



MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 7PM.

**204/24 To record those present and accept any apologies.**

Present were Cllr Hogben (Chair) Cllr Selwyn, Cllr Hermer; KCC member Steve Manion, DDC member Oliver Richardson, 7 members of the public and Parish Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr Wilson.

**205/24 To Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI) or any Voluntary Interests.** Cllr Hermer declared an interest in item **218/24**

**206/24 To approve the following minutes:**

- a. Ordinary Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
  - b. Finance and General Purposes meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- Both minutes were agreed without objections.

**207/24 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.)

- a. A local resident had registered to speak and to express his ongoing views on the recent installation of the “no parking. Allotment holders only” signs on the Droveway off the A258 in Ringwould outside the entrance to the Allotments. Prior to the meeting he had handed in a letter of his life achievements and his history. Two pieces of paper were also handed in with the images of cars parking in the Droveway with the comments: Car totally illegally parked, access to Droveway blocked, sight line blocked, pavement blocked. Second image with a comment: School child being forced to step into the road to avoid parked allotment car. He informed the councillors that he had advised his solicitor and they will be contacting the Parish Council. The Parish Council confirmed the receipt of the legal letter by email and will seek legal advice to respond to his solicitors.
- b. A resident of No Name Road wanted to speak about No Name Road. She had an impression that Cllr Hermer had said that the No Name road will be sold by Christmas. Cllr Hermer confirmed that this is not what he said. He had said the Parish Council will try to come to a decision on the action plan and several options by Christmas. She had said that she prefers the status quo and Cllr Hermer had said this is not an option. Cllr Hermer said this is untruth and asked this to be minuted. Cllr Hermer explained that Parish Council is working on addressing the No Name Road issues in the coming months and trying to resolve them. Another local resident queried about the Parish Councils plan to install the signs for No Name Road. Cllr Hogben explained that the no access signs will advise people that there is no through road to Wellington parade. The resident argued that the signs are not needed.

**208/24 Verbal Reports by District and County Councillors**

KCC member Steve Manion reported on the following:

- a. EU entry system delayed
- b. Flu and covid jabs available
- c. New Tree project

A member of the public queried about the cycle route to Gaston. Cllr Manion promised to check this information.



DDC member Oliver Richardson reported on the following:

### **ROMAN PAINTED HOUSE**

The Roman Painted House reopened its doors as part of Dover's Heritage Open Days weekend on 14th September. The attraction will be open to the public, free of charge, every Saturday until the end of November 2024. It will then be open from February half term holiday 2025 to the end of November 2025 in line with other heritage-based attractions. Guided educational visits and group tours will be available to book at a small charge.

### **DROP IN EVENTS FOR DEAL LEISURE CENTRE**

Dover District Council (DDC) is hosting a series of engagement events to share progress on the next stage of development for a new Deal Leisure Centre.

Engagement events will be held across Deal Town and at Dover District Leisure Centre between 23 September and 20 October 2024.

Information boards will be exhibited at Tides Leisure Centre throughout the engagement period and are also available to view online. A short online survey can be completed at the drop-in events or on the DDC [website](#).

### **LOCAL PLAN**

Planning Services have now received the Inspectors' Final Report. The report confirms that the Local Plan has been found legally compliant and sound (subject to main modifications). We have forwarded you the slides from a presentation we received from Planning Services on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The full report can be found via the DDC website on this link: [Dover District Local Plan](#)

### **SOUTHERN WATER COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANT**

Community centres across Kent, as well as our other regions, can apply for funding from Southern Water to help keep people warm this winter. They are offering 30 grants, worth £1,000 each, to support hubs providing vital services, with the cost of energy bills and essential running costs. Now in its third year, the grants programme has already awarded funding to more than 40 community venues including social pantries, homeless drop-in spaces and arts centres, which provide hubs for events, support groups, classes, winter warmer spaces and befriender clubs.

Online applications are now open, and close at 5pm on 31 October 2024. Full details can be found here: [Community Centre Grant - Southern Water](#)

### **DEFIBRILLATOR FUND**

This was a message we received from London Hearts and reads as follows:

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Kimberley Lloyd, and I am the Operations Director at London Hearts, a charity dedicated to the procurement and distribution of life-saving defibrillators across the UK for both public and private sectors.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to ensure that your communities have access to a fully functional defibrillator at all times. London Hearts is proud to be the appointed supplier and managing administrator of a defibrillator fund on behalf of the Department of Health and Social Care. This may well fit well in helping to get life saving defibrillators more readily available across your area.



The Department of Health and Social Care is offering a £500,000 Community Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Fund, aimed at increasing the availability of defibrillators in public places where they are most needed. The fund will provide 1,100 new defibrillators and cabinets. To participate, match funding of £750 is required for a defibrillator with an external locked cabinet, or £660 for a defibrillator with an internal cabinet.

Please note, the fund is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, so early application is encouraged.

- For public access defibrillators, applications can be made at: [www.defibgrant.co.uk](http://www.defibgrant.co.uk)
- For internal defibrillators, applications can be made via : <https://londonhearts.org/apply-for-a-defib/>
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I would be happy to discuss this opportunity further or answer any questions you may have regarding your specific requirements. I look forward to hearing from you.

### **DOVER FAST TRACK**

KCC issued a Press Release confirming that the Dover Fastrack Bus Service will commence on 17 November 2024.

KCC will be took over the site from Colas on 7 October 2024, and shortly intend to open the footways along both, the new Red Kite Road, linking between Honeywood Parkway (Tesco's Rbt) to Richmond Park, and Farmstead Way, linking between Honeywood Parkway (B&Q Rbt) and Dover Road to pedestrians and cyclists. The roads however will remain closed and barriered off until the bus service becomes operational. There are still some outstanding works that will be completed during the period ahead of the service becoming operational, and the remaining landscape planting is expected to take place in early 2025.

Please see link to press release below FYI:

[Dover Fastrack to launch in November - News & Features - Kent County Council](#)

### **SAFE SPACES**

Young people and adults feeling unsafe or vulnerable can now seek refuge in 'safe spaces' in the district. Participating organisations, including shops, a library and community hub, have displayed a Safe Space sticker in their window and will provide a welcoming, safe environment for those who need it. This may be someone who feels scared, unwell, lost or unsafe, or has been a victim of crime when walking to or from school, for example.

The countywide scheme is being led by the Kent and Medway Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and Dover District Council (DDC) is rolling it out locally. So far, several organisations have signed up to the scheme, including the Co-op stores in Deal, Sandwich and Aylesham, the Beehive in Dover, Deal Library and Linwood Family Hub in Deal. DDC is encouraging other premises to get on board and become part of the district's Safe Spaces network.

### **EUROPEAN ENTRY SYSTEM (EES)**

A press release was published on 11<sup>th</sup> October to announce that the new passport system to be introduced on the French border controls at the Port of Dover will no longer be introduced on 10<sup>th</sup> November because the new IT system is not yet ready to go live. A new date for introduction will be announced somewhen.

### **LOCAL ISSUES**

Minutes 14.10.24



**1). Woodlands, The Avenue – DOV/24/00112**

The application for change of use came before the Planning Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**2). Beach Huts**

We met with Jez Hermer and members of DDC Property Services by the Zetland Arms on 11<sup>th</sup> September for a introductory meeting. We were advised that Kingsdown beach huts were part of a review of all sites throughout Dover District. Once the review is complete there will be a public consultation and it was agreed that we would be invited for a further meeting once they have a proposal to put to us.

