

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** held on  
**MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2016**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Paul Brownscombe, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard. Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Ian Meyers - working

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 19.02.

Anne Peglar raised several issues:

1. Pavement and access to the promenade near The Fairway is giving way.
2. Grass has not been cut on the banks and sidewalks.
3. Promenade has sand on it that makes it difficult to access
4. Bus stop and surrounding area has grass cuttings left on the pathway.
5. Speed of vehicles in the village is unacceptable.
6. Enquired where jet-skis are allowed to travel in the water.
7. Beach manager post should be re-instated.
8. More waste bins are required in Bulls Field.
9. Cold callers selling gutter cleaning services are active in The Fairway.

The chairman informed that the issues raised have either already been reported to the EA or have been addressed in the past by this council. The matter of gutter cleaning services at The Fairway will be reported to Jon Lodge.

Meeting resumed at 19.15.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 be approved. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

1. Following the parish council's request for information regarding street lighting at The Oval, a response has been received stating SDC has no record of being responsible for the street lights at The Oval. Clerk replied stating the response was unacceptable and correspondence is still being exchanged.
2. SDC's Parish Charter has been approved by Cabinet and incorporates feedback from town and parish councils. Parishes have been asked if they wish to formally adopt the charter. Cllr. Tillson highlighted that key points in the original draft have been removed. This will be discussed at the next parish council meeting as a separate item.
3. A response has been received from SDC Cllr. Monk to enquiries made by the parish council regarding SDC assistance with bid writing, sweeping of the seawall and using

Oportunitas. Clerk read the letter. It was agreed that the parish council will contact Dr. Susan Priest, at an appropriate time, to arrange a meeting.

4.A recent application made by CAMRA to list The Ship building as an asset of community value has been refused. Clerk read SDC's response. Clerk informed The Ship has been purchased and the new owner is hoping to restore the building as a public house and inn.

5.Illegal trading took place in Dymchurch again on 24<sup>th</sup> July. The same van as on 8<sup>th</sup> June, with the same staff serving and same people intimidating local traders. Clerk read SDC's response to the matter. DPC requested SDC Councillors to urge SDC officers to pursue legal proceedings against the trader.

### **Kent County Council:**

1.A waste disposal strategy is being developed and a draft is available on KCC's web-site where comments are invited. [www.kent.gov.uk/wastestrategy](http://www.kent.gov.uk/wastestrategy).

2.Our application for Combined Member Grant to assist with CCTV at the slipway has been successful. KCC Cllr. Carole Waters has agreed £1500 towards the project.

3. KCC Cllr. Carole Waters has informed KCC has a sum of £4M to find and fix local highway issues. Clerk requested councillors to inform her of highway problems so she can inform Carole accordingly.

### **Damian Collins MP:**

Following the chairman and clerk's visit to The House of Commons, Damian has forwarded a copy of a letter from James Brokenshire MP, former Minister for Immigration. Clerk read the letter under item 13 on the agenda.

### **Southern Water:**

Notification received that Southern Water is to sell its non-household retail business to Business Stream. This is ready for the opening of the competitive t water market in April 2017.

### **Take One Media:**

Campaign update identifies that 2095 leaflets have been distributed to date.

### **Romney Marsh Forum:**

John Rich, Clerk to the Forum has sent the AGM Agenda for DPC's information.

### **UK Power Networks:**

As of 6<sup>th</sup> September a new national phone number 105 will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.

### **Mrs Head:**

Letter received requesting a memorial be placed in the village in memory of Mark Head. The design is similar to that of a headstone at a burial ground. Council unanimously agreed that a headstone was inappropriate in the village but a memorial bench at the seawall would be more appropriate. Clerk to inform Mrs. Head.

