

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 8 January 2009 at Ringmer Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs. A R Peters (Chairman); Mrs J Fordham; A J Grindley; J Kay; Ms P Lewis; Mrs E Pitts; R B Truman; K White; R Wilcox; I Wilson , and Mrs J Woollons

There were 2 members of the public present.

ACTION

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs Humphrey and Longhurst.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

2.1 No interests were declared.

3. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2008

3.1 The minutes were agreed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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

4.2 Council received a generalised crime bulletin which indicated that there had been reduced problems over the holiday period. Mr Cooper advised that he had received a response from the Environment Agency about Bulldog Sewer and was following this through with further discussions. He also referred to poor lighting arrangements in the highway adjacent to the Community College, which he considered caused dazzling but without effectively pinpointing the vehicular entrances and it was agreed that this would be raised with the County Council.

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4.3 Standing Orders were reconvened.

5. ACTION POINTS – Appendix 1

- 08/11/26 Ringmer-Lewes Cycleway: It was agreed to retain this action point pending clarification over the extent of contributions that will be utilised and receipt of the promised updates.
- 08/12/27 Improvements to Village Hall: It was agreed to retain this action point pending consideration of the matter by Council in April. The issue will also be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 08/12/28 Broyle Lane junction lighting: A letter has been sent to the County Council to seek this provision and it was therefore agreed to discharge this action.
- 08/12/29 Quality Parish Council: The letter of thanks and flowers have been gratefully received by Edwina Morris and this action was agreed to be discharged.
- 08/12/30 No Cold Calling zone: It was agreed to retain this action point pending delivery of the consultation with the March newsletter.
- 08/12/31 Ringmer –Lewes Cycleway: A letter has been sent to the County Council and it was agreed to discharge this action.
- 08/12/32 Bulldog Sewer: As the issue has yet to be considered by General Purposes Committee and written input has yet to be received from Cllr Gardiner or the Environment Agency, it was agreed to retain this action point.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Appendix 2

- 6.1 Council noted the correspondence in Appendix 2 and the following was agreed:

Rural Services Network

It was agreed not to subscribe to this organisation.

Review of Supported Local Bus Services

Council discussed and added to a draft response to this consultation prepared by Cllr Ms Lewis and agreed to make representations to the County Council accordingly, strongly supporting the existing services and seeking various improvements.

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Communities in control: Real people, real power: Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – a consultation

It was noted that RALC has already prepared a response to this document on behalf of local councils generally and agreed that the papers be circulated around Members for information and any observations.

SALC Meeting with Chief Constable

Cllr Peters will be attending and it was agreed that while there were no strategic issues to be raised, he would take the opportunity to emphasise the benefits of having Ringmer's PCSO's.

Edwina Morris

Her thanks were noted and appreciated.

7. FINANCE

Accounts Paid – Appendix 3

- 7.1 It was agreed that the Payments Lists of 1/12/08 to 31/12/08 be confirmed.

Quotations

- 7.2 There were no quotations to report.

Grant Applications

Ist Ringmer Scout Group:

- 7.3 On the recommendation of Office and Finance Committee it was agreed to make the grant sought of £2000, but to be drawn equally from years 2008/09 and 2009/10.

Other Financial Matters and Correspondence

- 7.4 On the recommendation of Office and Finance Committee it was agreed that the restriction to staff's entry into the ESCC Local Government Pension Scheme related to the hours worked be removed, that the additional cost for this coming year be met from reserves, and that in future years it be met from the annual revenue budget.
- 7.5 On the recommendation of Office and Finance Committee, it was also agreed that arrangements be sought as necessary whereby the RFO become an additional signatory for administrative purposes in relation

to Council's Barclays Bank mandate.

8. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

- 8.1 Oral reports were received from a number of Councillors. Arising from these it was agreed that Cllr Peters will attend a meeting of the Twinning Association to give in-principle support only. Cllr Wilson reported that the olfactory problems in Gote Lane had been resolved and it was agreed that Southern Water should be thanked for its help in this regard. Cllr Grindley reported that following his meeting at ESCC he had prepared draft minute notes which were being perused by Mr Clarke. Once agreed, he intended to circulate these to other Members to enable discussion of his ideas relative to the proposed cycle route and also the necessary stretch between New Road/ Gote Lane and the schools.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting of Council would take place on Thursday 12 February 2009 at 7.30pm. in the St. Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.