

Clerk's Report – Full Council Meeting 9th June 2026

Agenda Items

9.4	<p>To ratify the decision to move the CIL funds received from LDC of £227,258.58 to Cambridge & Counties 95 day account.</p> <p>As at 02/06 the following Cllrs had agreed to the above: NC, AD, DD, JK, LG, MM, JS, GS, AW (6 votes were required to complete this action).</p>																					
9.5	<p>Ringmer Village Hall - Public Toilet Refurbishment</p> <p>At their Nov-25 meeting, the O&F Committee recommended to Full Council to ring-fence 50% (£5,324) of the requested funding from the remaining 'Unallocated' CIL funds (approximately £29,000 at that time), provided LDC matches the funding. AW was asked to request that Ringmer Village Hall Trustees seek match funding from LDC CIL Funds.</p> <p>At the Full Council meeting in Dec-25, it was agreed to support the project in principle but to defer making a final decision until Ringmer Village Hall had obtained three quotes.</p> <p>3 quotes have now been supplied along with an updated application to reflect the revised costs. The preferred quote is the cheaper of the 3 options – as detailed below.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">Paper</th> <th style="width: 70%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9.5. i</td> <td>Hand Dryer – Kangarillo</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£210</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5. ii</td> <td>Mirror</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£115</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5.iii</td> <td>Speed & Son – Outside Refurb</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3680</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9.5. iv</td> <td>Shaws – Screen & Doors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4799</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Contingency (inc. electrical work)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£880</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£9,684</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Paper	Description	Cost	9.5. i	Hand Dryer – Kangarillo	£210	9.5. ii	Mirror	£115	9.5.iii	Speed & Son – Outside Refurb	£3680	9.5. iv	Shaws – Screen & Doors	£4799		Contingency (inc. electrical work)	£880		Total	£9,684
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10.1	<p>Play Area Inspections</p> <p>We currently pay £39 per week for our inspections, although the correct fee should be £60, as we were not previously charged for the skatepark. LDC now proposes to increase the fee to £69 per week wef from 1st June. Regular inspections are required, and further information is available here: Routine inspection of play areas - Rospa Play Safety</p> <p>We could instead appoint our own inspector. There is an option to utilise a retired gentleman who lives in the village. He has carried out these checks for two other parishes for the past few years and has an engineering background. He has offered to provide the service for £50 per week. In addition to the lower cost, this could benefit the Parish Council because he may be able to address some issues immediately, such as removing offensive graffiti.</p>																					
11.1	<p>To review the Investment Policy.</p> <p>The policy requires an annual review, and after this review it will be aligned with the others in May. For noting: The FSCS limit has increased from £85k to £120k.</p>																					
11.2	<p>To review the Emergency Plan.</p> <p>The following amendments have been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pg 5 - Appx B: Updating the contact details for Ringmer Village Hall. • Pg 7 – Appx D: Removing Sarah Philips, adding Andrew Day + prospective new Councillor <p>Following this review the Emergency Plan will then be reviewed every 2 years.</p>																					
11.3	<p>To request a meeting with the new ESCC councillors – see Clerk's report.</p> <p>It was agreed at the Full Council May meeting to issue a statement to ESCC expressing its interest in opening discussions regarding Safer Roads in Ringmer.</p> <p>The following suggestions have been put forward for discussion relating to road safety as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gaining Quiet Lane status for some of Ringmer's lanes that are heavily used and highly valued for recreational purposes (specifically Norlington Lane, Green Lane, the upper part of Broyle Lane, Potato Lane & Neaves Lane). • Specific concerns in Ringmer and Broyleside relating to freight routes and traffic calming measures. • Ringmer Primary School's question to why there is no 20mph speed limit outside the school. 																					

11.4	<p>To consider a response to the new South Downs Local Plan (Proposed Submission) published under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. https://southdowns-consult.objective.co.uk/kpse/event/1E2E78BD-DF08-462B-B19A-E778A68A57D7 Cllr. Kay reports as follows: We were told at the Lewes DC Planning Services Users Group today by Nat Belderson (SDNP Rep)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Reg 19 consultation on the SDNP Local Plan review starts on 12th May and continues until 23rd June. • That is intended to submit the Revised Local Plan, and any consultation comments thereon, for examination by the Planning Inspectorate no later than November 2026. • That seems a tight but achievable timetable. • Ringmer PC could discuss and approve a response at its June meeting and then submit a comment before the end of the consultation period. • The response might include a Ringmer barn conversion site (RNP site RES20, planned 5 units) within the SDNP part of the parish that is allocated within the 2016 Ringmer NP, and formally SDNP policy of which it does not appear aware.
11.5	<p>Modified proposals for local government reorganisation in East Sussex and Brighton and Hove After consulting councillors, Cllr. Day circulated his own response for the PC to peruse as a starting point. For link to consultation click here</p>

