

SUMMARY OF PARISH MEETINGS (SELECTED)  
RINGMORE PARISH

- 4.12.1894 First meeting of the Parish Council.  
Elected Chairman - Revd Hingeston-Randolph.  
The Chairman explained to the electors present the provisions of the Act of Parliament.
20. 2.1896 Meeting held ' to consider the proposed new Assessment of the Parish to the County Rate. Clerk instructed to write querying the assessment and pointing out that the assessment of Ringmore had been considerably raised since 1888, whereas the value of all land in the Parish had decreased. As a result of this an error in the assessment was discovered and the proposed County Rate was reduced from £2,196 to £1,716.
30. 9.1904 Special meeting held to supply figures for the proposed new assessment of the Parish.
30. 3.1914 The Chairman (the Rector) called attention to the condition of the parish roads and the subject of the bad state of the road running past the Homestead (now Walnut Tree Cottage)
18. 3.1917 Special meeting to consider a letter from Devon County Council urging an increase in the cultivation of potatoes and offering to supply seed potatoes from Scotland, if required. The parish stock of seed potatoes was considered sufficient.
- 15.11.1917 The Revd H.C. Hingeston-Randolph was proposed as representative for the Parish on the Kingsbridge Rural District Council.
- 31.12.1918 Special meeting to consider the new Housing Scheme for the Working Classes and unanimously agreed to ask for six new houses. Proposed that building sites at the top of Challaboro Hill, owned by Mr. W.M.B.Ash and obtainable by private treaty, should be obtained for the purpose. With regard to the water supply it was considered that, though there might be some difficulty it would not be insuperable.
27. 3.1919 The following matters were discussed at the Annual Meeting:-  
1. The Postmaster, Kingsbridge had been interviewed in respect of the recent irregular delivery of letters and had given an assurance that steps were being taken to remedy matters.  
2. It was decided to 'warmly approve of the scheme for a Light Railway from Dartmouth to Plymouth, opening up the important South Hams District.
26. 3. 1920 At the Annual Meeting attention was called to the Condition of the water at the Town Well.
21. 9.1921 Special meeting called to consider the advisability of re-opening a disused well, owned by Mr. Luckraft, for the benefit of the public. It was pointed out that it would only benefit a few and the possible cost to the Parish should be ascertained before a decision was made. The

21. 9.1921. Chairman said that there was a larger scheme for improving the water supply, which should be of far greater benefit to the village, but the chief objection to which was the cost - estimated at around £310.
- 31.10.1921. Further meetings held. Proposed water supply from Mr. Freeman's field  
5.12.1921. had been found to be inadequate. It was carried by the meeting that no expensive scheme involving an extra burden on the rates should be entered upon. A request was made for a report on the possibility of improving the Well at the Cross.
28. 3.1923 Annual Meeting. Attention was drawn to the dangerous hole caused by a spring rising in the road near the entrance to Belle Vue.
27. 3.1924 Annual Meeting. Chairman reported that Telephone Call Office facilities would shortly be provided at the Post Office. A second daily delivery of letters had been requested and a promise had been received that letters would be conveyed to Ringmore Post Office, where they could be called for. Again there were complaints of the bad condition of the roads in the Parish.
22. 3.1926 Annual Meeting. Notice had been received that Overseers were to be replaced by the County Authority from April 1927. A Report had been made under the Allotment Act - the only allotments in the Parish were let by a private owner - extent of allotment land - 4 acres. 5 Holders. A suggestion was made that a warning notice to bathers be erected at Challaboro' Beach.
- 13.10.1926 Special meeting to discuss future water supply to the village. Meeting decided by a large majority that water be distributed at various spots in the village which should be easily accessible to all the cottages and houses.
21. 3.1927 Annual Meeting. Items - further discussion about the water supply - request for provision within the village of a dumping place for tins, broken crockery etc. - Enquiry by Mr. Tanner, owner of the property, as to whether there was a 'Right of Way' over the two farm cart roads to Aymer Beach, Meeting upheld the existence of the Right of Way by 15 to 6.
30. 6.1927 Special Meeting re water supply. Proposed supply from Houghton Farm at a cost of £1,881. was adjudged too expensive.
- 3.10.1929 Special Meeting called to protest against the rate assessment valuation. Water supply situation also discussed,
31. 3.1930 Annual Meeting. Still no decision about the water supply for the village or dump for the village.
31. 3.1931 Annual Meeting. Suggestion made that the road from St. Ann's Chapel to Ringmore be included in the list that the District Council was recommending to be closed to heavy traffic.
29. 3.1932 Annual Meeting. R.D.C. offer of use as a dump for the village of the quarry at Torr, Kingston.

30. 3.1933 Annual Meeting. Subject of refuse dump for the village again discussed
25. 3.1935 Annual Meeting. Water supply to village again discussed and it was decided to petition the R.D.C. with regard to an extension of the main from the Moorland supply
25. 3.1936 Annual Meeting. Mapping of footpaths and bridleways in the Parish discussed. Request made for electricity to be supplied to the village.
24. 3.1937 Annual Meeting. Subject of King's coronation festivities discussed. First mention of a request for a telephone kiosk for the village.
15. 4.1939 Annual Meeting. Request made for extension of the bus service to include Ringmore.
13. 6.1950 Special Meeting to decide on the Parish Footpaths and Rights of Way.
- 1952 Meeting. Chairman asked to protest at the next meeting of the Kingsbridge R.D.C. against caravans being dotted indiscriminately about the village.
- 1953 Letter received from the P.O. that a telephone kiosk would be erected at Challaboro'.
- 1955 An objection was received on behalf of Major Thornburgh to Footpath No.8 - from the Lower Farm buildings to the disused mill at Noddon Mill. Parish Council agreed to delete this Footpath from the Parish map.
- 1956 Parish Council joined the Parish Councils Association.
- 1957 Very lively meeting due to the presence of Major Thornburgh and Col. Henry. Chairman reported that the R.D.C. was adamant about keeping Ringmore and Challaborough completely separate. Suggestion made that a speed limit sign of 15m.p.h. be requested for the village. Footpaths 7 & 8 have been deleted from the Parish map. The sewerage scheme for the village is now in hand.
- 1958 Agreed that Sunday trading should be allowed. An objection to the closure of Footpath 9 was minuted. First mention of the dangerous Westbury corner.
- 1960 Proposed sewage scheme discussed and thrown out - also opposition was expressed to the ripping up of Rocky Hill.
- 1961 Complaint about parking of cars on the site of the old 'Billing Green'
- 1962 Strong objection expressed to further development at Challaboro'. Sewerage plan in course of completion.
- 1965 An oak tree planted near to the Coronation Seat to commemorate Sir Winston Churchill - presented by Mr. Clegg

- 1969 Bus shelter erected on the site of the old Cross
- 1970 Rocky Hill tarmacked over the old grooved stone surface.
- 1971 Tree planting ceremony - one Red Maple by the Bus Shelter - one flowering thorn and five mountain ash on the site of the old Billing Green by the Rectory.
- 1974 Special Parish Meeting called to discuss an application for Ringmore to be considered as a Conservation Area. After a lively discussion the proposition was carried - 21 votes 'For' 14 Against.