



**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025 AT 7:15PM.**

**084/25 To record those present and accept any apologies.**

Present were Cllr Hogben (Chair), Cllr Wilson, Cllr Selwyn, Cllr Hermer, Cllr Bremner, Cllr Edwards, DDC Councillor Oliver Richardson, Parish Clerk and two members of the public. Apologies received from Cllr Vines.

**085/25 To Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI) or any Voluntary Interests.**

Cllr Wilson declared an interest in item 089 a) (finance)

**086/25 To approve the following minutes:**

- a. Ordinary Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Hogben, seconded by Cllr Edwards and all members voted in favour.

**087/25 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.)

None.

**088/25 Verbal Reports by District and County Councillors**

1. Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) Consultation DDC is reviewing its PSPO covering dog control and anti-social behaviour. Proposed changes include minor location adjustments for dog and alcohol restrictions. The PSPO allows enforcement against alcohol-related ASB, without banning responsible drinking in public spaces. Public consultation closes on 13 May.
2. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Consultation DDC is consulting on its draft LCWIP to improve safety and connectivity for walking and cycling. Feedback is sought on routes across Dover, Deal, Sandwich, and Aylesham. Public engagement events are being held throughout May. The consultation closes on 27 May. The Parish Council of St Margaret's At Cliffe
3. Connaught Park Tennis Courts Two courts at Connaught Park have reopened with an online booking system and are managed by the Deal & Dover Park Tennis CIC. Free weekly community sessions will begin in July. A season ticket (£40 per family) also provides access to Marke Wood courts.
4. Maison Dieu Reopening Following a £10mn renovation, the Maison Dieu reopened to the public on 10 May, with special events over the opening weekend.
5. Community Grants Scheme A new round of DDC's Community Grants Scheme opened on 30 April, offering £50,000 for local projects. Grants range from £100 to £5,000, with applications due by 12 noon on 11 June. A second round will run in winter under the Cost of Living Community Impact Fund.



6. Deal Leisure Centre Update Cabinet is set to consider demolition of the existing leisure centre on 12 May, ahead of the £20m redevelopment project. Interim arrangements are in place to keep dry side facilities open. Full planning application and demolition (costing up to £600k) expected over the summer.

#### 089/25 Finance

- a. To agree payments to be made and ratify those that are completed. To approve the payment schedule for February was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Hermer and all members voted in favour.

To	Reason	Gross amount	How paid	Vat
A Nigol	Clerks wages April	1048.45	BACS	0.00
A Nigol	Clerks expenses April	97.50	BACS	0.00
Groundwork UK	Neighbourhood Plan grant return	2364.85	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Maintenance works	883.00	BACS	0.00
LC Morris	Emergency tree works	450.00	BACS	0.00
Kingsdown Primary School	Hall hire	87.62	BACS	0.00
Croner	HR charges	132.44	DD	21.04
The Conservation Volunteers	Tree donation	100.00	BACS	0.00
HSBC	Bank charges	8.00	DD	0.00
DDC	2 x dog bins per annum	390.00	BACS	0.00

April income:

DDC precept: 62,836

UK Power network: 106.56

Field rent 4x 18 = 72.00

Total: 63,014.56

- b. To note reconciliation for March, April. The reconciliation for March, April were noted.



## **90/25 Planning**

- a) To note decisions made by the District Council:

25/00157 Stones Throw, Boundary Road, Kingsdown, Deal, CT14 8AN

Erection of single storey side extensions and front porch. Planning permission granted. Noted.

- b) To note the applications as listed, consider, and agree any comments to be sent to the District Council.

25/00482 Garibaldi Farmhouse, Dover Road, Ringwould, CT14 8HG

Conversion of outbuilding to annexe with associated alterations. No comment.

25/00469 Fair View, The Rise, Kingsdown, Deal Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 21/00437 (Erection of a two storey rear extension incorporating first floor balcony with glass balustrade) to allow changes to fenestration. No comment.

## **091/25 Management of Trees & Woodland**

- a) Update on emergency tree works.  
Nothing new to report until the autumn.
- b) Oxney Woods- to discuss installing fresh waymarking posts and discs.  
The discs have been ordered and will be installed soon. Newly planted trees have been watered by Cllr Hogben.

## **092/25 Allotments**

- a) Update from Cllr Wilson. A few allotments are overgrown. Cllr Wilson to contact the allotment holders.

## **093/25 Playing Fields**

Cllr Edwards reported that people have left lots of litter over the weekend. A person rough sleeping in the car park. Clerk to report to Police.

## **094/25 S. 106 Allocations**

The Parish Council has to come up with ideas how the funds can be used, such as traffic calming and management, village hall disabled access, playing field. To go on June meeting agenda.

## **095/25 The Land in Kings Close**

The Parish Council decided not to lease Kings Close green as a local green space from DDC. Cllr Hogben to email to DDC and ask if DDC would gift it to PC.

## **096/25 Neighbourhood Plan.**

- a) Local Green Spaces. Cllr Hogben presented the areas that can be nominated as local green spaces. Cllr Hogben to circulate the list of green spaces to be nominated. To go on June meeting agenda.

## **097/25 Dels shop - Plunkett foundation**

The owner of the shop will put the shop on the market. Cllr Selwyn had researched the funding options to support the survival of the village store. The Parish Council decided to reach out to the owner and discuss the options. Cllr Hermer agreed to reach out to the owner to discuss the options.

## **098/25 Correspondence**

These were noted:

- a) Kent Police newsletter  
b) KALC Dover area AGM Minutes



**099/25 Matters of General Interest**

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

None.

**100/25 To discuss APM layout.** APM will take place 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 7pm in Ringwould Village Hall. The Parish Council agreed to spend up to £75.00 on refreshments. This was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Hermer and all members voted in favour.

**101/25 To agree date of next meeting-** APM 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 7pm in Ringwould Village Hall, Monthly meeting 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 7pm in Ringwould Village Hall.

**102/25 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 20:15

A Nigol  
Parish Clerk