General

- War Memorial – The war memorial is being cleaned. The Military Grave Restorer CIC, a not-for-profit organisation provided a quote for £1087.87. We approached the company who cleaned the memorial previously but did not receive a response. This work has been agreed under delegate powers to the Clerk with agreement from the Chair.
- Litter Bins – LDC have carried out an audit of the bins that they empty on our behalf. There were a few that were being emptied without charge that are now on their radar! Additionally, they have advised that the cost of emptying the bins will rise from £2 per litter bin and £3 per dual bin to £6.34 per bin per collection. This will result in an increase of £96 per week which has not been budgeted for.

Planning Decisions

Description	RPC Decision	LDC Decision
LW/24/0816/CD - Broyle Gate Farm, Lewes Road, Ringmer. Discharge of Conditions 8a (Surface Water Drainage) and 9a (Foul Water Discharge) of Planning Appeal Decision APP/P1425/W/22/3298993 (No Determination Application LW/21/0937)	No comment	Approved (29/05/26)
LW/25/0605 - Ivydene Vicarage Way Ringmer BN8 5EX Erection of single-storey front extension	Objects	Withdrawn (03/03/26)
LW/25/0613/CD - Clayhill House Uckfield Road Ringmer BN8 5RU Discharge of condition 10 (Schedule of Works) relating to approval LW/24/0288 and LW/24/0405 (the Barn only)	No objection	Approved (22/05/26)
LW/25/0670 - Clayhill House Uckfield Road Ringmer. BN8 5RU Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) in relation to approval LW/22/0849 to enable minor material amendments to the landscape and outbuilding refurbishment	Supports	Approved (26/05/26)
LW/25/0671 - Clayhill House Uckfield Road Ringmer. BN8 5RU Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) in relation to approval LW/22/0850 to enable minor material amendments to the landscape and outbuilding refurbishment.	Supports	Approved (26/05/26)
LW/25/0734 - Ringmer Cricket Club Pavilion, Lewes Road, Ringmer. BN8 5QG Demolition of the existing pavilion and detached outbuilding and replacement with new pavilion	Supports	Approved (01/06/26)

LW/25/0740 - Caburn Enterprise Park The Broyle Ringmer Demolition of 2nos. existing buildings, removal of external storage and erection of 1no. building, addition of car/cycle/motorcycle parking spaces with associated soft landscaping	Supports	Approved (01/05/26)
LW/26/0094/CD - Clayhill House, Uckfield Road, Ringmer. BN8 5RU Discharge of Condition 4 (The Barn Roof - Joinery) relating to approval LW/24/0288 and LW/24/0405 (Barn only)	No comment	Approved (01/05/26)
LW/26/0119 - Merlins, Uckfield Road, Ringmer. BN8 5RU Installation of roof over existing stable yard with open-front single storey side extension to house hay store	No objection	Approved (19/05/26)
LW/26/0224 - Wish Farm Barn, Moor Lane, Ringmer. BN8 5UP Non-material amendment relating to approval LW/25/0422 - Removing the originally approved rooflights and replacing them with fewer rooflights in other locations	Not Considered	Approved (19/05/26)
LW/26/0160 - Street Record, Barcombe Mills Road, Barcombe Installation of 2no. new stay wires	Not Considered	No objection (19/05/26)
LW/26/0063 - Campsite Chamberlaines Lane Ringmer. Prior approval for use of land as a 60 day campsite between the following dates: 22-24 & 29-30 May; 5-6, 8-9 & 26-27 June; 3-4 & 10-11 July; and 17 July - 30 August (60 days)	Not Considered	Prior approval approved (19/05/26)
LW/26/0062 - 16 St Anthony's, Ringmer. BN8 5LW Increase size of existing patio, level access UPVC patio door, existing inspection chamber raised to patio level	Not Considered	Approved (28/05/26)
LW/25/0099/CD - Clayhill House Uckfield Road Ringmer Discharge of Conditions 5 (The Barn Materials) parts A, B, C, G and I, 6 (The Barn Insulation), 7 (The Barn Floor) and 10 (Schedule of Works) in relation to the approval of LW/24/0288	Not Considered	Approved (22/05/26)
LW/25/0098/CD - Clayhill House Uckfield Road Ringmer Discharge of Conditions 5 (The Barn Materials) parts A, B, C, G and I, 6 (The Barn Insulation), 7 (The Barn Floor) and 10 (Schedule of Works) in relation to the approval of LW/24/0405	Not Considered	Approved (22/05/26)