

Clerk's report – September 2023

Agenda Items:

10. Air Quality Monitoring – Cllr Grange requested this agenda item following a query from a resident asking if we can approach LDC Environmental Health about installing some Air Quality Monitoring points in the village, and in the light of new, approved and potential housing developments.

11.2 Footpath 9/1 eastern end at Howells Bank – we have now received confirmed from the landowner that they own the three gates in question, namely G0163, G0164 and G0165. See best estimates supplied by The Monday Group (costs are limited to materials):

3 x metal gates = £1,050.00
 3 x timber kissing gates = £945.00
 3 x stiles = £705.00

12.1 New Parish Website and Logo - There is currently a Communication budget available of £500.

16. Cycle Path Extension – Cllr Grange has requested this item, advising:

There has been quite a lot of talk about an extension of the cycle route including ESCC response about the new consultation. I am proposing that:

RPC make contact with Sustrans to see if they can assist in the re-evaluation and assessment of an extended cycle path to Broyleside, firstly to propose that this be included in s278 contributions from new developments and secondly in the preparation of a case for funding from the new LCWIP consultation.

I believe that we have a remit from the RNP for the cycle path and that we need to consider several groups of users - leisure, "serious" and school kids - based on the highways specifications for the type of route required.

General

Allotments - Cllr Duke accompanied me on an allotment inspection. All of the allotments are in use and appear in reasonable condition. Cllr Duke thought that some of the plots were rather large and could possibly be split when they become available again. The water leak has been sorted out with a new pipe being fitted.

Asset of Community Value Nomination - The Cock Inn, Ringmer, Lewes was refused as the Nominated Property did not meet the criteria of having an 'actual current and non-ancillary use that furthers the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community'. Simply being a public house is not enough to demonstrate that this definition under Section 88 of the Localism Act 2011 has been met.

Bins - After many months LDC have finally undertaken our works order as follows:

New dual bin installed at the junction of New Road/Glynde Corner

New dual bin installed at Rushey Green

New litter bin installed at Broyle Recreation Ground

New dual bin has replaced the old red dog bin at the corner of Bishops Lane/North Road

Red dog bin at the back of the Green has been removed

Yellow litter bin at the back of the Green has been moved to inside the playground.

Defibrillators - We have put a link to "The Circuit" on our website, which is accessed via "The Defib Finder" as this will always contain the most up to date information. The Defib Finder is a public site

for any member of the public to use. We will advise people to click on “Only show defibrillators that are available now”. Please see the link [here](#)

Fingerpost Repair - Damaged fingerpost at Moor Lane/B2124 – JAKKs have been booked in to do the following repairs: sand down damaged area of the post and finger, make good and fill in surface damage, replace damaged letters, prime with stain block primer and recoate with sadolin superdec. Total cost £195 + VAT.

PCSO meeting at the precinct shops - The PCSO reported that “We had six people speak with us but none that had specifically come to see us, we were there for 45 mins then got called to the RTC outside of Raystede”.

Picnic on the Green - Fortunately, the weather held for the event, which was well supported. We received some great feedback and are grateful to all the organisations and individuals who gave their time to make the afternoon a success.

Planning Appeals - Cllrs Nick Chaloner and John Kay and Miss Anna Crompton, Headteacher Ringmer Primary and Nursery School had a meeting on 6th September 2023 with Gary Langford, the Senior ESCC Education Officer. They discussed with him his plans for Ringmer Primary and Nursery School provision as the village expands.

Planning - Decision on Ashill Regen, 5th September 2023

The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the erection of 53 no dwellings (mix of houses and flats) and associated landscaping, car parking, access and ancillary works at land between The Broyle and Round House Road, Ringmer, East Sussex BN8 5GD in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref LW/22/0255, dated 1 April 2022.

Pump Cottage Bus Shelter - The bus shelter is now in place next to where the memorial bench will be once put back. Thank you to the landowner who kindly allowed us to erect the shelter on her land.

Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2023 - Road closure requested.

Ringmer Dramatic Society – Permission granted for them to advertise their next production on with signage on the Village Green.

SLR Meeting, 10am on 27th September 2023 - Reminder of this meeting and that they need agenda items by 13th September 2023 at the latest. Cllr Johnny Denis has suggested a pre-meet to get a solid agenda together.

Trees - the following trees have been dealt with per the Tree Survey 1-3 Action Point list as follows:

Middleham Close

T0295 - Willow removal

Village Green

T0323 - Oak remove deadwood

T0330 - Ash remove deadwood

T0331 - Ash remove deadwood

T0339 - Oak remove deadwood

T0340 - Lime remove deadwood

T0355 - Sycamore cut ivy

T0375 - Elm removal

Planning Appeals

Appeal	Planning Application Ref	Appeal Ref	Hearing or Inquiry	LDC Case Officer	Planning Inspectorate Case Officer/ Inspector	Predicted Length of Hearing	Deadline & Hearing/Inquiry Dates	
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BoKlok Housing (?)	LW/22/0282	3319706	Hearing	James Emery	Cameron Alford	1 day	Statement of Case	11/09/23
							Section S106 agreement	31/10/23
							Hearing Date	14/11/23

Thakeham Homes (John Whitlock)	LW/21/0694	3313204	Inquiry	James Emery	Aiosa Charles/ S Wilkinson	4 days	Statement of Case	27/07/23
							Case Management Conference	07/08/23
							Proofs of Evidence	2pm, 11/09/23
							Final Draft S106	22/09/23
							Inquiry Date	03/10/23

Awaiting Decision

Gleeson Land Ltd (John Kay)	LW/22/0472	3314192 & 3315235	Inquiry	James Smith	Tim Salter	6 days	Statement of Case	24/03/23
							Statement of Common Ground	09/05/23
							Case Management Conference	04/04/23
							Proofs of Evidence	16/05/23
							Planning Proofs of Evidence	19/05/23
							Inquiry Date	13/06/23

Old Appeal Dates – For Information

Ashill Regen (John Kay)	LW/22/0255	3318089	Inquiry	Marc Dorfman/ James Smith	Robert Wordsworth/ J Price	4 days	Statement of Case	16/05/23
							Case Management Conference	23/05/23
							Proofs of Evidence	12/07/23, 12pm
							Inquiry Date	01/08/23

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