

**RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

**Held on Thursday 17 January 2008 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 two members of the public present

**1. APOLOGIES** **ACTION**

1.1 All councillors were present.

**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 Mr Cooper expressed concern about the effectiveness of the positioning of the proposed vehicle activated sign at the western approach to the Community College and asked the Committee to request its relocation closer to the College.

2.3 Standing Orders were reconvened.

**3. ACTION POINT LIST – Appendix 1**

07/07/04 Notice board – precinct: no progress to report

07/10/07 Kissing Gates 2008: the Clerk reported that Mr Craig would support the installation of gates on path 23 over 2008 and 2009. It was agreed to discharge this action.

07/10/08 Speeding on The Broyle: as this was the subject of a separate agenda item it was agreed to discharge this action.

07/10/09 Parking outside The Green, Lewes Road: the Clerk reported on the steps proposed by the County Council to install bollards.

07/10/10 Planting of bulbs: it was confirmed that the bulbs had been planted. Cllr. Standing Orders were suspended and Mrs Cruttenden requested signs be placed on verges to avoid the bulbs being mown by contractors. Standing Orders were reconvened and it was agreed in principle to authorise the necessary expenditure subject to the

Clerk receiving advice on the practicality of the proposal from the County Council. If there were any problems the Clerk would report back to the Chairman. **Clerk**

#### **4. ALLOTMENTS**

4.1 The Clerk reported that he would present a paper concerning allotment rents for 2009 to the next meeting.

#### **5. FOOTPATHS, BRIDLEWAYS, FOOTWAYS AND TWITTENS**

##### Width of footways in Lewes Road

5.1 **It was agreed to recommend to Council that it campaign on safety grounds to get the footways widened along Lewes Road from Vicarage Way to the new roundabout at The Forges. While ideally both footways should be widened priority should be given to the north side of the road. As a first step the issue should be raised at a Highways Liaison meeting with officers of the County Council.** **Clerk  
08/01/01**

#### **6. TRAFFIC, PARKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

##### Speeding Traffic on The Broyle

6.1 The Committee considered a letter from the County Council and correspondence provided by residents. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the County Council urging the installation of double white lines as a matter of urgency; giving support in principle to a speed camera being installed and asking to be kept informed of the progress being made on this; and confirming the need for the speed limit to be reviewed as part of the review of limits on all A and B roads. **Clerk  
08/01/02**

##### Damage to verges in lanes

6.2 It was noted that verges in Moor Lane, Neaves Lane and Potato Lane had been badly churned up by vehicles, possibly as a result of recent traffic diversions. It was agreed to contact the County Council and see if they would repair the verges, perhaps as part of the Village Action Team programme. **Clerk  
08/01/03**

##### Bus Services

6.3 It was reported that there had been a marked improvement in the punctuality of local bus services.

### Vehicle activated signs

- 6.4 Following consideration of the point raised at public question time it was agreed to continue with the positioning of the signs as proposed by the County Council. Speedwatch would, however, monitor the effect on vehicle speeds in the area covered by the signs over the coming months.

## **7. QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS - UPDATE**

- 7.1 The Clerk reported that he had successfully complete the CiLCA qualification. A start had been made in publishing quarterly newsletters and a draft Annual Report had been prepared for submission to Office and Finance Committee in February prior to its circulation at the Annual Parish Meeting and via the website etc. Advice had been sought from the Sussex Association of Local Councils and the Clerk was hopefully that a submission for Quality Council Status could be made in the autumn.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1 The Clerk reported that the County Council were undertaking footway resurfacing to the north side of Lewes Road between the electricity sub-station and the entrance to The Forges.

## **9. ANY REPORTS (by leave)**

- 9.1 Cllr. Kay drew attention to the Lewes District Council Seniors Forum held in Ringmer in the autumn. Concern had been expressed at what was felt the unkempt appearance of the trees bordering the football club and surrounding properties. While the Committee did not have a view on the matter it was agreed to write to the club drawing their attention to the comment and pointing out that the newly appointed tree warden was available to give advice if they wanted it.

**Clerk  
08/01/04**

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 10.1 The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to take place on Thursday 3 July 2008 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 6.45pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm