

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 18 October 2007 at Ringmer Village Hall

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

There were five members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES **ACTION**

1.1 There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

2.1 The Chairman invited the meeting to suspend Standing Orders, and asked for questions or comments from the members of the public present.

2.2 Residents living alongside the Broyle (B2192) made representations about speeding traffic, the accident rate, and the dangers and environmental hazards posed and put forward suggestions for ameliorating this.

2.3 The Chairman thanked them for their comments and reconvened Standing Orders.

3. ACTION POINT LIST – Appendix 1

07/17/01 Junction of Broyle Lane/The Broyle: it was reported that the County Council had responded indicating that the accident record did not justify any change. It was agreed to discharge this action but to raise the matter at the next Liaison Meeting.

07/07/02 Ringmer Lewes Cycleway: it was reported that the County Council planned to start constructing the first phase in Spring 2008. Funding for the second phase was not expected to be available before 2010/11. It was agreed to discharge this action.

07/07/03 Reduction of tree at Yeomans/The Broyle: it was agreed to undertake this work and accept the quotation of £120 from Mark Watts Tree Care. It was agreed to discharge this action.

07/07/04 Notice board – precinct: Cllr. Mrs Pitts agreed to update the board at a later date.

07/07/05 Notice board – Broyle Lane: it was agreed to take no further steps and to discharge this action.

07/07/06 Advice on monitoring water courses and culverts: the clerk reported on advice he had received from the Environment agency and their plans to alleviate flooding risk. It was agreed to provide guidance to householders about contact numbers and information sources via the newsletter and notice board and to discharge this action.

4. ALLOTMENTS

4.1 The Clerk reported that EDF had acknowledged responsibility for cutting the grass under the pylon and the new access arrangements seemed to be working well.

5. FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS, FOOTWAYS AND TWITTENS

New County Council Reimbursement Proposal

5.1 The Clerk reported on new proposals which he felt were not to Council's advantage. He had written to the County Council which had agreed to maintain the existing arrangements for the time being.

Kissing Gates – Footpath 9

5.2 The Clerk reported on correspondence with the landowner's solicitor. It was agreed to proceed with a kissing gate at the entrance to the wood as part of the 2008 programme and to leave the stile at the Norlington Lane end of the path.

Kissing Gate Programme 2008

5.3 It was agreed that subject to the landowner consent that priority would be given to the path from Gote Lane to the Mill Post (FP23). Thereafter the priority would be the path from Bishops Lane to Norlington Lane (FP22). The Clerk would pursue this.

**Clerk
07/10/07**

6. TRAFFIC, PARKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Speeding Traffic on The Broyle

6.1 The Committee considered the comments made by residents. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the County Council setting out the concerns, seeking accident figures, determining what view highways officers held, and seeking responses to possible solutions. The matter would be raised at the next meeting and placed on the agenda for a future Liaison Meeting.

**Clerk
07/10/08**

Parking Outside the Cottages at The Green, Lewes Road

- 6.2 The Clerk reported on comments from the County Council. It was agreed to request the County Council to install wooden bollards from the corner of Springett Avenue to the first drive across the verge to the cottages. **Clerk
07/10/09**

7. BEQUEST FOR BULB PLANTING IN THE VILLAGE

- 7.1 The Committee considered the kind bequest of £250 from the late Brian Cruttenden for bulb planting that had been referred to it by Council. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs Fordham would take responsibility for purchasing the bulbs and arranging the planting. Planting would take place at the sites identified by Mrs Cruttenden, except for the Broyle Lane/Broyle junction location. The Committee expressed its thanks and appreciation of Brian's generous gesture **Cllr. Mrs
Fordham
07/10/10**

8. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS - UPDATE

- 8.1 The Clerk reported that he had still to complete the CiLCA qualification but expected to soon. He had met with Trevor Leggo of The Sussex Association of Local Councils to determine what procedural steps needed to be undertaken before a submission for quality council status was made. The most pressing was to start issuing quarterly newsletters and also an annual report to coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk outlined what was required, the steps he had taken regarding publications and indicated that he was hopeful accreditation could be sought in the autumn provided the first in the series of annual newsletters was issued very soon. He reported on the very helpful and positive response of Edwina Morris who maintained the Council's website and was willing to take on the extra work involved in expanding the information made available on the site. The Committee noted the position and supported quarterly newsletters being issued. It was agreed that the spring edition would continue to be delivered to all households with the others being made available via pick-up points and the website etc.

9. DRAFT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2008/09 – Appendix 2

- 9.1 The Committee considered the draft budget and it was agreed to recommend to Council that subject to the recommendations of Office and Finance Committee it approve the draft budget of £5610 for 2008/09.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 The Clerk reported that the County Council would be undertaking road markings in Bishops Lane at the following junctions with: Diplocks Estate; Christie Avenue; and Norlington Lane.

11. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

11.1 There were no reports.

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 17 January 2008 at 7.30 pm in the St. Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm