

Clerk's report – Full Council Meeting 11th November 2025

- 10.1 In prior years, the Anchor Inn has generously supplied a Christmas tree and lights for the Village Green on behalf of the Parish Council. For the current year, and going forward, the Parish Council will take responsibility for this task. Requests for quotations regarding the supply, delivery, and removal of a 20-foot Christmas tree with lights were sent to four different vendors; the submitted quotes can be found in the supporting documents. The budget allocation was based on prior years, so additional funding will be required.
- 10.2 Cheyney Trust, Ringmer Cricket Club, Bowls Club, Scouts, and Croquet Club have reported that all storm water is finding its way into Cheyney Field, the lowest point of the area. This has resulted in significant issues for cricket matches and created difficulties for members of the croquet club accessing the field. Additionally, pooling and water ingress are affecting both the bowls rink and the car park. Several potential solutions are currently being pursued by the clubs; however, a key improvement would be to clear and maintain the ditch located in front of the Bowls Club. Regular maintenance of this ditch would help redirect water away from the Bowls Rink and subsequently reduce the amount reaching Cheyney Field. An initial quote has been obtained to clear the ditch – see supporting papers.
- 10.4 This project was investigated before the current Clerk was in situ. We are often told that residents are still unaware of the office location, and it would be good to heighten our profile. An updated quote has been provided by ESCC for consideration

General

Village Green Play Area - Following feedback on a recent monthly play area inspection report, two new swing hangers have been installed on the basket swing.

Police Surgery - PCSO Alan Ash held a surgery on the Village Green on Sat 25th Oct. 9 members of the public went along to discuss issues.

Delves House Path - Moss build up has cleared on the path from Delves House to the left of the pond at the request of Glyndebourne estates at a cost of £350 under the Clerk's delegated authority.

ESFRS – Community Risk Management Plan 2025 – 2030 - Cllr West has completed the online survey.

Website Update – We have added a new dropdown menu listing Parish council owned amenities with a description and map for each.

Fingerpost Field Consultation - This is now available electronically on the website and there is a link to this via Facebook too.

Bishops Lane Noticeboard - The broken Perspex on the has been replaced.

Fingerpost Field Hedges – These are due to be cut on Friday 7th November. Notice advising of the park closure have been circulated.

Skatepark Path - Cllr Whitlock and the Clerk met with contractors at Fingerpost Field to discuss the proposed path from the skatepark to the main road. Quote awaited.

List of Appeals Determined w/e 24th October 2025

Description	RPC Decision	PI Decision
Appeal Ref: APPEAL/25/0002 – Appeal against Refusal LW/21/0667 - Land to the east of The Orchards, Uckfield Road, Clayhill, Amendment to Outline Planning Application LW/21/0667 (Erection of 8 Open Market Dwellings concerning Access Only), to Provide a Total 8 Custom Build Dwellings	Strongly objected (14/11/23)	Dismissed (22/10/25)
Appeal Ref: APPEAL/25/0009 – Appeal against Refusal LW/24/0251 - Clayhill Woods, Isfield Road, Ringmer, BN8 5RP Demolition and erection of new barn (retrospective) and change of use from agricultural to residential/commercial barn with fenestration alterations and associated landscaping	Objected (07/05/24)	Dismissed (24/10/25)
Appeal Ref: APPEAL/25/0008 – Appeal against Refusal LW/24/0059 - Clayhill Woods, Isfield Road, Ringmer, BN8 5RP Retrospective application for an equestrian ménage and associated works	Objected (07/05/24)	Dismissed (24/10/25)

Planning Decisions

Description	RPC Decision	LDC Decision
LW/24/0321/CD - Lower Lodge Farm Laughton Road Ringmer East Sussex Discharge of Conditions: 5 (External Lighting), 6 (Parking and Storage for Cycle and Waste Bins), 8 (Travel Plan) and 12 (Biodiversity Management Plan) of planning appeal decision APP/P1425/W/23/3318089 (refused application LW/22/0255)	Object (11/06/24)	Approved (03/10/25)
LW/25/0343 - 8 The Green Lewes Road Ringmer. BN8 5QG Removal of existing conservatory and replacement single storey rear extension	No objection	Approved (17/10/25)
LW/25/0398/CD - Land to The South of The Broyle Ringmer Discharge of Conditions 3 (Detailed Drawings), 20 (Earthworks), 21 (Drainage Strategy) and 22 (Drainage Management and Maintenance) of Planning Appeal Decision APP/P1425/W/23/3319706 (Refused Application LW/22/0282)	No comment	Approved (23/10/25)
LW/25/0450 - 48 Ballard Drive Ringmer BN8 5NU 2 storey side extension	No objections	Approved (17/10/25)
LW/25/0540 - Street Record Harveys Lane Ringmer Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 for construction and operation of a ground mounted solar PV farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), together with all associated works, ancillary infrastructure and equipment, landscaping, biodiversity improvements and access	Consideration should be given to protect the rare native wood pasture in this area. It also skirts around an area of ancient woodland	EIA Not Required (30/10/25)