

# RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

## November 2007 Newsletter

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### Introduction

This is the first of a series of quarterly newsletters that the Council will be issuing. The aim is to help keep residents better informed of the work of their Council and encourage feedback on its performance.

### Affordable Housing

The Glyndebourne Estate has offered a site in Potato Lane, at no cost, sufficient to build two pairs of semi-detached dwellings for rent to people with a Ringmer connection. The Council is exploring developing this as a rural exception site in conjunction with Lewes District Council, Hastoe Housing Association and Action in Rural Sussex. The next step is to bring forward proposals for public consultation prior to any decisions being taken. Developments on exception sites allow people with local connections to be given priority in the allocation of such housing. Confirmation has been given by the District Council that should an 'exception site' development go ahead it would not create the grounds for the development of 'commercial' housing on adjoining land. These are very early days but if an acceptable scheme can be put together the indications are that some much needed local housing can be provided. Watch this space for further news!

### Vehicle Activated Signs

For a long time the Council has tried to improve road safety for pupils attending the Community College and the Primary School. With no early prospect of a light controlled crossing on Lewes Road it has agreed to pay the County Council to install two vehicle activated signs on the approaches to the College; one to the west near Crockendale Field and one to the east near the Green Man. The signs will flash '30 mph' and 'Slow Down' to drivers exceeding the speed limit. The estimated cost is £7,200 and annual maintenance charges will be £600. It is hoped that the signs will be installed early in 2008.

### Play Areas

Over the summer and early autumn further work has been undertaken to improve our play areas. The Broyle Close area for the under 7's, shown above, has been completely renewed. A new climbing frame has been installed in Fingerpost Field and a new roundabout and seesaw installed at the Green. Hopefully these works will give pleasure for years to come. Could, however, people please co-operate by keeping their dogs out of the play areas.

### War Memorial

Pictured below this was cleaned and surrounding posts renewed in time for the Remembrance Parade.



### Cycleway from Ringmer to Lewes

The latest news is that the County Council hopes to start the first phase (New Road, Ringmer to near the Nature Reserve car park) in spring 2008. The second section through to Lewes is currently at the feasibility /preliminary design phase and funding for this is not expected to be available before 2010/2011.

### New Path on Village Green

This has now been completed with assistance from Lewes District Council and paid for from part of the

developer's contribution that arose from The Forges development. It is wider and safer than the path it replaced and gives improved access for those using wheel chairs, buggies and pushchairs etc.

### **Bulb Planting**

Brian Cruttenden kindly bequeathed the Council £250 in his will to plant bulbs in the village. Always a great friend of the village Brian's kindness will enable us all to enjoy a fine display of spring flowers next year at key points around the village that he particularly treasured. The Ringmer Brownies & Guides kindly undertook some of the bulb planting and some was done by Barbara Cruttenden and friends.

### **Glyndebourne Wind Turbine**

The latest information is that the public enquiry may be held in February. The location has yet to be fixed although consideration will be given to holding it in Ringmer if suitable accommodation can be found.

### **Proposed South Downs National Park**

The latest boundary proposals affecting Ringmer have gone a long way to meeting concerns expressed by the Parish Council. It is now proposed to include within the National Park the farm land to the west of the village covering the area between Ham Lane, the A26, and the B2192; to bring the boundary down to include Gote Farm and Ashton Green; and to include some land east of Moor Lane. With minor reservations the Council has supported these proposals. Additionally it has expressed concern about a proposal to remove from the National Park the area of chalk downland centred on Hamsey Church.

## **RINGMER'S PARISH COUNCILLORS**

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## **COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Full Council and Planning Committee Meetings are held respectively on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months at 7.30 p.m. in the St. Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall and Committee Meetings on some other Thursdays. The Clerk can provide full details.

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