



MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL 2nd SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7PM.

176/24 To record those present and accept any apologies.

Present were Cllr Hogben (Chair) Cllr Wilson, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Selwyn, Cllr Hermer; KCC member Steve Manion, DDC member Martin Bates, twelve members of the public and Parish Clerk.

Cllr Deschamps had resigned prior to the meeting. The Chair thanked Cllr Deschamps for her work as a Councillor.

177/24 To Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI) or any Voluntary Interests. Cllr Wilson declared an interest in item 194/24. Cllr Selwyn declared an interest in item 191/24.

178/24 To approve the following minutes:

- a. Ordinary Meeting 8th July 2024
 - b. Finance and General Purposes meeting 1st August 2024
- Both minutes were agreed without objections.

179/24 Open session for members of the public to ask questions on items on the agenda.

(Visitors are welcome to speak on any item on the agenda for up to 3 minutes. This item will last for a maximum of 15 minutes, unless the Chair extends the time allowed.)

- i) A member of the public had registered to speak to express his views on the recent arrival of the “no parking. Allotment holders only” signs on the Droveaway off the A258 in Ringwould outside the entrance to the Allotments. He pointed out that they have lived on the Droveaway for 15 years and have always parked on the lane adjacent to their property. Cllr Hogben explained that the signs were installed to allow the allotment holders to park and take their tools and equipment to their plots. Many of them are elderly people and find it dangerous to carry all their belongings across the busy main road. The Handyman doing the works also needs to have access and park his van and trailer. The resident wanted to know how the Parish Council will monitor the situation and what legislation the council is using. The resident was also concerned that vans have been seen to park opposite the area and could block the access onto the A258. The Parish Council agreed to look into changing the wording of the signs and report back next meeting and also look into measures to stop vehicles parking opposite.
- ii) A member of the public queried about the No Name Road parking issues that been reported by the residents, Parish Clerk explained that Parish Council had received several emails about badly parked vehicles which block residents driveways. Cllr Hermer explained that Parish Council will focus more on No Name Road issues in coming months.
- iii) A member of the public reported fly tipping on Kingsdown beach near the bins. Clerk to report and put the sign up.
- iv) A member of the public raised concerns about the speeding issues in Kingsdown, This was covered later under the agenda item 183/24

180/24 Verbal Reports by District and County Councillors

KCC member Steve Manion reported on the following:

- a) Operation Brock has been lifted.
- b) Issues with the off-road parking.



- c) Flu vaccination is now available.
- d) KCC targeting waste crime together with HMRC and Environment Agency.
- e) Country Eye- app for rural Kent residents where people can report fly tipping and other incidents using the phone camera and location settings.

DDC Member Martin Bates reported on the following:

- i) **DOVER BEACON PROJECT** The application for a four-storey building, known as The Bench, for uses including education, business start-up space, studio gallery/creative space and a café was given the go ahead, with conditions, by DDC's Planning Committee at a meeting last month. Building work is set to start this September and to finish in spring 2026, when the building is set to be handed to tenant businesses/organisations for fitting out works.
- ii) **RURAL ENGLAND PROSPERITY FUND** DDC have been allocated £400,000 from the Rural England Prosperity Fund to support rural businesses and communities as follows: March 2023 to April 2024: £100,000 April 2024 to March 2025: £300,000 Full details are available on the Government's REPF Prospectus. The fund has been used to introduce a grant scheme for capital projects for: Rural businesses: Grants to develop new products and facilities that will be of wider benefit to the local economy. This includes farm businesses looking to diversify income streams. Rural community organisations and Parish Councils: Grants to support new and improved community infrastructure, providing essential community services and assets for local people and businesses to benefit the local economy. 3 organisations within the district have received funding for 2023/24 and 13 for 2024/25.
- iii) **SECTION 73 APPLICATIONS** Just to let you know we recently discovered that, under the DDC Constitution, Section 73 Planning Applications which are those that are either retrospective or requesting a variation of conditions are not automatically heard at Planning Committee if they receive 6 or more contrary views and a Councillor cannot "call them in". We proposed at Governance Committee and full council that the Constitution be amended to include them but were voted down.
- iv) **CHANGES TO PLANNING REGULATIONS** You have all probably read reports that the new government is proposing changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Housing supply targets will be reintroduced, and most local authorities will be required to substantially increase their current benchmarks. However, given that we are soon to adopt our new Local Plan, Planning Services are confident they should be able to stick to their current target of 611 new homes per annum for the first five years at least. The revised NPPF is currently out for consultation, and you have until 24 th September to submit your representations. The link to the government's proposals is as follows: Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- v) **TIDES LEISURE CENTRE** At a meeting in July, Dover District Council's Cabinet gave the go ahead to progress plans for a £19m project for new facilities at the Tides Leisure Centre site, with further consideration to be given to a six lane pool and ways to develop leisure uses for the pool. Cabinet agreed for a Project Advisory Group (PAG) to investigate these issues in detail. **DOVER JOBS FARE** The Dover Jobs and Volunteering Fair will take place at Cruise Terminal 2 in the Port of Dover on Wednesday, 11 September from 10am to 2.30pm. Over 50 employers and volunteer



