

Clerk's Report – Full Council Meeting 14th April 2026

Agenda Items

- 10.1 **Fingerpost Field**
JS, AW and the Clerk met with Chris Bibb, Specialist Advisor for Green Consultancy (Projects) at LDC, to discuss potential strategies for improving this outdoor area. JS has drafted a proposal for discussion. See papers.
- 10.2 **Parish Tree Survey**
4 tree surgeons were approached, 1 declined, 2 quotes received.
- 10.3 **War Memorial Posts**
Having seen the newly installed wooden posts at Pump Green, Cllrs Whitlock and West suggested replacement of the wooden posts at the boundary of the Village Green near the War Memorial.
- 11.1 **James MacCleary's Summer Visit**
A provisional date has been pencilled in for 29th July 2026, 11am at the Parish Offices. A Q&A session for residents on Wed 29th July at 11am for an hour with a 20-minute session afterwards for any Cllr urgent questions.
- 11.4 **Planning Committee Reform – Statutory Consultation.**
Link: [Planning committee reform: draft regulations and guidance - GOV.UK](#)

General

- Lightsource grant funds have been received - £7,444.55 on 24.02.26. This funding relates to an annual payment based on power produced.
- **Meeting held re Speed Indicator Device (SID)**- with William Cruttenden, the Licensing and Enforcement Officer at Balfour Beatty and Jo Reed from ESCC Traffic and Safety on 24th March to discuss Council's preferred site options. Gote Lane was discounted – nowhere suitable to site the device, and both approaches to the Laughton roundabout were advised against – lots of signage already on the approach to the roundabout and any data produced would not be useful as the device would need to sit just behind the 30mph signs and there is leeway given whilst adjusting to the new speed limit when considering the data. Next step is to get an idea of cost for each of the 6 remaining sites to inform Council's decision.
- 8 Cllrs agreed for posters to be sited on the Village Green advertising a protest organised by the Community Planning Alliance taking place on 18th April at 2pm
- **Skatepark Path** – Additional cost has been incurred in the sum of £1,893.22 for an S171 licence needed from Highways. This has been paid under delegated authority by the Clerk and Vice Chair from the remaining skatepark and amenities maintenance budgets.
- **APPEAL/26/0005: LW/25/0650 - 1 Lower Clayhill Farm Cottages, Barcombe Mills Road, Barcombe. BN8 5BY**
Conversion of existing detached double garage into single-storey annexe, including addition of front porch canopy and alterations to fenestration. (LW/25/0650: 09-Dec-25: PC Decision: No objection)
An appeal has been lodged against the Refusal to grant householder planning consent. The appeal will be determined on the basis of Written Representations under the Householder Appeals Service. There is no opportunity to submit further comments only to withdraw any previous representations.

Planning Decisions

Description	RPC Decision	LDC Decision
<p>LW/25/0691/CD - Land North of Lewes Road, Ringmer Discharge of conditions 6 (Foul Drainage), 10 (Biodiversity Method Statement), 15 (Archaeological Works), 16 (Contaminated Land), 20 (CMP), 27 (Construction Access) and 31 (Condition Survey) relating to approval LW/25/0411</p>	No objection	Approved (10/03/26)
<p>LW/26/0075 - Land North of Lewes Road Ringmer Non-material amendment of application LW/25/0411 to change the wording of conditions: 3, 4, 11, 12 and 29 to allow the receipt of the necessary funding and provision of affordable homes</p>	Strongly Objects <i>Approved prior to RPC comments rec'd</i>	Approved (10/03/26)
<p>LW/26/0042 - Land At Broyle Gate Farm, Lewes Road, Ringmer Vary of the original S106 agreement to remove the obligation to provide the skate park</p>	Request that the decision is deferred pending the publication of the revised S106 agreement.	Approved (30/03/26)
<p>LW/26/0036 - Land Near Junction Old Uckfield Road Ringmer Installation of subterranean electricity cable between NGR points TQ440134 and TQ438133 associated with planning approval LW/22/0254</p>	No comment.	Approved (07/04/26)
<p>LW/25/0678 - Orchard House, Neaves Lane, Ringmer. BN8 5UA Demolition of existing workshop, single storey barn extension and erection of new storage building</p>	No objection	Approved (03/03/26)