

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 18 January 2007 at Ringmer Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs. P Longhurst (Chairman); Mrs B. Cruttenden; Mrs J Fordham;
A R Peters; K White; and Mrs Woollons

There were no members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES **ACTION**

1.1 An apology was received from Cllr. Kay.

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

2.1 There were no members of the public present.

3. ACTION POINT LIST – Appendix 1

06/10/09 Fence at junction of Broyle Paddock and Broyle Lane: it was reported that the height of this had been reduced following consultation with Lewes District Council planning officers. It was agreed to discharge this action.

06/10/10 Rustic benches: it was reported that permission had been gained for all four sites. Statutory undertakers searches were awaited for one location and the work would proceed when conditions permitted.

4. ALLOTMENTS – Appendix 2

4.1 The Committee considered a report by the Clerk and it was agreed to retain the rents for 2008 at the current levels.

4.2 It was confirmed that the annual inspection in July would commence at 6.45pm.

5. FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS, FOOTWAYS AND TWITTENS

Response to East Sussex Rights of Way Improvement Plan

5.1 It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs Cruttenden would respond via the on-line questionnaire and consult with the Chairman and Clerk if necessary.

**Cllr. Mrs
Cruttenden
07/01/11**

Maintenance of 'Bow Bells' mile stones on A26

- 5.2 It was agreed that the Clerk would determine arrangements for maintaining these in conjunction with East Sussex County Council. **Clerk
07/01/12**

Other matters

- 5.3 The Clerk undertook to obtain numbers for footpath signs for Ringmer Ramblers to fix to fingerposts and to report to East Sussex County Council that a number of bollards had been uprooted in Vicarage Way. **Clerk**

6. TRAFFIC, PARKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Report on progress from Liaison Meeting with East Sussex County Council

30 mph roundels

- 6.1 The Clerk reported that he had inspected new sites suggested by the Chairman with Mr Johnson of East Sussex County Council. The County Council would allow roundels to be put down at these locations but the cost would be £100 per roundel and the Parish Council would be responsible for the cost of renewing them from time to time. Also where in the past a single roundel had been placed on one side of a road a matching one on the other side could be installed but subject to the above costing conditions.

- 6.2 It was agreed to ask for two additional roundels at a cost of £200 in Bishops Lane: one near the junction with Green Close and one on The Green side of the first 'squeeze point' in Bishops Lane. **Clerk
07/01/13**

Speed reactive signs

- 6.3 The Clerk reported on the latest response from East Sussex County Council and clarification that he had sought from the Sussex Association of Local Councils regarding Council's power to spend on such signs. Two signs would cost in the region of £10,000 - £14,000 depending on the availability of electricity supplies.
- 6.4 **It was agreed to recommend to Council that in principle it agree to install two signs on the B2192, bracketing the approaches to the Community College from the direction of Kennel Corner and the Busy Bee Garage. Progress would be subject to confirmation of Council's power to incur such expenditure and any subsequent detailed negotiations with East Sussex County Council.** **Clerk
07/01/14**

7. RUSTIC BENCHES – PROGRESS

- 7.1 The Clerk reported that Mr Giles had inspected all the benches reported by Cllr. Mrs Cruttenden and that repairs had been undertaken except in New Road where he felt that no further work was necessary.

8. LOCAL COMPOSTING

- 8.1 The Committee considered this matter, that had been referred to it by Council, but felt there were no further steps it wished to recommend.

9. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS - PROGRESS

- 9.1 The Clerk reported that he had registered to undertake the necessary professional qualification, the AQA Certificate in Local Council Administration, and expected to submit his portfolio for examination within a few weeks.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 The Committee considered a letter from Mr Richards regarding cleanliness, repairs and parking. It agreed that the Clerk would reply outlining all the work currently undertaken by the Council to keep the village tidy. **Clerk**

- 10.2 It was also agreed that the Clerk would reply to a letter from Mrs Underwood setting out the Council's position regarding vehicle activated signs. **Clerk**

11. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

- 11.1 Cllr. Mrs Fordham reported on the three year transport plan being worked on by the Primary School. Also on the bad condition of the footway in Broyle Lane from Montana to Ballard Drive which the Clerk undertook to report. **Clerk**

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 12.1 The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to take place on Thursday 5 July 2007 at 7.30 pm in the St. Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall. It would be preceded by the annual site meeting at the allotments starting at 6.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm