Ringwood Town Council

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PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Dear Member 25th April 2024

A meeting of the above Committee will be held on **Friday 3rd May 2024** at 10.00am in the Forest Suite, Ringwood Gateway and your attendance is requested.

Mr C Wilkins Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There will be an opportunity for public participation for a period of up to 15 minutes at the start of the meeting

- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2024

5. PLANNING APPLICATION 21/11723 – LAND OFF MOORTOWN LANE (STRATEGIC SITE 13) - plans can be viewed via this link

To consider amended plans and finalise observation to be submitted to NFDC

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider applications and to note application determined under delegated powers (*Report A*)

7. RINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (RNP)

To receive a verbal update

8. STRATEGIC SITES

To receive updates in relation to strategic sites:-

- i) Land off Crow Lane / Crow Arch Lane (Beaumont Park)
- ii) Land north of Hightown Road (21/11042)
- iii) Land off Moortown Lane (21/11723 and 23/10707)
- iv) 2 Market Place and Meeting House Lane (23/11255)
- v) Snails Lane

9. FLOOD WARDEN REPORT

To receive Cllr Kelleher's report (Report B)

10. PROJECTS (current and proposed)

To consider the officers' report (*Report C*), receive any verbal updates and agree next steps where necessary

11. NFDC/NFNPA PLANNING COMMITTEE

To review, if any, applications that are due before NFDC/NFNPA Planning Committee

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk, on (01425) 484721 or email jo.hurd@ringwood.gov.uk.

Committee Members

Cllr Philip Day (Chairman) Cllr Glenys Turner (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Andrew Briers

Cllr Luke Dadford Cllr Ingrid De Bruyn

Cllr Gareth Deboos

Clir Mary DeBoos

Cllr Rae Frederick

Cllr Janet Georgiou

Cllr Peter Kelleher

Cllr James Swyer

Cllr Becci Windsor

<u>Officers</u>

Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk Nicola Vodden, Office Manager

Permission (1) Recommend Permission,

but would accept planning officer's decision

Refusal (2) Recommend Refusal,

but would accept planning officer's decision

Permission (3) Recommend Permission

Refusal (4) Recommend Refusal

Officer Decision (5) Will accept planning officer's decision



Number	Name	Address	Proposal	Dead line	Recommendation Permission (1) Recommend Permission, but would accept planning officer's decision Refusal (2) Recommend Refusal, but would accept planning officer's decision (plus reasons) Permission (3) Recommend Permission Refusal (4) Recommend Refusal (plus reasons) Officer Decision (5) Will accept planning officer's decision
24/10272	Mr Briscombe	49 Kingsfield, Ringwood. BH24 1PJ	Annexe to rear for ancillary use to the main dwelling view online here	3.5	
24/10281	Mr Horwood - Tesco	Tesco Express Supermarket, 1 Butlers Lane, Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 1UB	Proposal to install x2 externally illuminated box fascias, x2 non-illuminated box fascias, x2 illuminated projecting signs, x3 wall mounted promotional banners, x3 externally applied dibond graphics, x3 vinyls applied externally (Application for advertisement consent) view online here		
24/10285	Stickley	64, Southampton Road, Ringwood. BH24 1JD	Replacement of existing upvc windows with new timber flush casements (Application for listed building consent) view online here	10.5	
24/10304	Greenham	77 Parsonage Barn Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1PU	Proposed side, rear and upward extensions to property view online here	10.5	
24/10313	Mr Benjamin	38 Broadshard Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1RS	Side extension, front extension to facilitate porch, fenestration alterations, roof lights and solar panels. Demolition of detached garage and widening of driveway. view online here	17.5	
24/10320	Pierson - Moortown Farms Ltd	Moortown Farm, Hampshire Hatches Lane, Moortown, Ringwood. BH24 3AT	Use of stable block for livery, riding lessons, horse/pony breeding and horse training by companies/individuals that are not the applicant (Non-compliance with condition 02 of planning consent 08/92993 for over 10 years) (Lawful Use Certificate for retaining an existing use or operation) view online here	10.5	
24/10321	Pierson - Moortown Farms Ltd	Moortown Farm, Hampshire Hatches Lane,	Erection of stable block view online here	17.5	

