



**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL
9TH June 2026 AT 7:00 PM.**

098/26 To record those present and accept any apologies

Present were Cllr Hogben (Chair), Cllr Wilson, Cllr Selwyn, Cllr Bremner, Cllr Hermer, Cllr Meeke, Cllr Hansom, Cllr Caplin, KCC Councillor Porter, 4 members of the public and Parish Clerk. Apologies received from DDC Councillor Bates, DDC Councillor Richardson.

099/26 To Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI) or any Voluntary Interests

Cllr Selwyn declared an interest in item 102/26 e)

Cllr Hansom declared an interest in item 104/26 a)

Cllr Wilson declared an interest in item 106/26 i)

100/26 To approve the following minutes:

- a. AGM 12TH May 2026 The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Wilson and all members voted in favour.
- b. Ordinary Meeting 12TH May 2026 The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Hansom and all members voted in favour.

101/26 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.)

Mr Highton gave an update on the Habitat Management Volunteers plans and shared the new updated volunteers form. First event is taking place on 13 June. All information and risk assessment have been uploaded on the PC website. [Freedown / Lynch Community Habitat Management Event - Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council](#)

102/26 Local Community

- a) Approval of the Parish Habitat Management volunteers group. To approve the Parish habitat management group was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Wilson and all members voted in favour.
- b) Dog bin for the track to St Margarets. Location ///hoops.living.fairway This is still in progress. Cllr Hogben had reached out to the land owner with no success.
- c) Update on PROW/DO/C545. This item was deferred as more details are needed.
- d) Signs in Oldestairs Road Kingsdown regarding idling. Cllr Hogben had reached out to the landowner but had no response yet. Cllr Hermer said that he would try and contact them.
- e) Update on No Name Roads fly tipping. Cllr Hermer had reached out to the local resident who agreed to remove the waste by 10 June in order to the contractor to trim back verges. Most of the waste has been removed but a small amount still remains. Cllr Hermer to monitor and report back.
- f) To discuss DDC public conveniences handover. The Parish Council had received a letter from DDC Assets team asking if the Parish Council would like to take over the management of the public conveniences in 2028. The Parish Council agreed that Kingsdown needs public conveniences, but more time is needed to make a decision and how to operate it. Clerk to reach out to DDC and other local Parishes and Councils to see if the service agreements could be a shared between the Councils. Clerk



to inform DDC that our preferred option is to have a meeting re a future re-negotiation of the current contract.

g) Speeding issues in Kingsdown.

The Parish Clerks had received a number of letters from local residents with wide range of suggestions and they were all passed on to the Parish Councillors.

The speeding issue has been passed to our contact at Highways Improvement Plan Team and was discussed with our KCC Member who was present at the meeting.

The Parish Council had a long discussion and will take the issue up with KCC Highways the Parish Councils main priority in this year's HIP discussions.

Cllr Hansom agreed to visit local businesses and leave leaflets and posters to inform the visitors of 20 mph speed limit.

h) To discuss the layby at the bottom of Queens Rise. There are cars parking at the bottom of the layby on Queens Rise and they are blocking the view for the cars trying to enter A 258.

Cllr Hansom had already emailed to Highways to ask if double yellows could be installed.

103/26 Verbal Reports by District and County Councillors

Cllr Ricahrdson and Cllr Bates had sent their report with following highlights:

LOCAL ISSUES

1. RAYS BOTTOM PLANNING APPLICATION

Cllr Vinson of Walmer Ward has advised me that there have been no further developments this month.

2. RINGWOULD RD PLANNING APPLICATION

We checked with the planning officer on 29th May to ascertain why a decision notice had yet to be published. The delay is because decisions on 106 provisions are still being finalised with the developers.

NEWS FROM DDC

1. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Dover District Council made the decision at its meeting held on 28 January 2026 to hold a Community Governance Review (CGR) based upon the number of councillors allocated to each town and parish council / council ward. The first stage of consultation has been completed and the responses considered by the Electoral Matters Committee, and Council. Draft recommendations have been created from the responses received and the consultation on the recommendations will begin at **9 am on Monday 18 May and run until 5 pm on Friday 7 August 2026.**I have forwarded the original email which contains an attachment for the 'Draft



Recommendations' document for your reference. All information on the Review, including how to respond to this next stage of consultation should you wish to do so, will be available on DDC's Community Governance Review webpage which can be found here: <https://www.dover.gov.uk/Council--Democracy/Elections/Community-Governance-Review-2026.aspx>

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact the Electoral Services Team on elections@dover.gov.uk or call on 01304-872344.

2. LOVE YOUR BEACH CAMPAIGN

A summer drive to continue to help reduce the amount of litter on our local beaches has been launched – with the return of the #LoveYourBeach campaign. The campaign is being run by Dover District Council, in conjunction with Folkestone and Hythe District Council and waste contractor, Veolia. It includes a range of initiatives to raise awareness and help keep beaches clean around the district.



As part of the initiative, the e-bike collection vehicle is returning to Deal and Walmer to help with the emptying of bins along the promenade, allowing crews to access areas larger vehicles may not be able to reach. Additional signage encouraging residents to bin their litter or take it home with them is also being posted around the district.

There are also five new compactor bins in the Deal and Walmer area, funded by Southern Water. There are two bulk bins on Deal Pier from our contractors Veolia, and the summer beach cleaners from Veolia have started daily beach cleans, covering the beach areas between Kingsdown and Deal.

3. COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY CHANGES

As from the Council AGM on 13th May our responsibilities have changed within the Conservative Group. Following a decision by the Group Leader to step down his position has been filled by Cllr Chris Vinson of the Walmer ward and Ollie has returned to his former role as Deputy Group Leader. Martin is now the shadow portfolio holder for Finance, Climate Change and the Environment whilst Ollie has moved into Martin's former position and now has responsibility for Transport, Licensing, Environmental, Digital and IT Services.

Cllr Porter from KCC read her report with highlights on:

Greater Scrutiny of Water Resilience for Kent

KCC Leader Linden Kemkaren has announced plans to create a new strategic

partnership to oversee the strategic resilience of water across the county and oversight

across water supply.

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The move follows a further series of water outages affecting residents and businesses across the county in recent days, reinforcing concerns about the resilience of the local water system and building on recent work by KCC's Scrutiny Committee. A short, focused inquiry into supply failures highlighted the significant impact on communities and identified the need for stronger resilience, co-ordination and accountability across the system.

Kent Water and Resilience Partnership will bring together water companies, local authorities, regulators and key partners to focus on long term planning performance and public visibility on how water challenges are being addressed.

New Folkestone Library and Adult Education Centre

On May 26th KCC officially opened Folkestone's new Library and Community Learning Centre bringing key facilities back to the heart of the town for the first time in 3 years.

Located at 14 Sandgate Rd, visitors can now benefit from everything in one place from borrowing books, attending events, activities, classes, and using public computers and WiFi, to registering life events and exploring local history.

The building also features adult education facilities, supporting residents to gain new skills, build confidence and access employment and training opportunities.

This marks a major moment for Folkestone and for KCC, as the new Town Centre Library in many years.

Kent Travel Saver KTS bus passes

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KCC Councillors voted to increase the KTS bus pass scheme by £35 per annum for all fee-paying customers.

The reason is to ensure the KTS remains sustainable and deliverable.

This scheme has been in operation since 2007 and offers subsidised travel on bus services across the county for students aged 11-16 to support their access to school or work-based learning. There are currently over 23,000 passes issued to eligible scheme users, paying variable amounts due to their status. Full payers pay £580 per year, those on low income pay £135. Application fees paid by families represent a contribution to scheme costs.

Subject to the proposed increase being progressed, the full pass will equate to £3.15 per school day/ £1.57 per journey and a reduced cost £0.87 per school day/ £0.43 per journey.

104/26 Finance

- a. To approve the payment schedule for May was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Wilson and all members voted in favour.

To	Reason	Gross amount	How paid	Vat
A Nigol	Clerks wages May	1075.97	BACS	0.00
A Nigol	May expenses	133.19	BACS	0.00
B Hansom	Land registry	32.00	BACS	0.00
J Harrison	Mowing June invoice 1279	693.75	BACS	0.00
J Harrison	Invoice 1280	1129.22	BACS	0.00



DDC	Dog bins emptying	402.00	BACS	0.00
MFW	Payroll charges	475.20	BACS	0.00
Croner	Monthly HR fee	141.73	DD	22.52

Income in May: Field rent £72.00

- b. To note reconciliation for May. The reconciliation for May was noted.
- c. Give notice to cancel Croner HR contract. The Parish Council agreed to give a six months' notice as agreed in the contract to review the options. This was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Meeke and all voted in favour. Clerk to contact Croner and give the notice.

