# **Ringwood Town Council**

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## PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Dear Member 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023

A meeting of the above Committee will be held on **Friday 28**<sup>th</sup> **April 2023** 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 31st March 2023

### 5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

#### 6. RINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To receive an update on Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan

#### 7. STRATEGIC SITES

To receive updates in relation to strategic sites:-

- Land off Crow Lane / Crow Arch Lane (Beaumont Park) (Report B)
- ii) Land north of Hightown Road
- iii) Land off Moortown Lane
- iv) 2 Market Place and Meeting House Lane

#### **8. PROJECTS** (current and proposed)

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

#### 9. 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.

<u>Committee Members</u> Cllr Philip Day(Chairman)

Cllr Rae Frederick (Vice Chairman)

**Cllr Andrew Briers** 

**Cllr Gareth Deboos** 

Cllr Hilary Edge

Cllr Peter Kelleher

Cllr Gloria O'Reilly

Cllr Derek Scott

Cllr Glenys Turner

Officers

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	Deadline for comment	P.O. brief	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
22/11234	Mr & Mrs Andrews	(plots 4 And 5), 8-10 Strides Lane, Ringwood.	Erection of two dwelling houses (revised design of plots 4 and 5 as approved) view online here	19.4 – extn to 8.5		
23/00333FU LL	Mr & Mrs Mackrell	Cotton Cool, Forest Lane, Hightown Hill, Ringwood. BH24 3HF	Single and two storey ground and first floor extensions including porch, alterations to doors and windows, roof alterations including heightening of roof, chimney and 6no. rooflights, cladding view online here	21.4 Extn to 28.4		
23/00361FU LL	Mr Edwards	Gaddens, Charles's Lane, Crow. BH24 3DB	Installation of 30. no linked solar panels and 1200 high barbed wire surrounding fence on agricultural land view online here	26.5		
23/00467LD CE	Mr & Mrs Jackson	The Lodge, Foxfield House, Narrow Lane, Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 3EN	Existing use of outbuilding known as 'The Lodge' as a dwelling (use class C3) view online here	26.5		
23/10283	Mr & Mrs Hoad	Land of 37 Denholm Close, Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 1TF	New dwelling; dropped kerb view online here	28.4		

23/10298	Mr Meyer - Meyson Properties Ltd	Hobourne Enterprise Park, Embankment Way, Ringwood. BH24 1WL	Erect building (Block A) for use as Class Ee, Eg(i) - (iii), B2 and B8 for use by Dorset Orthopaedic; Erect 3 No units (Block C Units 9 -11) for use as Class Eg(i)-(iii), B2 and B8 use classes; parking and landscaping.	27.4	
23/10310	Mr Dennington - C. Brewer and Sons Limited	8, Carvers Trading Estate, Southampton Road, Ringwood. BH24 1JS	Installation of internally illuminated signage (retrospective) (Application for advertisment consent) view online here	28.4	
23/10338	Mr & Mrs Hutcheson	4, Cunningham Close, Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 1XW	Single-storey side extension view online here	12.5	
23/10403	C/O Agent - Halo Development s UK Ltd	1-7 Meeting House Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1AY	Construction of one-storey extension to roof of building to create a 1No. new flat (within Use Class C3); external alterations to elevations of building view online here	12.5	
23/10414	Mr & Mrs Knight	28, Hampton Drive, Ringwood. BH24 1SL	Side, rear and first floor extension in roof space; rooflights view online here	19.5	
23/00453CO NS	Mrs Rowe	Longfields, Linford Road, Linford, Ringwood. BH24 3HX	Prune 2 x English Oak trees	13.4	Applications considered under delegated powers:- 31.3.23:- P(1) Recommend permission, but would accept the Tree Officer's decision.