		Moortown, Ringwood. BH24 3AT			
24/10325	Pierson - Moortown Farms Ltd	Moortown Farm, Hampshire Hatches Lane, Moortown, Ringwood. BH24 3AT	Removal of condition 2 of application 06/88791 to allow use of the stables without limitation view online here	10.5	
24/10326	Pierson - Moortown Farms Ltd	Moortown Farm, Hampshire Hatches Lane, Moortown, Ringwood. BH24 3AT	Removal of condition 2 of application 08/92993 to allow use of the stables without limitation view online here	7.5	
24/10339	Regal Homes (South) Ltd	1 Highfield Road, Ringwood. BH24 1RF	Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 23/10874 to alter internal layout, add a side window and alter materials view online here	17.5	
24/10342	Westview Development s Ltd	Land adjacent, 37 Fairlie, Ringwood. BH24 1TP	Variation of condition 3 of application 20/10387 view online here	17.5	
24/10344	Ms Brown	19 Cloughs Road, Ringwood. BH24 1UU	Variation of condition 2 of 23/10909 to raise the roof line of the proposed garden room to the existing roof line of the bungalow. view online here	24.5	
CONS/24/01 70	Dr Polkinghom	22 College Road, Ringwood, BH24 1NX	Eucalyptus – Reduce view online here	6.5	
CONS/24/01 85	Mrs Baker	28 Lynes Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1EH	Laurel – Remove view online here	13.5	
24/00405TP O	Mr Pielesz	Hillside Cottage, Cowpitts Lane, Poulner Common, Ringwood. BH24 3JX	Prune 1 x English Oak tree (T1 on the plan) view online here	5.5	



				Applications considered under delegated powers:-
TPO/24/0158	Ms Turner	1 Old Forge Close, Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 1GZ	Monkey Puzzle - Reduce	5.4.24 P(1) Recommend permission, but would accept the Planning Officer's decision.

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 3 May 2024

Report from Ringwood Town Council Volunteer Flood Warden

On Friday 19th April a group of likeminded individuals met on New Forest National Park, in an area which is managed by Forestry England. We were there mainly to learn how the mires (bogs) work to act as natural flood defences. Although the mires work well, Forestry England are restricted from expanding them, due to privately owned land adjacent to that area (Hightown Hill/ Crow Hill).

Freshwater Habitats Trust have been in discussions with some of these landowners but unfortunately the representative from that organisation was unable to attend our meet up at Foulford Bottom, so we still need to obtain an update from her on how those discussions are going.

It does seem paramount to us all that the only way forward is via engagement with landowners (and farmers) so we can naturally contain water in the ground, but also there does seem to be a need to introduce (where appropriate) what are called 'leaky dams'. In a perfect world, if we had extended mires and leaky dams then water flow would be slowed down significantly with the result being a huge reduction in flooding at the bottom of Crow Hill and Hightown Hill (as well as other places).

The outdoor meeting was successful. All concerned are passionate about natural flood defences and do want to see more done to alleviate the bad flooding we are all experiencing as a result of persistent and torrential rainfall, which runs off the high ground. Some work to be done would include;

- 1. Seeking to obtain LIDAR maps which would show all the water courses in our greater Ringwood area (including the NFNPA);
- 2. Obtain update on discussions between Freshwater Habitats Trust and landowners adjacent to the National Park (top of Crow Hill and Hightown Hill);
- 3. Farmers groups to discuss engaging also with local landowners on flood defences on their land:
- 4. Bisterne Estates, identify what is needed to keep water courses and drains unblocked and where to source funding;
- 5. Develop a plan which can be used when applying for grant aid;
- 6. Add HCC to the email group on Natural Flood Defence work (they are the Hampshire Lead Local Flood Authority).

