

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL held on
MONDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 2016, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Paul Brownscombe, Cllr. Arran. Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard, Cllr. Merlin Redding, KCC Cllr. Carole Waters
3 members of the public and parish clerk.

APOLOGIES:

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at: 7.02pm

PUBLIC SESSION:

Jon Lodge, Community Warden, informed he made several early morning dog patrols with the dog warden, dealt with abandoned and untaxed vehicles and a fly-tipping matter in central car park. Signs regarding fly-tipping have now been erected. Assistance has been provided to a lifeline referral, bogus callers and helping vulnerable residents.

Anne Peglar informed the notice board at The Fairway needs repair and that John Bartholomew, the resident at no.1 The Fairway had passed away. John erected notices on the board on behalf of the parish council for several years. Anne also enquired about the closed disabled toilet at High Knocke car park.

John Williams raised several issues regarding the Post Office which were considered later during the meeting. It was suggested that a camera be placed near the roundabout to capture evidence of illegal parking outside shops near the roundabout and perhaps barriers could be erected on the pavement to prevent opportunist parking.

Mr. Williams advised that tarmac on the A259 outside 119 High Street is breaking up and needs repairing. Also, in a recent press article it was wrongly reported that Damian Collins MP had consulted with Dymchurch Parish Council regarding the proposed lorry park at Stanford.

Meeting resumed: 7.10pm

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th January, 2016, be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

1. Response received regarding closure of the disabled toilet at High Knocke. The disabled toilet will remain closed due to financial constraints. Clerk read the response.

2. SDC's Scrutiny Committee is looking for items to scrutinise and parish councils have been asked to forward suggestions for consideration.

3. Officer Brian Feeney has advised he wishes to replace two bus shelters at High Knocke and requested council's view with regard to style.

Kent County Council:

There is an opportunity to comment on-line regarding the Review of Mobile Library Services in Kent. www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries It is proposed that two sites in Dymchurch are withdrawn from the Mobile Library Service; Marine Avenue and Queensway as the service is not used by residents. Orgarswick Avenue, The Fairway and Brockman Crescent will remain.

Highways England:

On-line consultation is available on the Lower Thames Crossing. KALC has requested a copy of any comments a town/ parish council wishes to make. www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk

Local Government Boundary Commission:

The Commission has now completed its review of Kent County Council. The final recommendations mean Dymchurch and St. Mary in the Marsh will join Hythe West division.

Damian Collins MP:

Acknowledgement received that he has taken up the matter of Eastbridge Road with Kent Highway Services.

Corporation of Romney Marsh:

In response to the parish council's request for New Hall to be open to the public, the Corporation of Romney Marsh has declined the request as it is considered impractical.

Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday:

Beacons are being encouraged to be lit early evening on 21st April, 2016. Parish Council agreed to participate and the chairman offered to prepare the brazier on the seawall.

Take-One Media:

Notification received that 450 Dymchurch leaflets have distributed to in-store venues/shops on M20 corridor.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y15/1261/SH First floor extension. Approved by SDC.
117 Hythe Road.

Y15/1291/SH Installation and cladding of two shipping containers.
New Beach Holiday Village. Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y16/0025/SH Erection of a two storey side extension with front dormer.
Link House. Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that
Links Way. No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 9 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y16/0035/SH Erection of single storey rear extension and front bay window.
40 Redoubt Way Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that
No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 9 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

Y16/0108/SH Removal of Pharmacy window, repositioning of door to the flat above
41-43 High Street and small ground floor extension, together with repairs.
Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Brownscombe, that
No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 9 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

ACCOUNTS:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the accounts be accepted. All agreed

Salaries	£1780.34
HMR&C	406.08
Keith Rouse	79.00
KCC	3733.44
Zurich Insurance	3141.58
Peter J. Goddard	260.00
Affinity Water	261.84
Southern Water	31.70
BT	71.96
Veolia ES	69.80

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Ian Meyers will be attending several meetings during February and will have more to report next month.

Cllr. Wilkins had nothing to report.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Contact has been made with the Village Hall Committee regarding rubbish that is being left in the parish council car park. SDC has refused to take the waste as it is not public/domestic waste. Clerk has asked the Village Hall Management Committee to seek a commercial waste collection service, but they claim it is not their waste.

An emergency ambulance was called to the village hall on the evening on 19th January, but it could not gain access due to the height barrier. A key to the barrier has been left at the village hall so members can open the barrier, in emergencies. It is unclear why the emergency service did not use the service road along-side the car park to gain access to the hall. The village hall committee has asked the parish council to consider the necessity of the height barrier. Asset and Amenities working group agreed to consider options and report back. PCSO Ferenc Zsinko has suggested wristbands be issued at local shops for parents to strap to their children to assist the process should they get lost and has asked DPC to fund the cost. Clerk was asked to make enquiries with PCSO and council agreed it would be willing to consider financial assistance.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

An informal meeting has been held with Dr. Cullen regarding the vacant surgery premises. At the current time the premises are too large for the parish council to consider. The Christmas lights have finally been turned off by KCC.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Mullard informed he attended the Marsh Forum, but as DPC is not a paid member of the Forum, it is not entitled to be represented at the meeting.

Cllr. Blackwell met with KCC Cllr. Carole Waters and KCC officer to discuss the siting of a speed sign near Tesco Express. The cost of the sign is likely to be £7K and Carole has agreed to meet 50% of the cost. Carole suggested that she make further enquiries regarding the cost before the parish council considers funding the remaining 50%.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Planning and Strategy Working Group:

A meeting will be held with English Heritage and the Dymchurch History and Heritage Group, hosted by DPC, on 1st March at 2pm to consider the potential of opening Martello Tower No. 24.

The Emergency Plan has been updated.

A non-animal circus is likely to visit Dymchurch during 1-3 August.

Promotional leaflets are continuing to be distributed around the M25 corridor.

A new flower container has been made by Sam Briggs and will be sited on the corner of Orgarswick Avenue.

A wish list of phased programme of aims and objectives for 2106 will be considered.

Cllr. Redding was asked if he could suggest IT equipment required for displaying plans at parish council meetings.

Next meeting Wed. 9th March at 10am.

Coastal Community Group:

The balance of grant for the Economic Plan is £1218. Arrangements are in place for the money to be transferred to DPC and council should consider what other projects in the plan the balance could support. It has been suggested that the balance could fund 6 blue plaques for the Heritage Trail although Madnox has expressed interest in funding these plaques.

Madnox decision will be known in a few weeks. Council will consider; a design for planting the 'wedge', planters at Orgarswick Avenue, displays in Martello Tower, or towards painting the shop fronts.

Beach Advisory Committee next meeting 17 February, 9.30am.

Asset and Amenities Working Group next meeting 23 February, at 9.30am.

HIGHWAY ISSUES:

Notification received that Eastbridge Road is to be monitored monthly by KCC.

Councillors expressed concern that this is the emergency exit road off the Marsh and it should be prioritised for repair. The road is considered dangerous with no sight line to the chicane and the traffic calming measures are not adequate.

KCC Cllr. Carole Waters has discussed the matter with Kent Highway Manager Pauline Rockett and has expressed she is not happy with the situation. Paul Carter has also been informed of the matter and Carole is happy to discuss with Paul Carter again to establish what the mechanism is to gain priority for roads to be repaired and how finance can be made

available to fund the works. KCC Highways has quoted £250K to repair the road and there is no budget available at the current time.

Having received the report of KCC Highways engineer, DPC views with serious concern the danger to life and property of the people living in and using Eastbridge Road and calls upon KCC to undertake immediate repairs and remedial action.

Carole informed that speeding on Burmarsh Road has been reported to her. A speed check survey was suggested and debated, but council felt this would be a waste of money.

POST OFFICE:

Chairman informed he and Cllr. Blackwell met with Damian Collins MP., who has agreed to give 100% backing to the Post Office issue. Both Cllrs will prepare a briefing note for Damian to use in his letter to Ministers.

The parish council shares the view that the village store is not compatible in providing a conducive post office service.

CAPITAL RESERVES ACCOUNT:

Cllr. Tillson suggested a review to rationalise the present banking accounts, with a view to create other accounts in accordance to council's activities; capital projects, repairs and renewals and amenities. This would assist council to focus on what account could fund future projects and help with auditing purposes.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that accounts be formulated.

Voting Unanimous.

VISITOR INFORMATION MAP:

Folkestone Town Council is currently finalising town maps which include Dymchurch. DPC has been invited to contribute to the production/printing costs.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers that £50 be made towards the production of the map, subject to amendments being made. Voting: Unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

KCC Cllr. Carole Waters informed that new LED lighting is being implemented throughout Kent.

The company Regeneris has made contact with her regarding the Coastal Community Economic Project Plan.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 14 MARCH, 2015** 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) Post Office
- 14) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.