## **Strategic Sites Update (April 2023)**

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#### RING 3 – Beaumont Park, (Land at Crow Arch Lane and Crow Lane), Crow, Ringwood BH24 3DZ

Planning Permission Refs: 13/11450 Outline Application175 dwellings

**Details granted through:** 

16/11520 - Phase 1 - 62 dwellings;

17/11358 – Phase 2/3, care home, business use, POS, landscaping;

17/11309 Reserved Matters-Phase 2, 113 dwellings.

18/11648 - Development of 20 dwellings comprised of semi-detached houses; terraces; 1 block of flats, bin & cycle store; detached garages; public open space, landscaping, internal access arrangement and ancillary infrastructure.

NFDC new owners of the employment site:

20/11208 FULL – COU of buildings B, C, D, E from B1 (granted under 17/11358) to use E and B8 Developer: Lindens Homes (now part of Vistry)

We had a complaint that the footpath at the junction where the Castleman Trail meets Crow Lane had become unsafe for members of the public to use. I reported this to the Developer who, in liaison with Hampshire County Council, have made this safe as a matter of priority. A temporary repair has been carried out until the formal works under the highways licence are agreed and constructed.

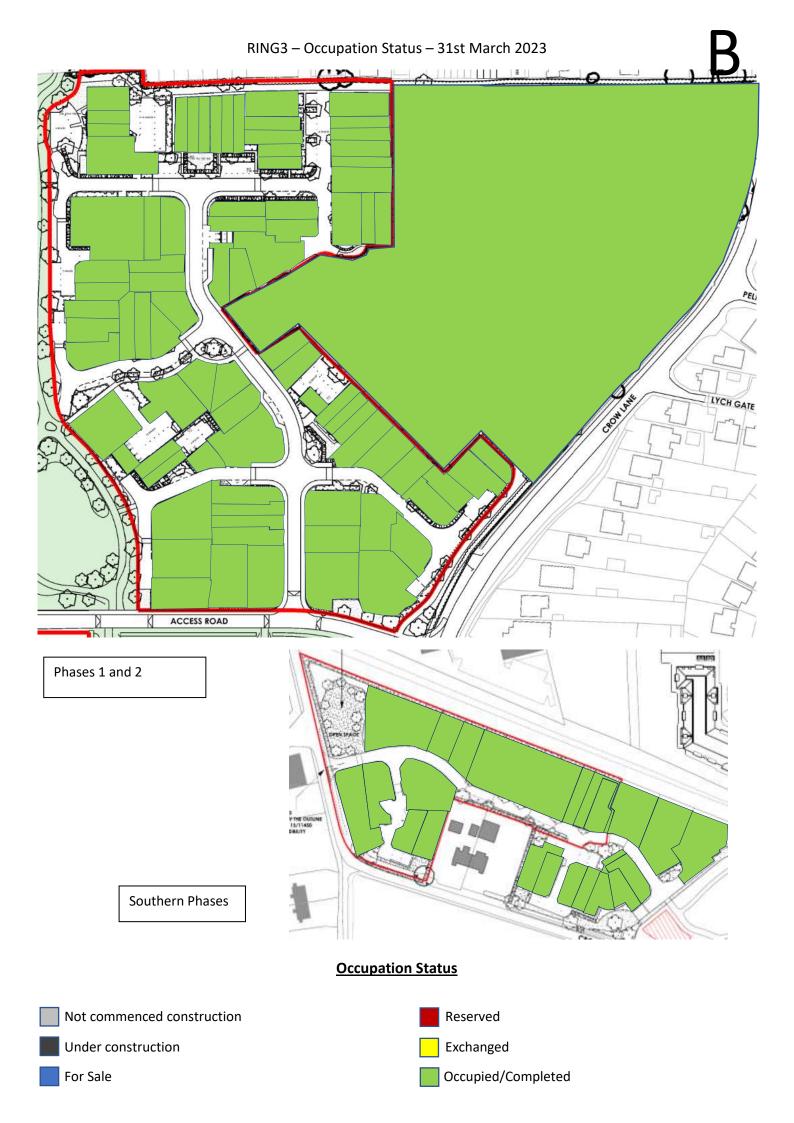
The outstanding issues with regards to the public footpaths/cycle routes across and linking in to the site are being progressed by the Planner in liaison with the Developer and Hampshire County Council.