For further information, contact:

Cllr Peter Kelleher 07562 014832 cllr.p.kelleher@ringwood.gov.uk

Attendees at the meeting were:
Ian Barker, NFNPA Ecologist
Peter Kelleher, Volunteer Flood Warden, RTC
Hallam Mills, Bisterne Estate
Leanne Sergeant, Senior Ecologist, Forestry England
Dr. Peter Street, local water course expert

Date: 25/04/2024

Current Projects Update

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No.	Name	Status	Recent developments	Description and notes	Lead Officer/Member	Financing
Full Cour	ncil					
FC1	Long Lane Football Facilities Development	In progress (scheduled for completion in 2024)	The artificial turf pitch has been completed and is now in use. The PWLB loan has been drawn down. A Construction Contract for the pavilion and other works has been been entered into. Work on these started on 5th June 2023. The new building is expected to be ready for occupation in Summer 2024.	A joint venture with Ringwood Town Football Club and AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust to improve the football facilities for shared use by them and the community.	Town Clerk	The current expectation is that the Council's contribution to the project will, in effect, be limited to a modest loss of income from the site (but over a long term).
Planning	Town & Environment Committ	ee				
PTE1	Neighbourhood Plan	In progress	Examiner's report received, recommending some modifications. Awaiting decisions from NFDC and NFNPA to agree modified Plan and to proceed to referendum, the likely date of which is 11 July 2024.	To prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the civil parish of Ringwood but limited in scope to a few specified themes.	Deputy Town Clerk	Spent £25,282.42 (£18,000 funded from Locality grants, £3,650 additional budget agreed for SPUD youth engagement work (F/6061)). £3,167.58 unspent of original RTC budget.
PTE2	Human Sundial	Complete, with exception of interpretation board	Work to refurbish human sundial and install surrounding benches now complete. Time capsule cover stone replaced on 21/07/2023. Interpretation board with details of sundial, Jubilee Lamp etc. to be designed and costed.	Replacement of damaged sundial and surrounding paviors; installation of removable benches to protect it for the future.	Deputy Town Clerk	£10,659.15 spent funded from CIL and contributon from Carnival. Additional £580 for repair of cover funded from CIL (C/6957).
PTE3	Crow Stream Maintenance	Annual recurrent	Spraying of stream banks to be carried out in May, annual flail in August and stream clearance by volunteers in September.	Annual maintenance of Crow Ditch and Stream in order to keep it flowing and alleviate flooding	Deputy Town Clerk	Budget of £1,000 funded by transfer from earmarked reserve
PTE6	Shared Space Concept - Thriving Market Place	In progress	£10,000 released by NFDC from UKSPF to undertake options appraisal/feasibility study. Project Brief agreed and HCC instructed to carry out work outlined in Brief. Next meeting of Working Group scheduled for 08/05/2024.	Concept for town centre shared space identifed through work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Working in partnership with NFDC and HCC.	Deputy Town Clerk	HCC funded survey work. £10,000 grant from UKSPF (via NFDC).
	Greening Ringwood	In progress	Official launch of Phase 2 held on 20/04/2024 in Gateway Square.	Greening Campaign Phase 2 to run from Sept 2023 to July 2024, focussing on making space for nature; energy efficient greener homes; climate impacts on health and wellbeing; waste prevention; and cycle of the seed.		£50 signing up fee funded from General Reserve.
	Bus Shelters	In progress	HCC framework contractor has completed survey of shelters free of charge. Results and availability of funding will be discussed with HCC.	Review of Council owned bus shelters.		No agreed budget
Projects b	eing delivered by others which are	monitored by the Deputy	Clerk and reported to this committee:			
	Crow Lane Footpath	In progress	Developers' contributions paid to HCC to implement. Additional funds required to progress and approved by NFDC Cabinet on 02/11/2022 - report indicates delivery in 2024/25. HCC working on design.	New footpath to link Beaumont Park with Hightown Road, alongside west of Crow Lane	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Railway Corner	In progress	Project supported by RTC. Planning application approved (23/11081).	Project to improve and promote historical significance of triangle of land at junction of Hightown Road and Castleman Way.	Ringwood Society	No financial implications.
	Memorial Bench for Michael Lingam-Willgoss	In progress	Consent to install bench has been granted by HCC. Legal fees covered by County Cllr Thierry. Date for installation yet to be agreed.	Provision of memorial bench in Market Place in memory of Michael Lingam-Willgoss.	Ringwood Carnival / Ringwood Rotary	No financial implications.
Policy &	Finance Committee					
PF5	Poulner Lakes Lease	On hold	Awaiting track maintenance solution - see Recreation Leisure & Open Spaces Committee item RLOS21.	Negotiating a lease from Ringwood & District Anglers' Association of the part of the site not owned by the Council	Town Clerk	Some provision for legal advice or assistance may be needed eventually.

PF11	92 Southampton Road	In progress (commenced March 2023)	One of the tenants has left. A new letting agent has been instructed, notice to quit has been served and possession proceedings commenced. Urgent repairs have been completed.	Reviewing the letting of this council-owned house	Town Clerk	Rent receipts and other financial implications of any changes are unclear at present but will be considered as part of the review.
PF12	Base budget review	Commenced Feb. 2024	Inaugural meeting held on 17th April. Workstreams and lead councillors for each agreed.	A review by members and officers of the council's base (revenue) budget, probably focused on a few types of expenditure or areas of activity, to identify possible options for change and/or savings.	Finance Manager	No anticipated costs other than staff time.
Recreati	on, Leisure & Open Spaces Com	mittee				
RLOS4	Grounds department sheds replacement	In progress (Commenced design work in April 2021.)	Officers have been working with a planning consultant on project design and two rounds of pre-application planning advice have been completed. A planning application has been prepared in draft and is expected to be submitted soon.	A feasibility study into replacing the grounds maintenance team's temporary, dispersed & sub-standard workshop, garaging and storage facilities. Combined with a possible new car park for use by hirers of and visitors to the club-house.	Town Clerk	Revised capital budget of £4,000 (originally £10,000 until virement to RLOS19)
RLOS5	Cemetery development	design work in April 2021. Aiming to	Design and funding arrangements for a memorial wall have been agreed in principle. An architect has been instructed and prepared the tender documentation for the construction contract.	Planning best use of remaining space, columbarium, etc.	Town Clerk	Capital cost estimated at £37,500 will be met from a combination of earmarked reserves.
RLOS10	Waste bin replacement programme	In progress (Commenced April 2020)	The replacements scheduled in years 1 and 2 have been completed. An order for the final round of replacements has been placed.	Three-year programme to replace worn-out litter and dogwaste bins	Grounds Manager	Budget of £2,000 a year.
RLOS14	Poulner Lakes waste licence	In progress	Surrender requirements and process have been investigated and discussed with Environment Agency and New Forest District Council. Consultants, ACS Testing, have been engaged to provide technical advice and support. A fuller picture of the surrender requirements and process is expected to emerge in April or May 2024.	Arranging to surrender our redundant waste licence to avoid annual renewal fees	Town Clerk	
RLOS19	Carvers Strategic Development	Feb. 2021)	The Masterplan prepared by landscape designer New Enclosure was approved by the Carvers Working Party on 5th July. Responses to the public consultation on this have been evaluated and an updated plan prepared. This was considered by the Working Party on 6th March and final changes agreed.	Devising a strategic vision and plan for the future of Carvers Recreation Ground pulling together proposals for additional play equipment and other features	Carvers Manager	Revised budget of £6,000 (virement from RLOS4).
RLOS21	Poulner Lakes track maintenance		Costs estimates for re-surfacing schemes obtained from two suppliers. NFDC has agreed to fund additional works and officers are discussing the scope of these and design options.	Devising a sustainable regime for maintaining the access tracks at Poulner Lakes to a more acceptable standard.	Town Clerk	Yet to be settled
RLOS23	North Poulner Play Area skate ramp request	In progress (commenced Mar. 2023)	A 'half-pipe' has been identified as a likely cheaper and easier option. The likely costs and wider implications of installing this are being investigated.	A local resident requested provision of a 'quarter-pipe ramp' at this site and has been fund-raising for it	Deputy Town Clerk	Yet to be quantified and agreed
RLOS24	Poulner Lakes Circular Path	In progress	Works to reduce and landscape the drainage retention pond completed. It's performance will be monitored through the winter.	HCC has funded the creation of a circular path for pedestrians and cyclists to improve accessibility and so encourage greater use		Staff time only

