



**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN RINGWOULD VILLAGE HALL
8TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7:00 PM.**

137/26 To record those present and accept any apologies

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

138/26 To Note any Declarations Pecuniary Interest (DPI), Other Significant Interests (OSI) or any Voluntary Interests

None.

139/26 To approve the following minutes:

- a. Ordinary Meeting 14th July 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.

140/26 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) The Five Bells representative had emailed Clerk requesting about the parking options opposite the pub. This was circulated to the Councillors prior the meeting. Cllr Hogben explained that the area is registered common land and was gifted to the parish. We have looked at this previously and have also been informed that the access onto the A258 would be problematic. For these reasons it would be very unlikely that the Parish Council would sell this land.

141/26 Local Community

- a) Dog bin at bottom of Kingsdown Hill. This item was deferred. Cllr Hogben to meet with the landowner.
- b) Signs in Oldestairs Road Kingsdown regarding idling. No update. To go on October meeting agenda.
- c) Update on No Name Roads fly tipping. This has been cleared and contractor had cleared the overgrown vegetation.
- d) To discuss DDC public conveniences handover. There has been no further update.
- e) Bench refurbishment update. The benches have been refurbished by the contractor.

142/26 Verbal Reports by District and County Councillors

Cllr. Richardson reported on the following:

Local Matters:

- Cllr Ingrid Dodd was elected as your new Ward Councillor following the recent bye-election.
- Mr Will Carr (of Kings Close) reported that Public Footpath that runs from Kings Close to The Rise is very over grown and in need of maintenance. He reported it to KCC (ref: 250686604). I said I would follow it up with Cllr Bridget Porter (KCC). Still waiting to hear a reply.

DDC Matters

- **Free Christmas parking:**

Firstly, three free hours parking on the localised planned Christmas events from 3pm - one event each for Dover, Deal and Sandwich.

Secondly, free parking for the first 2 hours on "Small business Saturday" which will be on 5 December.



- **Dover District Town & Parish Charter**

This was approved by The Cabinet on Monday 7th September

- **Heritage Days**

Residents and visitors are being invited to explore the district's most treasured historic attractions for free from 11 to 20 September - as part of Heritage Open Days - England's largest annual festival of history and culture.

Dover District Council's three heritage venues, the Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall), Dover Museum and Bronze Age Boat Gallery and the Roman Painted House will be taking part, offering free admission alongside a programme of special events, talks, tours and family activities.

Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall) - open weekdays: 9.30am to 3.30pm, and weekends: 10am to 4pm.

Roman Painted House - open for specially extended hours for Heritage Open Days from 11 to 20 September, 10am to 4pm.

Dover Museum and Bronze Age Boat Gallery – open Monday to Saturday: 9.30am to 5pm, and Sundays: 10am to 3pm.

Some talks and tours require advance booking.

[Explore the history on your doorstep for free!](#)

- **Merchant Navy Day**

Merchant Navy Day was held on Thursday 3rd August in Dover.

- **Queen of the Waves Exhibition**

An exhibition marking the 100th anniversary of Gertrude Ederle's historic achievement as the first woman to swim the English Channel opens today - with the swimmer's family attending a special preview event at Dover Museum.

A century after Ederle's remarkable crossing in 1926, this exhibition celebrates her courage, determination and enduring influence on women's sport and the history of open-water swimming.

Known as the "Queen of the Waves" in newspaper reports of the day, and as Trudy or Gertie to family and friends, Ederle remains one of the most celebrated female figures in the history of channel swimming.

The exhibition runs from 6 August to 7 November 2026.

- **Community Grants**

Community groups in the district have been given a summer boost - as a total of £50k has been awarded to 48 different groups as part of Dover District Council's Community Grants Scheme.

