

# Report for Ringmer Parish Council

## Councillor Johnny Denis

As you will know our county elections are back on so County meetings, etc will dry up during the pre-election period. I think the PC is bound by the same rules as is the District Council to avoid any council seen to be using its resources for any candidate.

Anyway, I'm not sure you will have seen my submission re the Reg 18 so you may want to share with your members if of interest.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b5wf7IX63TvW6RiflTVskGaPPquneaDYjwlo902Fb2s/edit?usp=sharing>

I hear that residents of Broyle Lane are still waiting for the resurfacing of the road scheduled at the end of last year. Believed to be moved to May. I'm trying to find out a date.

Regarding the roads contract. I believe this has gone downhill. I suspect that this is down to the County having run out of money. They have a deficit over >£55M and have asked Government to let them have a draw down facility to borrow >£70M but with no clear indication of how that will be paid back I am not confident that this will sustain the council, whose finances, like many local authorities are at the end of life without a resettlement of how local government finance works.

In planning, as you know the National Planning Policy Framework has been out for consultation. I'm afraid it makes the already dire situation of government led policy on local communities absolute as it gives the government powers to change nation policy and instantly override Local Plans even when compliant (which of course is already a nonsense). Neighbourhood plans look set to be downgraded, I haven't written my submission yet so if there are aspects that you would like me to address please share. (Thanks)

Parking reviews, I wrote in favour of parking reviews in Ringmer regarding extending the double yellow lines on Harrisons Lane between B2192 and Greater Paddock on the grounds of visibility and safety; and of extending double yellow for a car length on Broyle Lane on either side of Elphick Close as visibility is impaired by parked cars.

Hope that's informative. As ever, if you want to raise something with me please contact me on this email re County matters (for as long as I'm a county Councillor) and [johnny.denis@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:johnny.denis@lewes.gov.uk) for LDC matters, or either/both if unsure.

Warm regards,  
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