## **BT**

Notification received that as of 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 BT will put up prices of some of its services. BT Business Infinity will increase by £3 per month.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

<b>Y16/0582/SH</b>	Erection of first floor rear extension.
14 The Oval	Refused by SDC.
<b>Y16/0541/SH</b>	Certificate of Lawful Development for internal reconfiguration.
5 Sycamore Gdns.	Approved by SDC.
<b>Y16/0609/SH</b>	Erection of single storey side/rear extension.
52 Seabourne Way	Approved by SDC
<b>Y16/0804/SH</b>	Erection of first floor rear extension.
14 The Oval	Revised plan re-submitted.
	Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that No Objection be raised.
	Voting: For: 7 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

## **ACCOUNTS:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey that the accounts be accepted. Agreed.

Salaries:	1996.01
HMR&C:	619.48
SDC	257.14
Contract Security	299.66
Keith Rouse	95.00
Veolia ES UK	21.84

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

SDC's chief executive has had a heart attack. Jeremy Chambers is taking on his daily duties.

## **CLERK'S REPORT:**

Beach entertainer has given details of the month's entertainment planned for Dymchurch beach. It involves many children's workshops, sand sculptures, archaeological digs, sand Olympics, smuggler games and smuggler puppets. A trailer will be parked on the grass area of the slipway for the month and be used as a base for the workshops.

Broken bottles have been an everyday occurrence at the recreation ground since the school holidays.

The local Forge is still waiting for the second planter to be returned from the galvaniser and the third planter has yet to be produced.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Double yellow lines are due to be painted this week.

The Ship Inn is giving away picnic benches and the chairman has ear-marked two for the new seating area. This opportunity was discussed under item 14, Former Site of Old Kiosks.

## **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Cllr. Richard Blackwell and Denise Meyers met with representatives of Dymchurch History and Heritage Group to consider the way forward for opening Martello Tower No.24. It is being considered that a Trust be formed to undertake the responsibility. A meeting has been requested with Brian Smith of English Heritage to establish finer details. Ongoing.

Cllr. Mullard attended the Village Hall Management Committee meeting and informed it is supportive of the breast screening unit using the parish council's car park in 2018. Also, Mrs. Head had approached the committee to request a headstone in memory of Mark Head be placed at the village hall. Land ownership created a problem and the request was rejected.

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:**

**Beach Advisory Group met on 27<sup>th</sup> July.** Minutes of the meeting had been circulated prior to council meeting. Cllr. Tillson addressed key items and asked council to accept the minutes. All Agreed.

**Strategy and Planning Working Group next meet on 10<sup>th</sup> August at 10am.**

**Asset and Amenities Working Group next meet on 17<sup>th</sup> August at 9.30am.**

**POLICING AND SECURITY OF COASTLINE:**

The beach manager's hut has been cleared and secured. Internet connection has been installed and cameras are recording. The web-cam is due to be connected to the parish council's website within the next couple of weeks.

Clerk read a letter from James Brokenshire MP, former Minister for Immigration. The letter was very constructive and advised that concerned parishioners should report suspicious activity to Kent Constabulary on 101, of Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

**FORMER SITE OF OLD KIOSK:**

Chairman advised earlier that seats are available at The Ship Inn which could be used for this season at the former site of the old kiosks. Council agreed to accept the benches and clerk to request M. Wood to collect, restore and install. Voting: Unanimous.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

Meeting closed at 20.40.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 2016** at 7.00pm, at the Parish Council offices, 13 Orgarswick Avenue.

## **AGENDA**

- 1) Receive apologies for absence
- 2) Declaration of Interest (*Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s on this agenda. Councillors with a pecuniary interest must describe and give details of the interest. Unless the pecuniary interest amounts to a prejudicial interest, he/she may participate fully in the meeting.*)
- 3) Public Session
- 4) Approve the Minutes of the last meeting and discuss matters arising
- 5) Read Correspondence
- 6) Consider Planning Applications
- 7) Consider Payment of Accounts
- 8) District Council Report
- 9) Clerk's Report
- 10) Chairman's Report
- 11) To receive reports on meetings attended
- 12) To receive reports from Working Groups
- 13) SDC Parish Charter
- 14) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

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Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.