



THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL IS TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 AT 10AM. IT WAS HELD IN RINGWOULD PARISH OFFICE.

**047/24 To record those present and accept any apologies.**

Councillors present Sharon Hogben, Martha Meyerowitz, Sarah Wilson, Mariya Deschamps. Apologies received from Matt Stickels. No members of the public attended.

**048/24 To Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI) or any Voluntary Interests.**

Cllr Wilson declared an interest in agenda items 050/24, 054/24, 056/04. Cllr Meyerowitz declared an OSI on agenda item 056/04.

**049/24 Open session for members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda.**

*(This item will last for a maximum of 15 minutes, unless the chairman extends the time allowed.)*  
No members of the public in attendance.

**050/24 Finance**

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

Cllr Wilson abstained from discussion and voting. These were agreed:

To	Reason	Gross amount
B & F Ground maintenance	Removal of 5 large ash trees blocking footpath	525.00
B & F Ground maintenance	Removal of wind blown ash tree Ringwould rec	1100.00
HSBC	Bank Charges	10.00
Castle Water	Water bill allotments	8.92
KALC	Training	19.20
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DDBKA	Donation Asian Hornet prevention	50.00
BT	February bill	54.53

- b) Bank mandate change. Clerk to be added to the mandate as a primary user. It was proposed by Cllr Hogben, seconded by Cllr Deschamps and all members voted in favour. Cllr Wilson to contact Bank.
- c) To agree Clerk to attend Rialtas Alpha Accounting training, £250+ VAT was proposed by Cllr Hogben, seconded by Cllr Meyerowitz and all members voted in favour.

**051/24 To agree on final grant wording for Parish Council Winter Support Grant from KCC-**

Cllr Meyerowitz gave a verbal update on the Winter Support Scheme. She had written the grant application in full and approached Deal Area Foodbank to ask if they could accept any award made. She had also sought advice from KALC on the technical details of the grant and



its administration by the Parish Council. It was evident that an updated, well considered grant policy was needed if the Parish Council were to confidently discharge its responsibilities. Cllr Meyerowitz felt it wasn't practicable to do this in the time available, particularly as the clerk was only recently in post. She proposed the grant be set aside. Cllr Hogben agreed and all voted in favour.

**052/24 To agree level of donation to be made for the hire of St Nicholas Church.** Cllr Meyerowitz had booked St Nicholas Church for a Neighbourhood Plan meeting and asked that the donation level be agreed for this and future meetings. The council may more frequently hire St Nicholas Church as Ringwould Village Hall is often booked out in the evenings. Cllr Meyerowitz noted that the Church ensures the space is well heated, support set up and make their audio equipment available. She proposed that we should offer the same amount as we pay RVH, ie £12 per hour. This was seconded by Cllr Hogben and all members voted in favour. Cllr Meyerowitz to follow up with St Nicholas Church.

**053/24 To agree to ask for input from KALC on legal advice received in respect of boundary issues on No Name Road.** Cllr Meyerowitz sought legal advice in December 2023, to address a long running matter in respect of boundary issues on No Name Road. She has received the solicitor's report and proposed that KALC be asked to review this, to allow the Parish Council to consider the matter properly. It was seconded by Cllr Deschamps and all members voted in favour.

**054/24 Surveying of Trees in Parish.**

- a) To agree a schedule for the emergency works in the butts adjacent to Kingsdown School. Problem was identified 2 Months ago- 2 dead trees with branches overhanging School. Clerk to contact Julian Harrison to go in on 2<sup>nd</sup> March when the school is closed or after school hours to do the job. Clerk to follow up.

**055/24 Allotment.** Water issues- Parish Council as the landlords of the allotment must supply clean potable water to allotments as according to Water regulations. Cllr Hogben had contacted tree local plumbers to give us a quote. To go on March meeting agenda.

**056/24 Correspondence. To consider status of land use on parish land in Ringwould and Kingsdown** – Local resident has queried that way in which some Parish land is being used. As councillors had declared interests, the clerk was to see whether they could use their powers to appoint a solicitor to look into this. Clerk to respond to resident.

**057/24 Matters of General Interest**

(For councillors to highlight issues that do not require a decision or for items on the next agenda.) Highways Improvement Plan. This item was deferred.

Meeting closed at 11:30am  
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Parish Clerk