

# RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Ringmer Parish Council you are hereby summoned to the  
Parish Council Meeting to be held on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 19.00  
In the Parish Rooms, Old School Close, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5RA

Meeting called by: Annie Hazzard – Clerk

Signature: Annie Hazzard

Meeting called: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026

The Chairman may, at his discretion and at a convenient time in the transaction of business, adjourn the meeting to allow any members of the public to address the meeting. Parishioners and others in attendance are reminded that they must remain silent during the transaction of Council business.

Agenda Items		
1.	<b>To receive and accept apologies for absence</b>	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Disclosure by Councillors of their personal interests regarding matters on the agenda, and whether the councillor regards their interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.	ALL
3.	<b>Dispensation requests</b>	ALL
4.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b> To agree the Full Council minutes of the meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	ALL
5.	<b>Public questions or comments:</b> Up to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person) will be available for the public to make representations or questions. Please note that under Data protection regulations we ask members of the public to only state their name if they agree to their name being recorded.	
6.	<b>If the Committee wishes to exclude the public for a particular agenda item, the following resolution must be passed:</b> 'That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'	
7.	<b>Reports (Up to 15 mins)</b> – To receive and accept any reports submitted i. Clerk ii. MP iii. East Sussex County Councillor iv. Lewes District Councillor(s) v. PCSO	
8.	<b>Co-Option of Councillors</b> To consider any expressions of interest in accordance with Parish Council's Standing Orders.	
9.	<b>Finance Matters</b>	
9.1	To receive the latest Financial Reports.	ALL
9.2	To approve and sign the latest bank reconciliation.	ALL
9.3	To approve and sign the list of payments.	ALL
10.	<b>Open Spaces and Related Matters</b>	
10.1	<b>Fingerpost Field</b> To receive an update on the proposed improvements to Fingerpost Field – see Clerk's report.	JS/AW
10.2	<b>Parish Tree Survey</b> To receive quotes for conducting a survey of trees managed by the Parish Council – see Clerk's report.	ALL
10.3	<b>War Memorial</b> To consider renewing the wooden posts around the War Memorial. See Clerk's report.	JW/AW
10.4	<b>Allotment Garden Agreement</b> To review the current allotment garden agreement and consider any requests.	ALL
10.5	<b>Almond Field</b> To consider a request for ashes to be scattered at Almond Field.	ALL
10.6	<b>Pump Green</b> i. To consider a request for driveway access over Pump Green to Penlee. ii. To agree a public statement to address inquiries regarding the crossing of Pump Green for access to the property known as Penlee.	ALL ALL
11.	<b>General</b>	
11.1	<b>James MacCleary MP Summer Visit 2026</b> To agree a proposed date and arrangements for James MacCleary's Summer Visit – see Clerk's report.	ALL
11.2	<b>LEAF (Lewes Environmental Advisory Forum)</b> To consider nominating a Councillor who is interested in participating in this Special Interest Group.	ALL

11.3	<b>Rights of River Charter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To consider formally expressing the Parish Council's support for the Rights of River Charter concerning the River Ouse.</li> <li>ii. To receive an interim update on water quality testing.</li> </ul>	ALL LG
11.4	<b>Planning Committee reform: statutory consultation on draft regulations and guidance.</b> To consider a response.	ALL
11.5	<b>Ringmer Hub event – 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 10am – 1pm</b> To consider an invitation to the Ringmer Hub.	ALL
12.	<b>Planning Matters – To consider responses to Planning Applications:</b>	
12.1	<b>LW/26/0094/CD - Clayhill House, Uckfield Road, Ringmer. BN8 5RU</b> Discharge of Condition 4 (The Barn Roof - Joinery) relating to approval LW/24/0288 and LW/24/0405 (Barn only). (Response by 23/04/26)	ALL
12.2	<b>LW/26/0095/CD - Land to the south of The Broyle, Ringmer.</b> Discharge of Conditions: 11 (EVC), 13 (External Materials) and 28 (Energy and Water) of Planning Appeal Decision APP/P1425/W/23/3319706 (Refused Application LW/22/0282). (Response by 10/04/26) – extension granted.	ALL
12.3	<b>LW/26/0119 - Merlins, Uckfield Road, Ringmer. BN8 5RU</b> Installation of roof over existing stable yard with open-front single storey side extension to house hay store. (Response by 22/04/26)	ALL
12.4	<b>To ratify previously submitted comments on a planning application to ensure the response deadline was met.</b> <b>LW/26/0079 - 3 Hayes Close, Ringmer. BN8 5HN</b> Replacement of existing garage with two-storey front / side extension, addition of front porch, rear window replacement with double doors with associated hard and soft landscaping. <b>RESOLVED: Parish Council Decision:</b> The Parish Council objects to the proposal in its current form. Ringmer Parish Council has considered the application LW/26/0079 for the replacement of the existing garage with a two-storey front/side extension, the addition of a front porch, and the replacement of the rear window with double doors, including associated hard and soft landscaping. The proposal conflicts with the requirements of the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan in respect of parking provision. The plans indicate a four-bedroom dwelling; however, insufficient parking has been clearly demonstrated. Policy 8.3 of the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan states that development proposals should provide an appropriate level of off-road parking relative to the size of the dwelling, including a minimum of three parking spaces for dwellings of four bedrooms or more. These spaces should be clearly illustrated on the submitted drawings. The absence of this information represents a failure to comply with Policy 8.3. In addition, the design of the proposed side extension is not considered acceptable. The roof form does not appear sufficiently subservient to the main dwelling. Policy DM21 (Extensions and Alterations to Existing Dwellings) of the Lewes District Local Plan Part 2 requires that extensions are well-related to the existing dwelling and are of a scale, design and form that is subordinate to the host building. The current proposal fails to demonstrate this, particularly in respect of the roof design. The Parish Council considers that the scheme should be revised to ensure a more subordinate relationship, either through the use of a fully hipped roof across all three roof slopes, or alternatively a hipped roof incorporating a gable barn-end arrangement. For these reasons, the Parish Council recommends refusal of the application unless the concerns outlined above are satisfactorily addressed.	ALL
12.5	<b>APPEAL/25/0024: LW/25/0156 - Land Adjacent to Shortgate Industrial Park, The Broyle. Ringmer. BN8 6PH</b> Erection of rural workers dwelling and storage building incorporating areas of habitat creation (resubmission of LW/23/0443). (LW/23/0443 – 08-Aug-23: PC Decision: Strongly support as it will create new employment and enable an employee to live on the premises). (LW/25/0156 – 08-Jul-25: PC Decision: To support the application) To consider delegating a representative to attend the Hearing on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 as an Interested Party and express (restate) our perspective.	ALL
13.	<b>Reports, Correspondence, Questions and Future Agenda Items</b> To consider any correspondence received after this agenda has been published for noting or action.	ALL
14.	<b>Urgent items at the Chairman's discretion requiring decisions which cannot be held over until the next meeting.</b>	GS

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE A RIGHT AND ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Date of Next Council Meeting in Parish Rooms, Lucy Stone Room - **Date 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 19.00**