105/26 Planning

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

CON/25/01031/A Beach Hut Compound Wellington Parade Kingsdown
Discharge of condition 4 (CEMP) pursuant to application 25/01031 Erection
of 6 beach huts and 4 replacement beach huts along
with associated infrastructure. Condition approved.
This was noted.

- b) To note the applications as listed, consider, and agree any comments to be sent to the District Council.
None.
- c) To discuss and review DDC planning complaint response. The Parish Council decided in April to send a complaint against DDC for the way our comments were made too abridged and meaningless in the planning officers report re 25/00112 - Woodhill Farm development. The Parish Council had now received a stage one response. The Parish Council agreed to take it to the stage two. This was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Hansom and all members voted in favour.

106/26 Management of Trees & Woodland

- i) Update on tree quotes and surveyor quote. The Parish Council had received two tree work quotes to carry out the tree works and the ivy to be removed as recommended by the tree surveyor. Tree surveyor to revisit the sites once the ivy has been removed in order to re-inspect the trees.

107/26 Allotments

- i) Update from Cllr Bremner.
 - a) All plots have now been rented out. Cllr Bremner had requested to buy a community shed. To purchase a community shed was proposed by Cllr Hermer seconded by Cllr Meeke and all members voted in favour.



- b) A bench is necessary for some elderly tenants to sit on and also have some community events such as tea and cakes. Cllr Bremner to look for some options and circulate it to the Councillors. Also one already existing bench could be reused.
- c) Water butts are also required for the allotment holders. Cllr Bremner agreed to investigate the options and present it at the next meeting.

108/26 Playing Fields

- i) Update on gate repair in Kingsdown. This item was deferred.
- ii) To discuss new fox proof bin options for Kingsdown playground. Clerk to contact DDC to find out whether more regular bin emptying will help.
- iii) ROSPA playing field inspection is due in July. Inspection booked. Parish Council to agree what actions are required prior to the inspection. A pair of new goal posts and nets are needed at the Ringwoud recreation ground. Clerk to get the quotes and circulate them to the Council.
- iv) Discussion on land adjoining play park – currently used as parking. The Parish Council discussed the concerns about the large plot of land next to the playground car park, "Land adjoining the west side of Highlands" K882735. The Parish Council agreed to write to the land owner to the fact that their vegetation / hedge is encroaching on Parish Councils land and that the Parish Council would like the owner to remove the green mesh fence and deal with it, failing which the Parish Council will have to take down and dispose of the green mesh fence and take the necessary action to cut back the vegetation to the boundary.

109/26 Highways Improvement Plan

- i) Update from Cllr Hansom. This item was mostly covered under the agenda item 106/26/ g) Cllr Hansom thanked all the local resident for their feedback and emails. Cllr Hansom had forwarded the suggestions to the KCC Highways Improvement team and they will be included in this year's priorities. The Parish Council also agreed to print out and distribute leaflets and posters to the local businesses. Social media campaign will be created.
- ii) The 20mph survey in Ringwoud was successful and most of the residents would like to see a 20mph speed limit similar to Kingsdown throughout the village. The information has been passed on to KCC Highways Improvement Team. It was also apparent from discussions with residents that the speed limit on the A258 is serious cause for concern for parents who have children crossing the road to catch school buses. Cllr Hansom to discuss with KCC Highways the possible solutions.

110/26 Correspondence

- i) Emails from local residents regarding speeding issues in Kingsdown. This was covered under the items 102/26 g) and 109/26 i)

111/26 Matters of General Interest

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

112/26 To agree date of next meeting- F&GP meeting 29th June at 11 am in person at the Parish Council Office at Beacon Hill Cottage CT14 0HW or via zoom (please request for the access details from the Clerk). Monthly meeting 14th July at 7pm in Ringwoud Village Hall.

113/26 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 21:15
A Nigol
Parish Clerk