groups are expected to exhibit, with a whole range of local jobs and volunteering opportunities available. It is anticipated there could be over 500 jobs on offer, and job seekers could even leave with a job offer* on the spot with some employers offering interviews on the day. The event is free to attend and a free shuttle bus will run throughout the event from Dover town centre to the cruise terminal. The first bus will leave Dover Priory at 9.35am, and the last bus from the cruise terminal will leave at 2.30pm, with buses every half hour from four collection points thereafter, (see below):
Dover Cruise Terminal 2

- vi) Both North road planning applications have been granted planning permission.

181//24 Finance

- a. To agree payments to be made and ratify those that are completed.

To	Reason	Gross amount	How paid	Vat
Castle water	Allotment water bill	15.84	DD	0.00
Croner	HR services	123.78	DD	19.66
A.Nigol	August wages	1033.94	Bacs	0.00
Wellers Law Group	Legal Advice	600.00	Bacs	100.00
Harrisons	Allotment maintenance	674.00	Bacs	0.00
Harmer and Sons	July ground maintenance	528.00	Bacs	88.88
BT	Broadband	43.33	DD	7.22
Ringwould Village Hall	Hall hire	220.00	DD	0.00
J Boot	Development of NP July-August	843.75	Bacs	0.00
RK Graphics	Allotment signs	90.00	Bacs	0.00



Income August 2024

Field Rent $14.5 * 4 = 58.00$
HMRC VAT return 3,655.42
Groundwork UK Grant 10,000
Total: 13,713.42

- b. To note reconciliation for April, May, June, July, August. This item was deferred.
- c. Insurance Renewal. To discuss and agree on quotes for Insurance cover.
The insurance quotes were circulated by the clerk prior to the meeting. Currently we are insured with Hiscox. The premium offered is 1510.55 per annum Clerk had also contacted Zurich Insurance who also specialises on local parishes and they have quoted £1036.53 per annum (3 year long term agreement). The parish Council reviewed both policies and agreed to go with Zurich Insurance as the lowest option. It was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Vickers and all members voted in favour. Clerk to action on renewal.
- d. To discuss and agree on purchasing the security camera and an extra sign for the allotments. Deferred.

182/24 Planning

- a) Noted:
 - i) 24/00619 St Mary Abbot Dover Road Ringwould Deal CT14 8HG Crown reduction by a maximum of 2 metres in height and 3 metres laterally of one Cherry the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 12 of 2005 Grant advertisement consent.
 - ii) 22/01703/A Twin Pines Kingsdown Hill Kingsdown Deal CT14 8EA Non-material amendment to planning permission 22/01703 (Erection of a two-storey side extension incorporating balcony with railings to front, dormer roof extension to rear, insertion of 4no. rooflights, garage conversion to residential accommodation and render to exterior walls) to allow an additional roof lights and removal of balcony/railings to the front elevations, fenestration changes and changes to cladding and roof tiles. - Approve Non-material Amendment.
- b) To note the applications as listed, consider, and agree any comments to be sent to the District Council.
 - i) 24/00862 The Gunnery, Undercliffe Road, Kingsdown, Deal
Re-pollard to previous pruning points at approximately 3.5 metres in height of four Holm Oaks T1, T2, T3 and T4; reduce to approximately 6 metres in height of one Holm Oak (T5); cut back to give 2 metres clearance from overhead utility cables of one Sycamore (T6), all the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 16 of 2006. No objections.
 - ii) 24/00678 Club House Walmer And Kingsdown Golf Club, The Leas, Kingsdown, CT14 8EP.
Creation of 50 parking spaces. No objections.



