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PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Dear Member

23rd November 2023

A meeting of the above Committee will be held on **Friday 1**st **December 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 3rd November 2023

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

6. RINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (RNP)

To receive the Deputy Town Clerk's report and consider the issue for decision therein (*Report B*)

7. 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
- iii) Land off Moortown Lane
- iv) 2 Market Place

8. THRIVING MARKET PLACE WORKING PARTY

To receive a verbal update, agree the formation of the Thriving Market Place Working Party, consider draft Terms of Reference and appoint members (*Report C*)

9. COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024-25

To receive a verbal report form the Deputy Town Clerk

10. PROJECTS (current and proposed)

To consider the officers' report (*Report D*), 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.

<u>Committee Members</u> ClIr Philip Day (Chairman) ClIr Glenys Turner (Vice Chairman) ClIr Andrew Briers ClIr Luke Dadford ClIr Ingrid De Bruyn ClIr Gareth Deboos ClIr Mary DeBoos ClIr Mary DeBoos ClIr Rae Frederick ClIr Janet Georgiou ClIr Peter Kelleher ClIr James Swyer ClIr 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	Deadli ne for comm ent	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
23/11064	Mr Blackburn - The Original Factory Shop Ltd	28-30 Southampton Road, Ringwood. BH24 1HY	3 non illuminated fascia signs (Application for Advertisement Consent) <u>view online here</u>	8.12	
23/11081	Moorhouse - The Ringwood Society	18 Hightown Road, Ringwood. BH24 1NW	Installation of bench, replica Ringwood Railway station sign & interpretation board; restoration of picket fence & lamp view online here	15.12	
23/11126	Mr Mills - Bisterne Farms Ltd	Brixeys Farmhouse, Sandford, Ringwood. BH24 3BU	Construction of a covered agricultural above ground slurry store, slurry separator, solids bunker, cover to an existing store, concrete apron and storm water drainage view online here	1.12	
23/11141	Mr Ballard	29, Parsonage Barn Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1PS	Single storey rear extension to existing property; construction of outbuilding for use as parking and a new hobby workshop. Solar panels and rooflights. Demolish existing outbuilding view online here	1.12	
23/11167	Barker	6, Fieldway, Ringwood. BH24 1QL	Single-storey rear & side extension; conversion of garage to living accommodation. view online here	15.12	

23/01527CO Mr H NS	Howell Amberwood, Hangersley Hi	Fell 1 group of 2 x English Oak trees (G1 on the plan)	17.12	
CONS/23/05 Mr C 73	Garner 3, College Roa Ringwood. BH 1NU		7.12	
23/01482TP Mr E O	perties Endeavour Business Park Crow Arch Lar Ringwood. BH 1SF Dipinto Greenslade Fa Cowpitts Lane Poulner Comn Ringwood. BH 3JX	 e, loading bay/personnel doors or a restrictions on good stored or work undertaken outside view online here rm, Fell 3 x Oak trees (T1, T3 and T4 on the plan) Fell 1 x Pear tree (T2 on the plan) on, (Trees T3 and T4 above are protected by TPO 1216 - other trees are within conservation area protection) view online here 	4.12	

PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1 December 2023

RINGWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. Introduction and reason for report

1.1 To receive an update on progress of the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan.

2. Background information and current status

- 2.1 The Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan was approved by Full Council for submission to the local planning authorities (NFDC and NFNPA) on 26 July 2023. The Plan, together with supporting documents and statements, was submitted the following day.
- 2.2 In accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, a final 6-week consultation was carried out by the planning authorities, ending on 29 September 2023. The representations received are available to view on the NFDC website: https://www.newforest.gov.uk/ringwoodplan. There were 15 responses in total, most of which were non-substantive. However, NFDC raised an objection to the explanatory text for Policy R6 (First Homes) and to certain aspects of the Design Guidance and Code and asked for further consideration to be given to the proposed request for introduction of article 4 direction to control permitted development rights and the proposed Local List of Heritage Assets. All issues raised will be considered by the Steering Group in preparation for response to the Examiner.
- 2.3 The Deputy Town Clerk and members of the Neighbourhood Plan team met with officers from NFDC and NFNPA on 1 November 2023 to consider the next steps and appointment of an independent Examiner. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr David Hogger, who has worked in the District before; is an experienced examiner; and has previously dealt with plans that cross two authorities. Mr Hogger was formally appointed by NFDC (which is taking the lead on matters going forward) on 20 November 2023.
- 2.4 It is possible that examination matters and questions will be received by Christmas, with a response deadline taking account of the holiday period. It is also expected that sitting hearings will not be required, and that written representations will be sufficient.
- 2.5 After all matters have been dealt with and questions answered, the Examiner will submit a report to the local planning authorities, which then decide whether any changes are required and if the Plan can proceed to Referendum.
- 2.6 NFDC will arrange the Referendum, hopefully in Spring 2024, and if successful (a majority vote of yes) the Plan will be 'made'. It will then become a statutory planning document, part of NFDC and NFNPA's development plans, and will be used when determining planning applications in the parish, along with all other relevant plans and policies.
- 2.7 Having been submitted for Examination, the Plan already bears some weight in determination of planning applications, and this will increase as it progresses through the next stages.
- 3. Issues for decision
 - 3.1 **To consider delegating authority to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering** Group to liaise with the local planning authorities and the Examiner over

