Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter – September 2023

Picnic on The Green & Barn Dance

With the weather on our side, the Village Green was busy on Bank Holiday afternoon with many residents enjoying the relaxed atmosphere and activities. Our thanks go to all those village groups and individuals who made the event possible. The evening Barn Dance in the Village Hall was equally successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending. Our thanks to the musicians and caller.

Skate Park Update

No further development to report this month.

Swimming Pool Update

We are pleased to report that ESCC has sent back the final version of the heads of terms. LDC have confirmed the detailed specification of works will be sent to ESCC towards the end of next week. This will allow ESCC to review the detailed specification as this will be annexed to the lease documents. All are working together to get the right property agreements to allow LDC and their provider Wave Leisure to operate a renewed pool as soon as possible.

Village Amenities

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, unfortunately supplying that seating has been delayed.

Work has started on the new bus shelter to be installed at the West bound Village Green bus stop. The base has been installed with the shelter completed by the end of August.

Improving the Natural Environment in Ringmer

The Parish Council, with the approval of Bill Almond's family, has applied to the South Downs National Park Authority to have the field identified as a 'Call for Nature' site. If we are successful it will enable the field to be developed to increase wildlife habitats thus increasing the plant and animal species diversity. A path to allow residents and school groups to walk through the field will be cut. Again we are grateful to the SDNPA for their support. 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 village clubs and groups that parking is not permitted on the green except off North Road.

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Survey

SPCC's survey about feelings of safety in local communities is closing in October and we have been asked to circulate this link: https://forms.office.com/e/7bZZrdJC8n.

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.