large farm vehicles as well.

It was agreed at the June meeting that the Council will obtain a survey of the trees and the area in general, some of the wood has a designation of a SSSI which means it has rare chalk land that needs protecting so the council would ask people who use the woodland for walking their dogs or just for their own exercise to keep to the legal paths. **(Decision on type of gate/s and cost to be considered at July meeting)**

### Allotments

Long term work continues, but this can be costly, so may take longer to complete than previously thought. The council is looking at a couple of quotes for fencing along the boundary that is adjacent to The Drove, this could be a problem and it has been reported that walkers climb up the bank into the allotments. There is also a small gate going to be placed at the entrance so that visitors know the path is not for public use. **(decision on costs etc to be considered and agreed at the July meeting)**

### Jubilee Celebrations

These went well, the tea and children's races on the village green in Ringwould on the Saturday and the tea and chat in Kingsdown village hall on the Sunday were both very well attended, also both signs were well received. The erection of the signs is now down to getting permission from the planning department and then arranging for a large crane to lift the post with the signs on.

### Communication with the Parish Council

Each Councillor has a Parish Council email and these are listed on the website; if you wish to contact the council it should be via the Clerk, however Councillors are more than happy to receive emails, but please be aware that they may not be able to give you a definitive answer as there may need to be an agreement during a council meeting.

As the Clerk I am in the office from 10.30 to 3.30 on a Monday, unless I am on holiday or away for another reason and a notice will be placed on the window of the hall in the office area.

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With regards to the security of personal data, it is considered best practice that each councillor has any documents stored on a laptop/tablet that is only used for council communication and documents – NOT on any equipment that is shared with others in the household or used for personal data of their own. Therefore, the Council is looking to purchase this equipment; this will be discussed at the July meeting. **(To consider and agree how this should be carried out, and possible costs.)**