any questions and issues raised, excepting that any response to substantive issues that might lead to a material change in the Plan should be recommended to and agreed by Council.

For further information, contact:

Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk Direct Dial: 01425 484721 Email: jo.hurd@ringwood.gov.uk

RINGWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

THRIVING MARKET PLACE WORKING PARTY

- 1. To oversee the development and implementation of plans for public realm improvements and the creation of a more pedestrian friendly public space in Ringwood Market Place, as outlined in Policy R3 of the emerging Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan and the accompanying Strategic Masterplan.
- 2. To liaise with officers and members of New Forest District Council and Hampshire County Council as necessary.
- 3. To liaise with the market rights owner, local businesses and any other relevant stakeholders, and carry out public consultation on proposals.
- 4. To report progress to each meeting of the Planning, Town & Environment Committee and make recommendations on proposals and/or action required.
- 4. The quorum for meetings of this Working Party shall be three members.

DELEGATED POWERS

1. To co-opt additional, non-voting members to itself as it shall deem expedient

Approved:

Current Projects Update

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 early 2024)	The artificial turf pitch has been completed and is now in use. The PWLB loan has been drawn down. A Pre-contract Services Agreement and a Letter of Intent for the pavilion and other works have been been entered into. Work on these started on 5th June. The latest target date to finish is 24th February 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 exp contribution to f limited to a moc (but over a long
Planning	; Town & Environment Committ	ee				
PTE1	Neighbourhood Plan	In progress	Draft Plan approved for submission to LPAs by Full Council 26/07/2023. Regulation 18 consultation concluded 29/09/2023. Independent examiner appointed 20/11/2023.	To prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the civil parish of Ringwood but limited in scope to a few specified themes.	Deputy Town Clerk	Spent £24,957.4 Locality grants, : agreed for SPUE (F/6061)). £3,49 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 sper contributon fror repair of cover f
PTE3	Crow Stream Maintenance	Annual recurrent	Spraying of stream banks undertaken 05/05/2023, annual flail carried out in August and stream clearance by volunteers on 28/09/2023. NFDC released additional £10,000 from developers' contributions to allow this work to continue for another 10 years. Site meeting arranged for 27/11/2023 to discuss drainage improvements at bottom of Crow Hill.	Annual maintenance of Crow Ditch and Stream in order to keep it flowing and alleviate flooding	Deputy Town Clerk	Budget of £1,00 earmarked rese
PTE6	Shared Space Concept - Thriving Market Place	In progress	Bid submitted for share of £15,000 allocated by NFDC from UKSPF to undertake options appraisal/feasibility study. HCC survey work completed November 2023. Working Party to be established to progress the project.	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 surv budget.
	Greening Ringwood	In progress	Public meeting held on 05/07/2023 and project leads in place for 5 new projects. Last update from coordinator considered by the Committee on 03/11/2023.	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 f Reserve.
	Bus Shelters	In progress	HCC framework contractor has completed survey of shelters free of charge. This has yet to be reviewed. Results and availability of funding will be discussed with HCC.	Review of Council owned bus shelters.		No agreed budg
Projects b	peing delivered by others which are	e monitored by the Deputy	y 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. Design work paused but HCC hope work will recommence on the scheme before the end of 2023.	New footpath to link Beaumont Park with Hightown Road, alongside west of Crow Lane	Hampshire CC	Developers cont
	Railway Corner	In progress	Project supported by RTC. Planning application submitted (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 imp
	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 imp