The care home continues construction and is now at ground level.

Discussion is still ongoing regarding the remaining issues on site. Some are time-controlled. The inspection of the trees can be carried out shortly, for instance, when they come into leaf.

The Developer is still responsible for the maintenance of the development currently, alongside the housing association.

Monitoring of this site by the Site Monitoring Officer or the Open Spaces Officer will continue in the short and medium term.



## **Current Projects Update**

Note: Projects marked as "on hold awaiting officer availability" are reviewed fortnightly. Numbers (where given) indicate position in the queue for resumption.

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No.	Name	Status	Recent developments	Description and notes	Lead Officer/Member	Financing
Full Cou	ncil					
FC1	Long Lane Football Facilities Development	In progress (scheduled for completion in 2023)	artificial turf pitch has been completed and handed over. A	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).
<b>Plannin</b>	Town & Environment Commit	tee				
PTE1	Neighbourhood Plan	In progress	Pre-submission draft Plan approved by Full Council 25/01/2023. Regulation 14 public consultation completed responses to be reviewed by NP Steering Group and any recommended changes considered for approval by RTC.	To prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the civil parish of Ringwood but limited in scope to a few specified themes.	Deputy Clerk	Budget of £21,500 (£3,800 in 2021/22 budget, £3,000 in General Reserve and £14,700 to be funded by Locality grant)
PTE2	Human Sundial	Complete, with exception of interpretation board	Work to refurbish human sundial and install surrounding benches now complete. Repair of original time capsule cover stone has failed and has been removed for repair. 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 working with HCC (Principal Designer and Contractor)	Deputy Clerk -	£5,295.15 spent from budget of £10,657 to be funded from CIL and contributon of £5,249.15 from Carnival
PTE3	Crow Stream Maintenance	Annual recurrent	Spraying of stream banks undertaken 21/04/2022, annual flail carried out in August and stream clearance carried out on 29th September.		Deputy Clerk	£1,120 spent to be funded by transfer from earmarked reserve
PTE4	Climate Emergency	In progress	Funds used to support Greening Campaign, community litter-pick and Flood Action Plan leaflets.	Minor funding to support local initiatives.	Cllr Deboos	Budget of £1,000
PTE5	Bus Shelter Agreement	In progress	Response awaited from ClearChannel on the financial complications and on request for use of advertising space.	Request by ClearChannel in Nov. 2020 for RTC to licence the bus shelters in Meeting House Lane and the advertising on them. Completion dependent on clarification of financial issues (VAT treatment and non-domestic rates revaluation).	Town Clerk	No financial implications
PTE6	Shared Space Concept - Thriving Market Place	In progress	Meeting held with NFDC & HCC on 28/11/2022 to consider a draft concept plan. Both authorities will now discuss internally to consider scope and resources required, prior to carrying out community engagement. HCC will carry out some survey work in May to establish travel and parking patterns and count vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists.	work on the Neighbourhood Plan.	Deputy Town Clerk	
Projects	peing delivered by others which are	e monitored by the Deputy	/ Clerk and reported to this committee:			
	A31 widening scheme	Complete	Scheme complete and road re-opened on 19 November.	Widening of A31 westbound carriageway between Ringwood and Verwood off slip to improve traffic flow; associated town centre improvements utilising HE Designated Funds		HE funded
	SWW Water Main Diversion (associated with A31 widening scheme)	Complete	Bickerley reinstatement works being monitored.	Diversion of water main that runs along the A31 westbound carriageway.	South West Water / Kier	HE funded
	Moortown drainage improvements	In progress		HCC considering a controlled opening of the system in Moortown Lane to alleviate highway flooding	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Pedestrian crossing Castleman Way	On hold	Site does not meet HCC criteria for toucan crossing.  Agreed to revisit following promotion of cycle path through Forest Gate Business Park.	Toucan crossing in Castleman Way to improve pedestrian and cycle route between town centre and Moortown	d Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	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.	New footpath to link Beaumont Park with Hightown Road, alongside west of Crow Lane	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Surfacing of Castleman Trailway	Complete	Surfacing works completed early April 2022.	Dedication and surfacing of bridleway between old railway bridge eastwards to join existing surfacaing	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions

	Railway Corner	In progress		Project to improve and promote historical significance of triangle of land at junction of Hightown Road and Castleman Way.	Ringwood Society	C.
Policy &	Finance Committee					
PF5	Poulner Lakes Lease			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.
PF8	Bickerley legal title	Dec 2020. Resolution expected in July 2023.)	The Council has resolved to maintain its objection to the application and this will now be considered by the Tribunal. For legal reasons, only basic information will appear here. Councillors can obtain further details from the Town Clerk if needed.	An application to remove land from the Council's title has been made	Town Clerk	Staff time plus cost of external legal support (one-off budget agreed so far by members)
PF10	Councillors' use of email	May 2022. Aiming to		Researching options and costs for equiping councillors with official email accounts and devices to ease compliance with data protection laws.	Town Clerk	The research phase has not cost anything but staff time. Ongoing software licence fees and setup and support costs will fall on annual budgets. Whether the figures agreed for these for 2033-24 will only become clear in time.
Recreation	on, Leisure & Open Spaces Com	mittee				
RLOS4	Grounds department sheds replacement	In progress (Commenced design work in April 2021. Aiming to establish planning prospects and likely cost by April 2023.)	approved by Carvers Working Party when it met in May	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 establish planning prospects and	CDS has produced a detailed design which was approved in principle at the committee meeting in September. Funding arrangements were agreed at the Policy & Finance Committee meeting on 21st September. Officers proceeding with contract procurement.	Planning best use of remaining space, columbarium, etc.	Town Clerk	Capital budget of £25,000 (carried into an earmarked reserve)
RLOS7	Bowling Club lease			Request by Ringwood Bowling Club for existing lease to be renewed (current lease expires at the end of April 2023). The lease terms will also be reviewed for suitability to current and future needs.	Town Clerk	Staff time only (unless outside legal assistance is deemed necessary). The rental income will be reviewed as part of the renewal.
RLOS8	Ringwood Youth Club	In progress (aiming to complete by August 2023)	A winding-up resolution was approved by the members in March and is now being implemented.	Winding up the redundant CIO to terminate filing requirements	Town Clerk	
RLOS10	Waste bin replacement programme	In progress (Commenced April 2020)	The replacements scheduled in years 1 and 2 have been completed. The final round of replacements will be determined and arranged by March 2024.	Three-year programme to replace worn-out litter and dogwaste bins	Grounds Manager	Budget of £2,000 a year.
RLOS14	Poulner Lakes waste licence			Arranging to surrender our redundant waste licence to avoid annual renewal fees	Town Clerk	
RLOS17	New allotments site	March 2020, aiming to		The transfer to this Council (pursuant to a s.106 agreement) of a site for new allotments off Crow Arch Lane	Town Clerk	Staff time only
RLOS18	Cemetery map and registers digitisation			Digitisation of cemetery records to facilitate remote working, greater efficiency and, eventually, direct public access	Town Clerk	Revised capital budget of £5,467 (originally £5,000).
RLOS19	Carvers Strategic Development	In progress (Commenced Feb. 2021)	The draft sketch Masterplan prepared by landscape designer New Enclosure was discussed by the Carvers	Recreation Ground pulling together proposals for additional play equipment and other features	Carvers Manager	Revised budget of £6,000 (virement from RLOS4).