**209//24 Finance**

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

To	Reason	Gross amount	How paid	Vat
Croner	HR services	123.78	DD	19.66
Harrisons	Allotment maintenance	962.36	Bacs	0.00
Harmer and Sons	September invoice	528.00	Bacs	88.88
BT	Broadband	43.69	DD	7.28
Busi print	NP Flyers	79.50	Bacs	0.00

**Income September 2024**

Field Rent = 79.50  
 Allotments =415.50  
 Total: 495.00

- b. To note reconciliation for April, May, June, July, August, September. This was noted.
- c. External Auditors report and certificate 2023-2024. This was noted.
- d. To discuss and agree on purchasing the security camera and an extra sign for the allotments. This item was deferred
- e. To discuss and agree on purchasing the litter picking equipment. The Parish Council agreed not purchase the litter picking equipment and borrow the equipment from DDC. Clerk to contact DDC.



- f. To review and decide on purchasing the No Name Road signs. This item was deferred.
- g. To review and decide on purchasing No Fly tipping sign for Kingsdown beach. This item was deferred.

### **210/24 Planning**

- a) Noted:
  - i) TR/24/00003 Ringwould House Church Lane Ringwould Deal CT14 8FD Felling a dead Beech tree the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 3 of 1984. Grant advertisement consent.
  - ii) 24/00777 38 Kings Close Kingsdown Deal CT14 8BA. Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extensions. Planning permission granted.
  - iii) 24/00548 2 Manor Mews Ringwould Kent CT14 8HT Installation of solar panels to rear elevation roof - Grant Listed Building Consent
  - iv) 24/00547 2 Manor Mews Ringwould CT14 8HT Installation of solar panels to rear elevation roof 20-Sep-2024. Planning permission granted.
- b) To note the applications as listed, consider, and agree any comments to be sent to the District Council.
  - i) 24/00902 28 North Road, Kingsdown, CT14 Replace rear window and insertion of 2 Velux roof lights. The Parish Council decided not to comment on this application.

### **211/24 Management of Trees & Woodland**

- a) To discuss and agree on quotes and action plan. This item was deferred as more quotes are needed. To go on next meeting agenda.

**212/24 Concrete bus shelters.** To discuss and agree on the action plan. This item was deferred as more information and quotes are required. Clerk to contact Stagecoach for more information.

**213/24 Allotments.** This item was deferred.

- a) Update from Cllr Wilson.
- b) Allotment access and drove way.

**214/24 Playing Fields.** Update on inspections and remedial actions. The Handyman had started works on both playing fields and it will be reported back in the November meeting.

**215/24 Neighbourhood Development Plan** - update from Cllr Hogben. The NDP survey is still ongoing. The Neighbourhood Plan team had received around 250 completed surveys and start analysing them. They survey runs until 14<sup>th</sup> October and the next steering group meeting will take place 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**216/24 Highways Improvement Plan** – The Highways Improvement plan priorities have now been submitted and the Parish Council is now waiting for the feedback from the Improvements team.

**217/24 Beach Wardens on Kingsdown Beach** – update from Cllr Hermer. There were no further updates on this item.

**218/24 Kingsdown Beach Huts- DDC proposal.**



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**219/24 Correspondence**

- a) Email from a local resident regarding bridle way ER23.  
The Parish Council agreed to investigate this complaint and write back to the resident.
- b) Email from a local resident regarding a possible skate park in Kingsdown park. The Parish Council discussed this request and agreed that it would be good to have a meeting with the local resident and discuss some ideas.
- c) Email regarding the winter grant from Southern Water. Clerk had forwarded this information to the local church and Village Halls.
- d) Email from a local resident regarding the problem with volume of handyman vehicles parking in Kingsdown village. Cllr Hogben explained that the Parish Council does not have the capacity to deal with parking. Cllr Hermer agreed to draw a draft letter that could be sent to the residents.

**220/24 Matters of General Interest**

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

**221/24 To agree date of next meeting- 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 7PM Ringwould Village Hall.**

**222/24 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 20:40

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Parish Clerk