Staffing Committee

None

Proposed/Emerging Projects Update

	No.	Name	Description	Lead	Progress / Status Es		Estimated cost	Funding sources	
					Recent developments	Stage reached			
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	Full Cou	ncil							

None

Planning Town & Environment Committee

Roundabout under A31 Planting and other environmental enhancements

Lynes Lane re-paving Ringwood Society proposal

Rear of Southampton Road Proposal by Ringwood Society to improve

appearance from The Furlong Car Park and

approaches

Dewey's Lane wall Repair of historic wall

Review of signs requiring attention - e.g. Signage Review Cllr Day

Castleman Trailway, Pocket Park, Gateway

Square

Crow ditch Investigate works required to improve capacity

and flow of ditch alongside Crow Lane, between

Hightown Road and Moortown Lane

Area being used by National Highways for Floated as possible future project

storage of materials during works to widen the

Re-build/repair options and costs are being

A31.

investigated

Floated as possible future project

Floated as possible future project

Shelved as a TC project

Floated as possible future project

Developers contributions

Policy & Finance Committee

Paperless office Increasing efficiency of office space use Cllr. Heron Discussions with Town Clerk and Finance

Manager

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee

None (Current projects expected to absorb available

resources for several years)

Staffing Committee

None

Closed Projects Report

No.	Name	Description	Outcome	Notes
Full Cour	ncil			
FC2	Strategic Plan	Exploring ideas for medium term planning. Aim to have complete for start of budget-planning in Autumn 2022.	Completed in October 2022	
Planning	, Town & Environment Committee			
	Pedestrian Crossings - Christchurch Road	Informal pedestrian crossings to the north and south of roundabout at junction of Christchurch Road with Wellworthy Way (Lidl)	Completed by HCC	
	Cycleway signage and improvements	s New signage and minor improvements to cycleway between Forest Gate Business Park and Hightown Road	Completedby HCC	
	Carvers footpath/cycle-way improvement	Creation of shared use path across Carvers between Southampton Road and Mansfield Road	Completedby HCC	
	Replacement Tree - Market Place	New Field Maple tree to replace tree stump in Market Place.	Completed in January 2022 by HCC	
PTE4	Climate Emergency	Funds used to support Greening Campaign, community litter-pick and Flood Action Plan leaflets.	Completed March 2023	
	A31 widening scheme	Widening of A31 westbound carriageway between Ringwood and Verwood off slip to improve traffic flow; associated town centre improvements utilising HE Designated Funds	Scheme completed by National Highways and road re-opened in November 2022.	
	SWW Water Main Diversion (associated with A31 widening scheme)	Diversion of water main that runs along the A31 westbound carriageway. Diversion route included land in RTC's ownership at The Bickerley.	Scheme completed by SWW in 2022.	
	Surfacing of Castleman Trailway	Dedication and surfacing of bridleway between old railway bridge eastwards to join existing surfacing.	Surfacing works completed by HCC early April 2022.	
	Bus Shelter Agreement	Request by ClearChannel in Nov. 2020 for RTC to licence the bus shelters in Meeting House Lane and the advertising on them. Despite various communications, we have had no contact for over a year and therefore regard the original request to be defunct.		
PTE5 Policy &	Finance Committee			
PF1	New Council website	Arranging a new website that is more responsive, directly editable by Council staff and compliant with	Completed	
PF2	Greenways planning permission	accessibility regulations. Consideration of applying to renew planning permission for bungalow in garden previously obtained	Decided not to renew	
PF3	Detached youth outreach work	To provide youth workers for trial of detached outreach work	Transferred to Recreation Leisure & Open Spaces Committee (see RLOS20)	
PF4	Review of governance documents	A major overhaul of standing orders, financial regulations, committee terms of reference, delegated powers, etc. Routine periodic reviews will follow	Completed in July 2022	All governance documents will now receive routine annual reviews.
