



**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL
14th JULY 2026 AT 7:00 PM.**

119/26 To record those present and accept any apologies

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

120/26 To Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI) or any Voluntary Interests

None.

121/26 To approve the following minutes:

- a. Ordinary Meeting 9TH June 2026. The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Meeke and all members voted in favour.
- b. Finance Meeting 29TH June 2026. The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Cllr Hogben seconded by Cllr Meeke and all members voted in favour.

122/26 Co-opt to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy

The Council have had one nomination and the information was circulated to the Councillors. Rahnne Pinkney to be co-opted. This was proposed by Cllr Hogben, seconded by Cllr Wilson and all voted in favour. Clerk to contact DDC Elections team and Vision Ict to set up an email account for the new councillor. Rahnne Pinkney signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Parish Clerk. The Chair asked Rahnne Pinkney to join the meeting.

123/26 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).

A member of the public wanted to discuss planning application 26/00166 and share their concerns about the application. This was later discussed under the agenda item 127/26 b) Planning.

A member of the public queried about the fly tipping on the verge of No Name Road. Cllr Hogben promised to re-visit this in September as Cllr Hermer who was dealing with it had sent his apologies and not attending July meeting. A member of the public also queried about PROW/DO/C545. Cllr Hogben explained that it will be discussed under the Confidential matters later as there is some sensitive personal information. A member of the public asked why Clerk had not acknowledged all the emails he had sent. Clerk confirmed that had not received any emails from this person recently.

124/26 Local Community

- a) 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.
- b) 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. This item was deferred.
- c) Update on No Name Roads fly tipping. This item was deferred.
- d) To discuss DDC public conveniences handover. The Council reviewed the options received from DDC and decided and would be interested to be included in the procurement of the new contract. Clerk to contact DDC.
- e) Update on 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. Cllr Wilson agreed to print some leaflets and give them to the local residents of Queens Rise.

125/26 Verbal Reports by District and County Councillors

Cllr Richardson from DDC read his report with highlights on:

LOCAL ISSUES:

Planning Application 26/00166 38 Kings Close (Allan Davis & Michelle Norton)

NEWS FROM DDC

DDC WEBSITE – PLANNING

DDC recently launched the new planning and building control sections of the redesigned dover.gov.uk website so you may notice these pages of the site look different.

The new webpages will make it easier for you to carry out tasks online, such as applying for planning permission, searching for and commenting on planning applications, and keeping up to date with planning news across the district.

These are the latest sections of the new website to go live, with council tax, benefits, waste, parking and housing already launched. You can view them here [Planning - Dover District Council](#) and here [Building control - Dover District Council](#).

You can find out more about the project here [New website launch - Dover District Council](#)

You can also have your say by completing the 'How can we improve this page?' section on the new webpages. You'll be able to find it by scrolling to the bottom of the page you're on.

They use this feedback to continue to improve the new site.

PARKS AND GREEN SPACES IN THE DISTRICT NAMED AMONG THE COUNTRY'S BEST



Dover District Council is welcoming news that parks and green spaces in the district have been named among the country's best – with Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens, as well as Samphire Hoe and Fort Burgoyne receiving Green Flag awards.

The Green Flag Award is an international quality mark for parks and green spaces and is testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in caring for the parks.

Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens, which are owned and run by Dover District Council, have met the quality standard every year since completion of the £3.1m Parks for People project in 2021 with the National Lottery Heritage and Community Funds.

This also comes as an exciting new-look play area is about to open in Kearsney Abbey following a range of renovations totalling over £150k.

Green Flag Awards were also awarded to Eurotunnel for Samphire Hoe, and The Land Trust for Fort Burgoyne, both of which are managed by the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership, which is based at DDC.

For more information on the national scheme, please see the [Green Flag Award Scheme](#) website, or for more information on the Kearsney Parks, please see the [Kearsney Parks](#) website.

Cllr Porter from KCC had sent her report with the following highlights:

Dover Christ Church Academy to benefit from expanded specialist support from KCC Investment. Specialist support for pupils with complex needs is set to be expanded and enhanced following £377,000 funding from KCC. It brings facilities such as sensory areas, therapy places, refurbished classrooms, new IT equipment and a work experience café. SEND Local Area Inspection. What to expect and how to have your say. OFSTED and CQC have notified KCC that they are carrying out a SEND Local Area Partnership Inspection here in Kent. They will look at how well education, health and care services work together to support children and young people with SEND from birth to age 25. Inspectors will begin their detailed work with on-site visits at Sessions House from 6th to 10th July. Area SEND Inspections Explained can be found on YouTube or on KCC website. Enabling Community Empowerment KCC invites proposals to take over the running of KCC Windmills KCC is asking interested community groups to come forward with proposals to take over the important features of Kent's Heritage. The 8 windmills in scope are Chillenden Mill, Drapers Mill Margate, Herne Mill, Meopham Mill, Stelling Minnis Mill, Stocks Mill Wittersham, West Kingsdown Mill, and Union Mill in Cranbrook. Email windmills@kent.gov.uk for information on how to submit a bid. Flags across Kent to stay unless they pose a



safety risk KCC Highways will not remove flags from buildings unless the pose a safety risk to road users. Flags that obstruct essential infrastructure will be removed. Residents are urged to put safety first and avoid climbing lamp posts or tall building as this puts them in the risks of serious injury.

