

## **RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 13 March 2008 at Ringmer Village Hall**

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

There were four members of the public present.

### **ACTION**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

1.1 An apology was received from Cllr. Grindley.

#### **2. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2008**

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

#### **3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

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

3.2 PCSO Clarke introduced PCSO James Armstrong who had been appointed to Ringmer. She asked for an indication of Council's policing priorities for the month ahead and was asked to give emphasis to vandalism reported at the pet shop in Springett Avenue and parking at key junctions and locations following concerns expressed by District Cllr. Bowers. Concern was also expressed about an apparent rise in burglaries.

3.3 Mr Leeson reported that as yet no new volunteers had come forward for community governor positions at the primary school.

3.4 Mr Cooper commented on a number of issues including the desirability of a vehicle weight limit for Ham Lane and Church Hill; safety issues if the proposal to widen pavements in Lewes Road was taken up; installation of vehicle activated signs; and the drainage proposals for the pond.

3.5 Standing Orders were reconvened.

#### **4. ACTION POINTS – Appendix 1**

- 07/10/49 Vehicle activated signs: it was reported that work was hoped to start week commencing 17 March.
- 08/02/02 Litter on approaches to schools: it was reported that letters had been sent to both schools. The Community College had suggested an additional litter bin at the junction of Lewes Road and Harrison’s Lane would be helpful. It was agreed to discharge this action.
- 08/02/03 Liaison meeting: it was reported that a meeting had been arranged for 1 May and it was agreed to discharge this action.
- 08/02/04 Possible exception site at Potato Lane: it was confirmed that a letter had been sent to Hastoe confirming Council’s wish to consider any proposals prior to public consultation. It was agreed to discharge this action.

#### **5. CORRESPONDENCE – Appendix 2**

- 5.1 Council noted the correspondence and agreed the following:

Request for additional post box at The Forges

That the Clerk would write to the Post office supporting the request but suggest the siting should allow both users and postal workers to park safely when accessing the box.

**Clerk  
08/03/05**

#### **6. FINANCE**

**Accounts Paid – Appendix 3**

- 6.1 It was agreed that the Payments Lists of 1 to 29 February be confirmed.

**Quotations**

- 6.2 There were no quotations.

**Grant Applications**

- 6.3 There were no grant applications.

**Other Financial Matters and Correspondence**

Rickman & Godden Trust

- 6.4 On the recommendation of Office & Finance Committee it was agreed to authorise the Finance Officer to pursue establishing a Charities

Account with the Yorkshire Building Society and to transfer to it the balance of funds designated for The Charity of the Rickman & Godden Trusts.

HBOS shares – change of share registration

- 6.5 On the recommendation of Office & Finance Committee it was agreed that the shares held by Council should be registered in the name of Cllr. Peters. A supporting document would be signed between Cllr. Peters and Ringmer Parish Council to make it clear that the holding was in trust on behalf of the Council.

Charge for Police Community Support Officer deployment

- 6.6 When the police invoice for the past year was received the Finance Officer undertook to check the basis of the charge and if any allowance had been made for the period when the village was without a second PCSO.

**7. PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES TO SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK: CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS LODGED – Appendix 4**

- 7.1 Council considered the written representations proposed by Cllr. Kay. Following discussion it was agreed to submit the proposed representations subject to the penultimate sentence of paragraph three being deleted.

**8. DRAINAGE OF THE POND AND ADJACENT AREA AT THE TOP OF THE GREEN: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS – Appendix 5**

- 8.1 Following discussion it was agreed that two further companies would be asked to offer solutions and submit quotations.

**Clerk  
08/03/06**

**9. UPDATE ON POSSIBLE EXTENSION TO BUS SERVICE**

- 9.1 Cllr. Mrs Pitts reported that she was still awaiting information from the County Council. It was agreed to consider this matter at the next meeting.

**10. ADDITIONAL LITTER BIN IN LEWES ROAD**

- 10.1 It was agreed that all councillors would inspect the area to determine the need for a bin and to consider the matter at the next meeting.

**11. ANY REPORTS (by leave)**

- 11.1 Oral reports were received from a number of councillors including the issue identified below.

Drainage of pond

It was agreed that the Clerk would approach Southern Water to determine if they had any responsibility relating to this and the ditch into which the drain discharged.

**Clerk  
08/03/07**

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 12.1 The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of Council would take place on Thursday 10 April 2008 at 7.30pm. in the St. Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.