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**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
2nd MAY, 2018 at 7.00pm at the Parish Council Offices.**

MINUTES:

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. John Carr, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. T. Quaye, Cllr. Merlin Redding.
Parish clerk and 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES:

None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman addressed council and informed he would not be standing for the position of chairman for the forthcoming year. Having served eight years as chairman he felt it was time for a change. The chairman thanked councillors for devoting their time voluntarily to represent the parish not only at council monthly meetings but at numerous other meetings throughout the district. Several tasks are undertaken by active councillors that go unnoticed by the public, including dealing with local issues and the delivering of the newsletter. The chairman thanked the leaders of working parties for delivering projects and guiding the council to addressing matters of importance in the parish. Chairman thanked the clerk for her work and support throughout his tenure and wished the new chairman every success.

Cllr. Blackwell responded and thanked the chairman for being hands-on in the village - his pro-active response to village issues such as removing graffiti, assisting with local projects and lighting the beacon to include the parish with national events has been commendable. Cllr. Blackwell thanked the chairman's wife Mary, who has accompanied the Chairman to numerous functions, and both have been true ambassadors for the village.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that Cllr. Ian Meyers be Chairman. No further nominations were presented, Cllr. Ian Meyers was duly elected. The Chairman thanked council and proposed to give harmony towards a common cause.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:

Cllr. Ian Meyers signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that Cllr. Wilkins be Vice-Chairman.

Cllr. Quaye nominated Cllr. Blackwell, but Cllr. Blackwell declined the nomination. No further nominations were presented.

Cllr. Wilkins was duly elected Vice-Chairman.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that Council approves the Annual Governance and Accounting Statements 2017/8. Voting: Unanimous.

Balances as at 31st March, 2018:

Current A/C £6,373

Business A/C £20,191

NS&I A/C £93,297

STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT:

Clerk informed new NALC Model Standing Orders 2018 have been released. Council to consider in due course. Financial Regulations remain unchanged. Code of Conduct is likely to change for next term of office.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers that Council adopt existing Standing Orders. Voting: Unanimous.

AUTHORISATION OF CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the Chairman's allowance of £500, remain unchanged. Voting: For: 7 Against: 1

APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers that Cllr. Quaye and Cllr. Wilkins be nominated as DPC representatives. All agreed.

APPOINTMENT OF MARSH FORUM REPRESENTATIVES:

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers that Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Tillson be nominated as DPC representatives. All agreed.

APPOINTMENT OF TWINNING ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that Cllr. Wilkins be nominated as DPC representative. All agreed.

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL TRADER/ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTATIVE:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers that Cllr. Ian Meyers be nominated as DPC representative. *

APPOINTMENT OF SHEPWAY AREA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers that Cllr. Ian Meyers be nominated as DPC representative. All agreed.

WORKING PARTIES, CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS:

Chairman requested Assets and Amenities, Planning and Strategy & Beach Advisory to continue for continuity purposes.

Assets and Amenities: Cllrs. Tillson (chair), Harvey, Wilkins, Quaye.

Planning & Strategy: Cllrs. Blackwell (chair), Redding, Carr, Denise Meyers.

Beach Advisory: Cllrs. Tillson (chair), Wilkins.

Friends of Martello 24: Cllrs. Blackwell and Denise Meyers

Personnel Committee: Chairman and two chairs of working parties.

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Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that working parties should continue. All Agreed.

AGREE DATES AND TIMES OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF FULL COUNCIL

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that meetings continue to be held on the first Monday of each month. Exceptions may arise due to bank holidays.

Voting: Unanimous.

Meeting closed at: 7.45pm

Signed:..... Date:.....

***Amendment:**

Following the meeting Cllr. Carr approached the Chairman and offered to be Local Trader/Organisations Representative.

Signed:..... Date:.....