



## **Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter - June 2025**

### **Parish Council Report**

At the Annual Statutory meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May, Cllr. Gordon Sims was re-elected chair and Cllr. Sarah Phillips was re-elected as vice-chair for the ensuing year.

As we start a new Parish Council year, it's an opportunity to reflect on achievements in the past 12 months. Our social media presence was greatly improved. The skate park and new play park project in Fingerpost Field was successfully completed. Plans to rejuvenate the shopping precinct have been formulated and the work will soon be going out to tender. Work to re-open the swimming pool is near completion and the pool is due to open in June. We submitted our views on the Lewes Local Plan document and will respond once more when the final draft is out for consultation in the summer.

During the last financial year, the Council gave out grants to the following groups and organisations: Air Ambulance Charity, St Mary's Church, Wildflower Ringmer, Jubilee Cottages, Ringmer Croquet Club, Ringmer Football Club, Ringmer Repair Café, Ringmer Memory Café and The Monday Club.

Under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 grants are available from the Parish Council typically up to £500. These can be paid to non-profit organisations and must be for the benefit of the parishioners. For larger grants, applications can be made to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund. Please see our website for information -

<https://ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk/finance/apply-for-a-grant>

### **Jubilee Gardens**

The Parish Council is working with Goldcliff Garden Centre to re-stock the flower beds that have been rather neglected. The small bed next to the Wheelhouse and the adjacent large bed have been cleared and planted. Work on the final bed will start in the autumn. If any residents would like to help with the planting and routine maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens please contact the Clerk on 01273 813242.

### **Almond Field**

Almond Field is proving to be a popular venue for a quiet walk for residents. The biodiversity of the native plants is increasing, and this will result in a more diverse population of invertebrates and birds. Access to the field is from the public footpath in the New Cemetery. 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. Two rustic benches have been positioned in the field. A small group of volunteers from Wildflower Ringmer are supporting the work of the council to further 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.

### **Picnic on the Green**

The Parish Council together with local groups and organisations is busy pulling together the annual Picnic on the Green event. This will once again be held on the Village Green **August Bank Holiday Monday - 25<sup>th</sup> August between 1.00 and 5.00pm**. Keep the date free.....