Successful applicants to the DDC Community Grants summer funding 2026 are:



1. 1st Deal Walmer Scout Group - £500
2. Cinque Ports Sailing Club CIC - £800
3. 15th Dover Scout Group - £2,500
4. Eastry Bowls Club - £980
5. Eythorne Elvington Friends Association - £2,500
6. Capel-Le-Ferne Rural District Gardeners Association - £315
7. Dover Lifeguard Club - £637.60
8. RSPB Northbourne Wildlife Explorers - £715
9. 354 (Dover) Squadron, RAF Air Cadets - £1,384
10. Clear Steps SEND - £2,430
11. Dover Flower Club - £582.75
12. Kent Junior School of Fashion and Arts CIC - £1,875
13. Home-Start Dover District - £537.75
14. Shepherdswell Preschool - £500
15. Capel Youth Club - £1,665.75
16. Dover Bowling Club - £450
17. Earthlings CIC - £1,875
18. Music4Wellbeing - £1,803.75
19. Prospect Corner Community Allotment - £362
20. Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade - £1,875
21. Deal, Walmer & Kingsdown Amateur Rowing Club - £870
22. Royal Marines Association - £1,125
23. Wingham Football Club - £502.50
24. Dover Youth Orchestra - £1,220
25. Clarendon and Westbury Community Association - £962.50
26. Deal Museum - £1,249
27. Ringwould Village Hall - £874
28. Samphire - £450
29. The Kent Mining Museum - £725
30. Wingham Recreation Ground Management Committee - £350
31. Dover Rugby Football Club - £1,245
32. PACE Foundation CIC - £1,102
33. Pegasus Playscheme - £1,250
34. Ash Village Events - £500
35. Wild with Wheels CIC - £1,231
36. Bechange - £1,250
37. Dover Community Radio CIC - £590.50
38. Dover Youth Theatre - £500
39. Preston Village Hall CIO - £1,250
40. St Margaret's Parent, Baby & Toddler Group - £390
41. Dover Pantry CIO - £1,250
42. Gazen Salts Nature Reserve - £1,087.50
43. Sandwich Amateur Boxing Club - £1,250
44. Sandwich and District Royal British Legion - £1,000
45. Dover Sea Sport Centre CIC - £621.50
46. Emmaus Dover Ltd - £1,207.50
47. Parish of Upper Deal & Gt Mongeham - £750
48. Cinque Ports FC - £908.40



County Cllr. Porter was not in attendance, and no report was submitted as there were no KCC meetings due to the summer recess.

Newly elected Cllr. Dodd introduced herself to the Council, but had nothing to report.

143/26 Finance

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

To	Reason	Gross amount	How paid	Vat
A Nigol	Clerks wages July	1124.29	BACS	0.00
A Nigol	Clerks wages August	1027.64	BACS	0.00
A Nigol	Clerks expenses	218.01	BACS	0.00
Net World Sports	Football goals	1502.94	Card	0.00
Croner	HR subscription August	141.73	DD	22.52
Rospa Playsafety	Annual inspection	433.80	BACS	72.80
Croner	HR subscription September	141.73	DD	22.52
Harrisons	Invoice 1295	570.00	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Invoice 1294	576.00	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Invoice 1293	159.00	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Invoice 1292	212.00	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Invoice 1291	331.50	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Invoice 1290	371.00	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Invoice 1289	290.00	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Invoice 1288	1015.00	BACS	0.00
Harrisons	Invoice 1287	1387.40	BACS	0.00



Income:

FIELD RENT (July-August) 8x18 =144

ALLOTMENTS 78.30

TOTAL 222.30

- b. To note reconciliation for July and August. The bank reconciliations for July and August were noted. No questions were raised regarding the above reports and transactions.
- c. To agree on Gertrude Ederle donation. To donate to The National Deaf Children's Society £250 was proposed by Cllr Hansom seconded by Cllr Wilson and all members voted in favour.

144/26 Planning

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

CON/25/01274/A New House Front Street Ringwould CT14 8HP Discharge of condition 3 (materials), condition 7 (drainage plan), condition 9 (external window details), condition 13 (biodiversity), condition 15 (landscaping), condition 16 (tree details), condition 17 (section drawings) pursuant to application 25/01274 Erection of 2 dwellings with associated access and parking (existing dwelling and garage demolished) Condition Approved. Noted.