PF6	Health & Safety Management	completion of this work. Re-procuring specialist advice and support for discharge	Completed in February 2023	
PF7	Support Re-procurement Financial Procedures Manual	of health and safety duties Preparation of a new manual for budget managers and other staff detailing financial roles, responsibilities and procedures	Completed in September 2022	Will be updated by Finance Manage as necessary
PF8	Bickerley Legal Title	An application to remove land from the Council's title was made	Completed in October 2023	Application successfully resisted
PF9	Greenways office leases	The tenant of the first floor suite gave notice and left. The building was re-let as a whole to the tenant of the ground floor suite.	Completed in November 2022	
PF10	Councillors' Email Accounts	Providing councillors with official email accounts (and devices, if required) to facilitate compliance with data protection laws.	Completed in August 2023	
Recreation	on, Leisure & Open Spaces Commit	tee		
RLOS1	War Memorial Repair	Repair by conservation specialists with Listed Building	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS2	Bickerley Tracks Repair	Consent with a re-dedication ceremony after. Enhanced repair of tracks to address erosion and potholes (resurfacing is ruled out by town green status) and measures to control parking.	Fresh gravel laid in 2021-22.	No structural change is feasible at present.
RLOS3	Public open spaces security	Review of public open spaces managed by the Council and implementation of measures to protect the highest priority sites from unauthorised encampments and	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS6	Community Allotment	incursions by vehicles Special arrangement needed for community growing area at Southampton Road	Ongoing processes adapted	Agreed to adopt as informal joint venture with the tenants'
RLOS7 RLOS8	Bowling Club lease Ringwood Youth Club	Renewal of lease that expired in April 2023. Dissolution of redundant Charitable Incorporated	Completed in July 2023 Completed in July 2023	association New lease granted for 14 years. Charity removed from Register of
RLOS9	Aerator Repair	Organisation Major overhaul to extend life of this much-used	Completed in 2021-22	Charities
RLOS11 RLOS12	Ash Grove fence repair Van replacement	attachment Replacing the worn-out fence around the play area Replacing the grounds department diesel van with an electric vehicle	Completed in 2021-22 Suspended in 2023	Van will be replaced in accordance with Vehicle & Machinery
RLOS13	Bickerley compensation claim	Statutory compensation claim for access and damage	Completed March 2022	replacement plan Settlement achieved with
RLOS15	Acorn bench at Friday's Cross	caused by drainage works Arranging the re-painting of this bespoke art-work	Completed in 2021-22	professional advice Labour kindly supplied by Men's
RLOS16	Town Safe	Possible re-paint of this important survival, part of a	Suspended indefinitely in September	Shed Complexity and cost judged
RLOS17	Crow Arch Lane Allotments Site	listed structure The transfer to this Council (pursuant to a s.106 agreement) of a site for new allotments off Crow Arch	2022 Completed in November 2023	disproportionate to benefit
RLOS18	Cemetery Records Upgrade	Lane Creation of interactive digital cemetery map and scanning of cemetery registers as first stage in digitizing all cemetery records to facilitate remote working, greater efficiancy and improved public accessibility.	Completed in 2021	Cost £5,467. Further upgrades are needed to digitize the records fully
RLOS20	Detached youth outreach work	Trialling the provision of detached outreach work by	Completed in May 2022	
RLOS22	Bickerley parking problem	specialist youth workers. Unauthorised parking on the tracks crossing the Bickerley is causing damage and obstruction	Closed off in September 2023	Additional signage has been installed. An estimate of £5,510 to move the "dragon's teeth" was judged disproportionate to the problem.
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Staffing C	HR support contract renewal	Renewal of contract for the supply to the Council of specialist human resources law and management support	Completed in 2021-22	