126/26 Finance

- a. To approve the payment schedule for July 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 June	1452.85	BACS	0.00
A Nigol	Clerks June expenses	106.51	BACS	0.00
HMRC	Paye/NIC	271.95	BACS	0.00
J Harrison	Mowing	693.75	BACS	0.00
J Harrison	Invoice 1282 shed base	590.00	BACS	0.00
J Harrison	Invoice 1283	853.00	BACS	0.00
VISION ICT	Annual webhosting fee	192.00	BACS	32.00
Croner	Monthly HR fee	141.73	DD	22.52
Ringwould Village Hall	Hall hire	28.00	BACS	28.00
Aruba Traiding Ltd J Hermer Shed	Allotment Shed	529.98	BACS	0.00

Income: FIELD RENT 5x18 =90

ALLOTMENTS 78.35

TOTAL 168.35

- b. To note reconciliation for June. This item was deferred.

127/26 Planning

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



26/00327 Kingsdown Place, Upper Street
Kingsdown, CT14 8EU G1-3 X Holm oaks to reduce by 2m in height and spread T1 - Beech to deadwood and remove crossing branches and any branches showing signs of dysfunction. Grant advertisement Consent. Noted.

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

26/00166 38 Kings Close, Kingsdown, CT14 8BA 38 Kings Close. Erection of 2 dwellings, new vehicular access, driveway, steps and landscaping (existing shed to be demolished) (amended plans for both dwellings)

The parish council Objects to 26/00166 (38, Kings Close, Kingsdown) for the following reasons: Wildlife and biodiversity- the verge which runs the length of Sea Road and which would be used to provide parking for the smaller of the dwellings is an important wildlife corridor between the Butts on Glen Rd and along Sea Rd to ER42, ED46 and Balmoral wood. This proposed development would disrupt that and more worryingly may lead to back yard development along the length of Sea Rd from properties in Kings Close. The importance of this wildlife corridor has been highlighted by KCC Ecological Service. Overdevelopment - in our opinion the larger of the proposals constitutes overdevelopment of the plot. Road safety - the access for the smaller development is onto Sea Rd. During term time Sea Rd is very busy at school drop off and pick up times as many of the schools children are from outside of the village and are driven to school. Sea Rd is used to accommodate these cars. A development here would mean that child safety could be compromised during the building phase of the works and also when lived in as the access would not be safe. Privacy issues - the elevated position of the dwellings means that the privacy of residents opposite the proposed dwellings on Sea Rd could be compromised. Clerk to submit comments to DDC.

- c) To discuss and review DDC planning complaint response stage two. The Council reviewed stage two complaint letter and agreed it to be sent out.

128/26 Management of Trees & Woodland

- a) Freedown - update on tasks completed and future tasks. Two tasks were completed in July.
b) Other tree works – update on works completed so far from tree survey and next steps. Lynch will be cleared on 1st of August. ER14, ER15 and ER23 to be cleared. Cllr Hogben proposed we spend £576 on clearing these overgrown paths, it was seconded by Cllr Meeke and all members voted in favour.

129/26 Allotments

- i) Update from Cllr Bremner. Inspection to take place. Waiting list. Base for the shed is done. Cllr Bremner joined the Allotment society.
ii) To discuss bench options in allotments. Cost for the bench base needed.

130/26 Playing Fields

- i) Update on gate repair in Kingsdown.
The Insurance company has not been in touch and is still with the claims department. If there is no movement the gate needs to be repaired before winter. Clerk to contact supplier and ask if the quote is still valid.

131/26 Highways Improvement Plan

This item was deferred. Cllr Bremner queried if the layby in Ringwould could go in improvement plan. This can be reviewed in the Autumn.

132/26 Neighbourhood Development Plan



Next meeting taking place 24th July.

133/26 Correspondence

DDC Resilience workshop presentation and template were noted.

134/26 Matters of General Interest

Cllr Meeke requested for a new bin in Ringwould play area. Clerk to get the quotes and bring it to the September meeting. The budget of £1700 was proposed by Cllr Meeke for the new goal posts in Ringwould play area, Cllr Bremner seconded and all members voted in favour.

135/26 To agree date of next meeting- Monthly meeting 8th September.

136/26 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.

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Parish Clerk