Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter – July 2024

Norlington Lane Solar Farm

Chris Rowland, OVESCO, gave a short update to the Parish Council about the proposed solar farm.

"In December 2022, the connection date for Ouse Valley Solar Farm was delayed by ESO National Grid. The delay was because National Grid did not have in place a system for accessing all the energy generation and energy storage projects requiring connection in the UK.

Over the last 17 months we have been waiting for National Grid to develop a queuing system and agree with the District Network Operators (UKPN in the Southeast), if and where connection dates could be brought forward. Projects waiting to connect, which included the Ouse Valley Solar Farm, were accessed and those deemed at the front of the queuing system were requested to send in an Expression of Interest form, confirming they wished to connect earlier.

OVESCO completed and submitted its Expression of Interest to UKPN at the end May. We are now waiting to see if the connection date can be brought forward. I have not been given a date by which UKPN must reply to OVESCO. But I will let Ringmer Parish Council's clerk know as soon as we hear back from UKPN and update you at next appropriate Parish Council meeting when I have any news."

Fingerpost Field

The construction of the new playpark has been delayed due to a supplier issue. They have assured us that the item will be delivered w/c 24th June 2024.

Work on the skatepark is starting on Monday 24th June 2024 for 9 weeks.

Jubilee Gardens

Work on one of the larger flower beds continues. If any resident would like to help with the planting and routine maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens please contact the Clerk on admin@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01273 813 242.

The Almond Field

Access to the field is from the public footpath in the New Cemetery and residents are beginning to visit the field and appreciate the tranquility. At the request of the family and as the area is a designated SDNPA Call for Nature Site, dogs are not allowed in the field. The ground is very uneven so please take care and keep to the clearly marked cut path. Two rustic benches have been ordered to be positioned in the field. Over time the council will be supporting work to increase the biodiversity of the field. If any resident would like to be involved with working in the Almond Field please contact the Clerk on 01273 813242.

Shopping Precinct

A start has been made to improve the appearance of the precinct.

Picnic on the Green

Following last year's popular event, the Parish Council is organising another on Monday 26th August 2024 between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. Please keep the date free. This will be an annual event held on the bank holiday Monday in August each year.