Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter – January 2026

Lewes District Council Local Plan

At the LDC cabinet meeting on 11th December it was agreed to put the Lewes Local Plan out for consultation. Although some minor changes were agreed the plan essentially doubles the size of Ringmer village and Broyleside. The plan does not include a firm commitment to or proper planning for the required infrastructure to cater for the increased population.

The Parish Council will keep you updated on the consultation and how to respond.

In addition, the LDC Cabinet agreed a proposal by Cllr. O'Brien to loan Ovesco £500,000 to allow continuing development of the Norlington Lane solar farm.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund

The parish council has identified certain projects that might be carried out using CIL funds to improve village infrastructure. These are:

A new cricket pavilion, refurbishing the Scout Hut, Ringmer Village Hall phase 2 – to create additional meeting space and youth provision infrastructure.

The Parish Council will consult with residents through the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan review.

Parish Council Budget 2026/27

At the December meeting of the Parish Council, the budget and precept for the next financial year was agreed at £166,635 (£161,550 (25/26)). This represents an increase of 3.15%, which for a Band D property amounts to £76.21 per household; an overall increase of £1.64 per household.

A few plans for 2026.....

A Project Manager has been appointed to oversee the Springett Avenue Shopping Precinct project. Following the signing of the agreement, the tendering process will commence.

Moving to thoughts of the summer.... preparations for the 'Picnic on the Green' event, set for the August Bank Holiday on 31st August 2026, will soon begin – don't forget to pop the date in your diary.

Following the acceptance of a quote by the Parish Council in December, a new footpath entrance from The Broyle to the Skatepark on Fingerpost Field will be created – early 2026.

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a happy & prosperous New Year