Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter – August 2023

Picnic on The Green

Make a note in your diary of this date, Monday 28th August between 12.30pm and 5pm, and join the Picnic on The Green celebrations. A 'Fun Run' will start the event, fancy dress invited, with 2 bands, stalls and food available to purchase. A 'Fun Dog Show' will feature during the afternoon. More details are available from the clerk.

Skate Park Update

We were pleased that the planning application for the skate park in Fingerpost Field was approved by Lewes District Council at their June planning meeting. However, there are certain conditions that have to be met before construction can proceed. The Parish Council have accepted a quote for the Archaeological Survey that has to be done.

Swimming Pool Update

Latest information is that Wave Leisure are currently working on a specification of works that will feed into the lease between ESCC and LDS. LDC has held discussions with Kings Academy to understand their requirements and constraints and ESCC will update the commercial agreement. It is hoped that the project to re-open the pool will move forward fairly quickly to a lease.

Young Person's Play Areas

The Parish Council has allocated funds to provide new play equipment and seating at Fingerpost Field and have had some repair work undertaken at Broyle Close Park. A meeting was held on 17th July with children from both Ringmer schools to seek their opinion on the type of equipment should be purchased.

We reported in July that a quote has been accepted to provide new social seating on the Village Green between the shopping precinct and Delves House. The target date for delivery and installation is Monday 14th August.

Improving the Natural Environment in Ringmer

A survey of the Almond Field to record plant biodiversity has been completed and an action plan to start developing the area was unanimously approved by the council. We are grateful for the support being made available by the South Downs National Park Authority. Residents will be able to access the field in the future, but at the request of the family and to preserve wildlife habitats, dogs will not be permitted on the site.

Parking on the Village Green

We wish to remind residents and villages clubs and groups that parking is not permitted on the green except off North Road for the cricket club.

Parish Council

We have four vacancies for any residents who may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Younger residents of the village are particularly underrepresented on the council. Please contact the Clerk for more information.