

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 10 April 2008 at Ringmer Village Hall

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

There were four members of the public present.

ACTION

1. APOLOGIES

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs. Kay, Longhurst and Mrs Woollons.

2. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 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 Armstrong circulated papers listing recorded crimes and previously agreed priorities. It was agreed the priorities remained unchanged. District Cllr. Gander welcomed the new speed reactive signs and Mr Cooper welcomed the police action taken on parking and commented that the vehicle activated sign near Crockendale Field was not in the most effective location.
- 3.3 Standing Orders were reconvened.

4. ACTION POINTS – Appendix 1

- 07/10/49 Vehicle activated signs: it was reported that work had been completed but there were initial problems with the sign adjacent to Crockendale Field. It was agreed to discharge this action.
- 08/02/02 Additional post box at The Forges: it was reported that a letter had been to the Post Office and they had replied undertaking to review the request and let Council know the

outcome. It was agreed to discharge this action.

- 08/03/06 Drainage of pond: it was reported that two additional quotations had been received and the matter would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting. A letter from the Cricket Club asking for consideration of temporary works was also considered and it was agreed the Clerk would reply outlining why such works could not be supported and offering to bring forward any agreed work by contractors following the next meeting. Cllr. Wilcox also agreed to undertake a site visit with Cllr. Grindley. It was agreed to discharge this action. **Clerk**
- 08/03/07 Drainage of the pond: it was reported that a letter had been sent to Southern Water. They had no responsibility and on their advice a similar approach had been made to the Environment Agency.
- 08/03/08 Movement of green waste: this action was referred to Council from the Planning Committee. Letters had been sent to the County Council and the police and a reply from the County Council was read out.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – Appendix 2

- 5.1 Council noted the correspondence and the following:

Twining Association

It was reported that a second letter had been received outlining further progress and that the Association had been invited to attend the June meeting to update Council.

6. FINANCE

Accounts Paid – Appendix 3

- 6.1 It was agreed that the Payments Lists of 2 to 31 March be confirmed.

Quotations

- 6.2 There were no quotations.

Grant Applications

- 6.3 There were no quotations

Other Financial Matters and Correspondence

External Audit

- 6.4 The Finance Officer reported that Mazars, external auditors, had confirmed that the final accounts must be signed off by 31 July and as a result they would be brought to the June meeting of Council.

Remuneration of Clerk

- 6.5 It was agreed to amend the top of scale for the Clerk's post, on a personal basis only, from point 34 to point 35. Payment of this additional increment would be from April 2008 and reflect the Clerk's achievement of the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

7. UPDATE ON POSSIBLE EXTENSION TO BUS SERVICE

- 7.1 Cllrs. Ms Lewis and Mrs Pitts confirmed that an extended service taking in Mill Road and the surrounding area had been agreed and was operational. They outlined the details of the service which could be flagged down. Council congratulated them on their success which would greatly benefit local residents.

8. ADDITIONAL LITTER BIN IN LEWES ROAD

- 8.1 It was agreed to seek to install an additional litter on the corner of Harrisons Lane with Lewes Road, adjacent to the old school site. The Clerk would approach Lewes District Council in the first instance about supplying a bin, probably at Council's cost. If this was not possible Council would seek any necessary site permission and purchase a bin similar that installed by the village clock. The outcome would be reported to a future meeting. Councillor Truman also undertook to approach the owner of the Busy Bee garage about the possibility of locating a bin outside the garage.

**Clerk & Cllr.
Truman
08/04/09**

9. POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 'NO COLD CALLING ZONE'

- 9.1 After discussion it was agreed to invite a representative of Trading Standards to attend the July meeting to brief Council on the issue.

**Clerk
08/04/10**

10. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

- 10.1 Oral reports were received including one from the Clerk confirming that the sale of a portion of Anchor Field for the new surgery had been completed.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 11.1 The Chairman reminded members that the next meeting of Council would take place on Thursday 8 May 2008 at 7.30pm. in the St. Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.