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RLOS21 Poulner Lakes track maintenance In progress (under Costs estimates for re-surfacing schemes obtained from Devising a sustainable regime for maintaining the access Town Clerk Yet to be settled discussion since Jan. two suppliers. NFDC officers have been consulted about tracks at Poulner Lakes to a more acceptable standard. 2021) related mitigation schemes and possible support. RLOS22 Bickerley parking problem "No Parking" signs have been installed. Replacement Unauthorised parking on the tracks crossing the Bickerley is Town Clerk The Council is wholly responsible for the cost of In progress (under timber for "dragon's teeth" has been bought and is being causing damage and obstruction whatever measures are taken including staff discussion since Jan. 2019) installed progressively. A decorative sign reinforcing the time. Six No Parking signs cost £156.72. The message has also been installed. The cost of relocating the decorative sign cost £1,244. dragon's teeth to narrow the tracks is being investigated.

#### **Staffing Committee**

None

## **Proposed/Emerging Projects Update**

No.	Name	Description	Lead	<u>P</u>	Progress / Status	Estimated cost	Funding sources	
				Recent developments	Stage reached			
Full Cou	ncil							
	None							

## **Planning Town & Environment Committee**

Roundabout under A31 Planting and other environmental enhancements Area being used by National Highways for Floated as possible future project

Ringwood Society proposal Lynes Lane re-paving

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

storage of materials during works to widen the

A31.

investigated

Floated as possible future project

Floated as possible future project

Re-build/repair options and costs are being 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 Cou	ıncil			
FC2	Strategic Plan	Exploring ideas for medium term planning. Aim to have	Completed in October 2022	
	<b>C</b>	complete for start of budget-planning in Autumn 2022.	·	
Plannin <sub>i</sub>	g, Town & Environment Committee			
	Pedestrian Crossings - Christchurch Road	Informal pedestrian crossings to the north and south of roundabout at junction of Christchurch Road with	Completed by HCC	
	Cycleway signage and improvements	Wellworthy Way (Lidl) New signage and minor improvements to cycleway between Forest Gate Business Park and Hightown Road	Completedby HCC	
	Carvers footpath/cycle-way improvement Replacement Tree - Market Place	Creation of shared use path across Carvers between Southampton Road and Mansfield Road New Field Maple tree to replace tree stump in Market	Completed by HCC  Completed in January 2022 by HCC	
	nepadement free market face	Place.	completed insulating 2022 by 1100	
Policy &	Finance Committee			
PF1	New Council website	Arranging a new website that is more responsive, directly editable by Council staff and compliant with accessibility regulations.	Completed	
PF2	Greenways planning permission	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	Completed in September 2022	Will be updated by Finance Manag as necessary
PF9	Greenways office leases	procedures 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	
Recreat	ion, 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'
RLOS9	Aerator Repair	Major overhaul to extend life of this much-used	Completed in 2021-22	association
RLOS11	Ash Grove fence repair	attachment Replacing the worn-out fence around the play area	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS12	Van replacement	Replacing the grounds department diesel van with an electric vehicle	Suspended in 2023	Van will be replaced in accordance with Vehicle & Machinery replacement plan
RLOS13	Bickerley compensation claim	Statutory compensation claim for access and damage caused by drainage works	Completed March 2022	Settlement achieved with professional advice
RLOS15	Acorn bench at Friday's Cross	Arranging the re-painting of this bespoke art-work	Completed in 2021-22	Labour kindly supplied by Men's Shed
RLOS16	Town Safe	Possible re-paint of this important survival, part of a listed structure	Suspended indefinitely in September 2022	Complexity and cost judged disproportionate to benefit
RLOS20	Detached youth outreach work	Trialling the provision of detached outreach work by specialist youth workers.	Completed in May 2022	
Staffing (	Committee			
S1	HR support contract renewal	Renewal of contract for the supply to the Council of specialist human resources law and management	Completed in 2021-22	
S2	Finance Staffing Review	support Reassessing staffing requirements and capacity for finance functions and re-negotiating staff terms	Completed in 2021-22	