- iii) 24/00691 Field Cottage, The Rise, Kingsdown, Deal. Conversion of garage to annexe accommodation and home office, insertion of rooflight, window and new door to front. No objections.
- iv) 24/00112 - Woodlands, The Avenue, Kingsdown. Change of use from residential to children's home and erection of side. Object. Cllr Hermer to apply for the right to speak at the DDC planning committee meeting.

183/24 Highways Improvement Plan

- i) Speeding issues in Kingsdown and Ringwould. Many of the residents have reported about speeding issues both in Kingsdown and Ringwould. Cllr Hogben and Parish Clerk had a meeting with Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) team to discuss these issues and how we can move forward once the new priorities are in place. Clerk to submit the form to Kent Highways for them to come up with an action plan. Members of the public were asked what they thought the priorities should be.
- ii) To discuss and agree on priorities. The Parish Council agreed on three main priorities:
 - a) Kingsdown more 20mph repeater signs and pedestrians on the road are needed.
 - b) Ringwould A258 Speed indicator devices (SIDS) or vehicle activated signs are needed.
 - c) Issues caused by the lorries entering Kingsdown.
Clerk to follow up with Highways Improvements team.

184/24 Management of Trees & Woodland

- a) Update on Arboricultural Consultants. To discuss and agree on quotes and action plan. Deferred.

185/24 Concrete bus shelters. To discuss and agree on quotes and action plan. Deferred

186/24 Allotments.

- a) Update from Cllr Wilson. Some extra works been carried out by the handyman to clear some of the allotments so they can be rented out. At the moment there are 4 people on the waiting list.
- b) Allotment access and drove way. Lots of positive feedback from the allotment holders that they can now park and bring their lawn mowers and equipment. Parish Council to look into possibility to create parking places in the Butts area.
- c) Purchase of a camera - thefts from allotments. Deferred. To go on October meeting agenda.

187/24 Playing Fields. Update on inspections and remedial actions. Cllr Edwards agreed to carry out first inspection in October and report it back. Harmer & Sons promised to cut back the overgrown hedges.

188/24 Neighbourhood Development Plan - update from Cllr Hogben. Jim Boot has been working on the survey which will be given to every house hold in the parish focusing on transport, heritage and environment,



community and infrastructure and housing. Steering group has been reviewing the survey and feeding back to Jim Boot and correcting it. Flyers are going out to give the instructions to the local residents. The survey can be done online, but there will be some hard copies available at the local shop in Kingsdown and Ringwould Church.

189/24 Beach Wardens on Kingsdown Beach – update from Cllr Hermer. This item was deferred.

190/24 Kingsdown Beach Huts- DDC proposal. Cllr Hermer is meeting DDC representatives on 11th September and will share some feedback after the meeting.

191/24 Correspondence

- a) Email from residents regarding the parking issues on No Name Road. This was covered earlier under the item 183/24
- b) Email from a local resident regarding the speeding issues in Kingsdown. This was covered earlier under the item 183/24
- c) Email from local resident regarding more pedestrian in road signs are needed as well as 20 mph repeater signs. This was covered earlier under the item 183/24
- d) Thank you email from St James's Road Association. This was noted.

192/24 Matters of General Interest

(For councillors to highlight issues that do not require a decision or for items on the next agenda.)

Cllr Edwards suggested to put some Neighbourhood Plan Survey flyers in local pubs.

193/24 To agree date of next meeting

194/24 Confidential Matters – 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.

Meeting closed at 21:50

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Parish Clerk