

DYMCHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Friday 25th May, 2018
Methodist Church, Chapel Road, Dymchurch

Present: Cllr. Ian Meyers, Chairman
Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman
Cllr. Richard Blackwell
Cllr. John Carr
Cllr. Denise Meyers
Cllr. Thomas Quaye
Cllr. Merlin Redding
KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow
Parish Clerk and 36 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. Arran Harvey, working
Cllr. Russell Tillson, delayed by public transport

Chairman welcomed all present and informed Mike Kewer is recording the meeting as an independent person and the recording has not been requested by the parish council. Mr. Kewer is therefore responsible for the data, its storage and longevity.

1.Approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April, 2017.

Four people disputed the accuracy of the number of people present at the meeting and disputed the number of votes counted in favour of a proposal on page 3. Without the offer of an alternative figure to either, Cllr. Blackwell proposed the minutes be signed with amendments. Seconded by Cllr. Wilkins. The minutes were duly signed.

2.Parish Council Chairman Update and Report.

Chairman asked all parish councillors to introduce themselves.

Chairman informed the toilet block at Sea Wall Road has received remedial work and will be open for the bank holiday weekend. Pot-holes in the village are being addressed and Eastbridge Road, (Mill Road to St. Ann's Road) have been resurfaced and yellow lines repainted. He attended Mayor Making at New Romney on behalf of the parish.

Cllr. Wilkins, who had been chairman for the past year, informed he attended many civic events on behalf of the parish and has been involved with several administrative projects and has regular liaison with other authorities. CCTV and web-cam in the village have proved useful additions to law enforcement agencies and has helped to reduce crime. The well-being equipment at the slipway is regularly used and enjoyed by parishioners and visitors alike. Cllr. Wilkins thanked the clerk for her work and commitment throughout the year.

Chairman introduced a power-point presentation on the parish survey results. Two members of the public claim they did not receive a copy of the newsletter and survey that was hand-delivered throughout the parish. Debate took place regarding

the legality of the survey. Some thought the clerk should not have had access to the survey.

There were persistent comments, criticism and questions raised throughout the presentation and the chairman responded to each one accordingly.

3.District Councillor Report:

District Councillor Roger Wilkins informed he is a member of Planning & Licensing and Personnel Committees at district council. He did not support the name change and requested an amendment, but this was defeated. Cllr. Wilkins also sits on Dungeness Stakeholders Group and he will be objecting to any proposal for a nuclear waste disposal site on Romney Marsh.

District Councillor Ian Meyers sits on Personnel and Overview and Scrutiny Committees at district council. Cllr. Meyers informed the new head of paid service is Dr. Susan Priest and all district council debates are now web-cast.

4.Kent County Council Report:

KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow informed he represents Hythe, Lympne, Burmarsh and Dymchurch and he is getting to know the local issues.

Several site visits have taken place to address Eastbridge Road and the road is continuing to be monitored. Ideally, it needs rebuilding but this is cost restrictive. The road has been placed on a priority listing for consideration. Chapel Road is being addressed. The end of the road was tarmacked by mistake by KCC and this needs to be rectified. KCC district manager is due to provide answers to Cllr. Whybrow shortly.

Dymchurch Primary School is pursuing a crossing on the A259 and Cllr. Whybrow is due to meet with the deputy head soon to discuss the matter.

Residents have requested yellow lines at several roads, namely High Knocke and The Fairway and he is pursuing these with KCC.

Cllr. Whybrow informed that KCC operates a Members Community Grant scheme and he welcomed applications from local clubs and societies. He has already assisted with the new Romney Marsh leaflet, Fairway Estate project, outreach Youth Services and JAM on the Marsh.

He is willing to support open spaces that are under threat and is currently supporting Ship Inn Field.

Cllr. Ian Meyers informed that District Councillors also have Ward Grants and are willing to assist local projects.

5.Questions from the Public:

There had been continuous questions raised by the public throughout the evening.

Mr. Young requested to see the results of the survey 'signed off'.

Mrs. McCreedy informed Mr. Wools would like to move the village clock and requested the parish council contact him. Cllr. Quayle offered to meet with Mr. Wools and report back to council.

Mrs McCreedy addressed the 2006 village plan and suggested the parish council revisit some of the content.

Cllr. Meyers informed the plan had been superseded by the Economic Plan in 2016. Cllr. Blackwell highlighted the work undertaken by the Dymchurch Coastal Community Team in producing the document.

A question was raised about speeding in the village and KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow offered the Speedwatch equipment he has purchased for Hythe should parishioners wish to use it.

Cllr. Meyers thanked the clerk for her work and commitment and thanked Cllr. Roger Wilkins for his eight year service as chairman of Dymchurch Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.