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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 I may be needed ever
PF11	92 Southampton Road	In progress (commenced March 2023)	One of the tenants has left. A new letting agent has been instructed and has served notice to quit. Urgent repairs have been completed.	Reviewing the letting of this council-owned house	Town Clerk	Rent receipts and of any changes are und considered as part of
Recreati	on, Leisure & Open Spaces Com	mittee				
RLOS4	Grounds department sheds replacement	design work in April 2021. Aiming to establish	Officers have been working with a planning consultant on project design and two rounds of pre-application planning advice have been completed. Following the discussion at the committee on 1st November a planning application is being prepared.	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 budg £10,000 until vireme
RLOS5	Cemetery development	design work in April 2021. Aiming to establish	Design and funding arrangements for a memorial wall have been agreed in principle. Approval for the funding arrangements will be sought from the Policy & Finance Committee on 22nd November.	Planning best use of remaining space, columbarium, etc.	Town Clerk	Capital cost estimate from a combination
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 dog- waste bins	Grounds Manager	Budget of £2,000 a y
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 by early 2024.		Town Clerk	
RLOS17	New allotments site	Completed. (Commenced March 2020. Completed November 2023)	Land transfer deed has been completed. Officers are pressing ahead with arranging lettings.	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
RLOS19	Carvers Strategic Development	,	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 a brief to the designer to update the plan accordingly has been submitted.	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 £ RLOS4).
RLOS21	Poulner Lakes track maintenance	In progress (under discussion since Jan. 2021)	Costs estimates for re-surfacing schemes obtained from two suppliers. NFDC officers have been consulted about related mitigation schemes and possible support - decision expected in New Year.	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
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

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Proposed/Emerging Projects Update

	Name	Description	Lead	Progress /	Status	Estimated cost	Funding sources	
				Recent developments	Stage reached			
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	None							
nnir	ng Town & Environment Comn	sittee						
<u></u>	Roundabout under A31	Planting and other environmental enhancements	5	Area being used by National Highways for storage of materials during works to widen the A31.	Floated as possible future project			
	Lynes Lane re-paving Rear of Southampton Road	Ringwood Society proposal Proposal by Ringwood Society to improve			Floated as possible future project Floated as possible future project			
		appearance from The Furlong Car Park and approaches						
	Dewey's Lane wall	Repair of historic wall		Re-build/repair options and costs are being investigated	Shelved as a TC project			
	Signage Review	Review of signs requiring attention - e.g. Castleman Trailway, Pocket Park, Gateway Square	Cllr Day		Floated as possible future project			
	Crow ditch	Investigate works required to improve capacity and flow of ditch alongside Crow Lane, between						
		Hightown Road and Moortown Lane					Developers contributions	
licy 8	& Finance Committee							
	Paperless office	Increasing efficiency of office space use	Cllr. Heron	Discussions with Town Clerk and Finance Manager				
crea	tion, Leisure & Open Spaces C	ommittee						
	None	(Current projects expected to absorb available resources for several years)						
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Closed Projects Report

No.	Name	Description	Outcome	Notes
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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	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 completion of this work.	Completed in July 2022	All governance documents will now receive routine annual reviews.
PF6	Health & Safety Management Support Re-procurement	Re-procuring specialist advice and support for discharge of health and safety duties	Completed in February 2023	
PF7	Financial Procedures Manual	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 Manager 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, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee

RLOS1	War Memorial Repair	Repair by conservation specialists with Listed Building	Completed in 2021-22	
		Consent with a re-dedication ceremony after.		
RLOS2	Bickerley Tracks Repair	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 incursions by vehicles	Completed in 2021-22 t	
RLOS6	Community Allotment	Special arrangement needed for community growing area at Southampton Road	Ongoing processes adapted	Agreed to adopt as informal joint venture with the tenants' association
RLOS7	Bowling Club lease	Renewal of lease that expired in April 2023.	Completed in July 2023	New lease granted for 14 years.
RLOS8	Ringwood Youth Club	Dissolution of redundant Charitable Incorporated Organisation	Completed in July 2023	Charity removed from Register of Charities
RLOS9	Aerator Repair	Major overhaul to extend life of this much-used attachment	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS11	Ash Grove fence repair	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
RLOS18	Cemetery Records Upgrade	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 specialist youth workers.	Completed in May 2022	
RLOS22	Bickerley parking problem	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.

Staffing Committee

S1	HR support contract renewal	Renewal of contract for the supply to the Council of	Completed in 2021-22
		specialist human resources law and management	
		support	
S2	Finance Staffing Review	Reassessing staffing requirements and capacity for	Completed in 2021-22
		finance functions and re-negotiating staff terms	