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

26/00791 Seacroft, Cliffe Road, Kingsdown, Deal Erection of single storey dwellinghouse with associated parking (existing garage to be demolished). The Parish Council decided to object to 26/00791 for the following reasons:

- we are concerned that the boundary of the property is currently incorrect. We believe that the original boundary has been moved in the past 0.9m outwards into No Name Road which is land owned by Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council; and a fence erected. We believe that this would invalidate the planning application and we would therefore need to see the original deeds of Seacroft to clarify this.
- currently there is access to a garage only. The proposal opens up the side of the property to No Name Road which is owned by Ringwould with Kingsdown Parish Council. We would like to see the original deeds to see whether the property has an official wayleave agreement from the rear garden onto No Name Rd.
- the height and location of the proposed dwelling would impact the adjoining dwellings to the North and East, resulting in a loss of light and be overbearing, thereby causing significant harm to the amenity value of the neighbouring properties, in particular "Vevey". This is contrary to PM1, PM2 and DP3 of the DDLDP.



- we consider that the proposed development is an overdevelopment of the plot - although it shown on the site of the garage it is significantly larger and not "relatively similar" as stated.

26/00676 Glandoran, Queensdown Road, Kingsdown, CT14 8EF Erection of first floor rear extension, side extension to existing roof and changes to fenestration and materials. No comment.

26/00670 Overhill, Upper Street, Kingsdown, CT14 8DR Proposal: T6, T7, T9, T10- Remove dead wood from tree. T8- Complete fell to ground level - included union down main stem with excessive lean towards property. No comment.

26/00669 Whisperwood, Chalk Hill Road, Kingsdown, CT14 8DP. T5 -Fell Pine- included union down main stem, LHS completely died, RHS showing signs of dieback. No comment.

Clerk to submit responses.

- c) DDC planning complaint response stage two update. Clerk to submit complaint stage two.

145/26 Management of Trees & Woodland

- i) Update on next steps for conservation volunteers – strimming / brush cutting course for volunteers. Mr. Highton gave an update on the upcoming Ringwould with Kingsdown Habitat Management Events. Cllr Hogben presented some options for the brush cutting volunteers course. Cllr Hogben to circulate the pricing to the Councillors. To go on October meeting agenda.
- ii) Discussion on Freedown woods - what things could we ask for from developers at Rays Bottom to improve LWS? This item was deferred. To go on October meeting agenda.

146/26 Allotments

- i) Update from Cllr Bremner. Two plots have become vacant. Cllr Bremner agreed to share this on social media. Clerk to get a quote from the contractor to build a water stations for collecting and saving the water. To go on October meeting agenda.
- ii) To agree on bench base spending. The cost £290 was agreed and contractor will complete the works shortly.

147/26 Playing Fields

- i) Update on gate repair in Kingsdown. To spend £820 for replacing the gate was proposed by Cllr Hogben seconded by by Cllr Meeke and all members voted in favour. Clerk is still in touch with the Insurance company to cover the cost.
- ii) Update on goal posts in Ringwould. The goal post have been delivered and waiting for the contractor to install them.
- iii) Update on DDC handing over Ringwould play areas. No update.
- iv) To review RoSPA play safety reports and agree on the repairs. To go on October meeting agenda.
- v) Update on bin for Ringwould play area. Cllr Wilson to send the exact location, so the Clerk can ask DDC for a quote.

148/26 Highways Improvement Plan

Cllr Hansom reported on the following: The HIP priorities are still with KCC wider team but hopefully will have the roundel element within the next week or so. The designs for these have been completed and the estimate is in



for checking and so as soon as this has been completed. The 20mph speed limit is in the design phase and as soon as this is completed, an estimate can be put together. To go on October meeting agenda.

149/26 Neighbourhood Development Plan

- i) To agree on the draft copy of the neighbourhood plan being submitted for regulation 14 consultation
This was proposed by Cllr Hermer seconded by Cllr Hansom and all members voted in favour.

150/26 Footpaths

Mr. Bishop gave an update on the local public footpaths, Clerk to put a notice on the website advertising for help.

151/26 Resilience planning

This item was deferred. To go on the October meeting agenda.

152/26 Correspondence

- i) Email from a local resident asking for a sort of chalet park membership to be able to use the chalet park's swimming pool in off peak times, e.g. term times only. This was noted. Cllr Hansom agreed to offer some support to get in touch with the owners of chalet park.
- ii) Email from resident about land issues at the end of boundary road. This item was noted.

153/26 Matters of General Interest

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

Cllr Meeke reported that some of the drains on upper street on Upper street are blocked.

154/26 To agree date of next meeting- Monthly meeting, Monday 12th October in Ringwould Village Hall at 7pm

155/26 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 20:50

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Parish Clerk