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MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on
MONDAY, 7th AUGUST, 2017, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Merlin Redding. Clerk and 11 members of the public.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Karen Lewis – bereavement

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned.
Agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7.03pm.

Mrs. Coker informed there is no disabled WC operating in the village and all toilets in the block at Seawall are out of order.

Mrs. O’Keefe informed the footpath from Tesco Express to The Fairway is overgrown. This has already been reported to SDC but no action taken as yet. Also there are many overgrown weeds and white lines would be beneficial at the end of The Fairway leading into the estate. A speed camera on the A259 would reduce speeding.

Mrs. Pegler reiterated the problem with speeding and overgrowth on the pavements, and signs are hidden by foliage.

Mrs Ryan complained that cyclists on the seawall no longer use a bell, several are speeding and most ignore the sign to dismount by the slipway.

Mr. Williams congratulated Cllr. Tillson on his success at the New Romney by-election and expressed hope that now Dymchurch Parish Council has three district councillors the parish will be fully represented at SDC.

All matters will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Meeting resumed at: 7.22pm

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Ian Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July, 2017, be approved. Agreed.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Valuation Office:

Following the parish council’s appeal against the higher business rate placed on Bull’s Field car park, the appeal has been rejected.

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KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow:

Following the parish council's request for KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow to attend a DPC meeting, Cllr. Whybrow has confirmed he will attend on 4th September.

Kent Highways:

Notification that St. Marys Road, West Hythe will be closed for up to 5 days from 14th August, 2017, between the hours of 9am-16.30pm, for carriageway patching.

Friends of Martello No.24:

The opening of the Martello Tower has been very popular. Visitors to date total 939 and over £150 has been donated to the charity.

Marsh Forum:

John Rich has informed that a special meeting of the Romney Marsh Forum will be held on 7th September and the chairman of NHS South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group will attend.

Damian Collins MP:

Following the parish council's request that Policing and security be increased in the village and surrounding area, Damian Collins MP and the All Party Parliamentary Group have agreed to raise council's concerns.

Sam Briggs, Orgarswick Forge:

Has offered to donate a table and bench, with commemorative poppy design, to the parish council as a gift to commemorate 100 years of WW1. Council expressed appreciation of the gift and recommended a second bench be commissioned.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that a second bench be commissioned and the funding to be met by capital expenditure budget. Voting: Unanimous.

Affinity Water:

Notification received that due to low rainfall water has dropped below average level. The situation is being carefully monitored.

E-mail from visitor:

An e-mail has been received from Mrs Neagle thanking the parish council for funding the children's activities on the beach. Clerk read the communication.

Kent County Council:

Notification received that an application has been made by Mrs. D. Coker to register the recreation ground as a Village Green. Clerk read the notification letter and the notice regarding the application.

The matter was debated at some length, and the clerk provided legal advice from KALC and produced extracts from both the Inclosure Act 1857 and Commons Act 1876. In view of the short time scale permitted to respond to the application and councillor differences of opinion on the interpretation of the Law, council focused on democratic rights of parishioners. The imposition of village green status on the recreation ground, before the parish council has had the opportunity to produce and distribute its options paper for residents to consider, would preclude the democratic right of residents to consider if they wish to support, or not, housing at the recreation ground that could pay for improved amenities both there and in the village.

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Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Ian Meyers, that DPC objects to the application on the ground that it will preclude the democratic right of all residents to consider in due course an option to build housing at the recreation ground. Voting: For: 6 Against: 1 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- Y17/0413/SH** Erection of single storey rear extension
29 Lower Sands Approved by SDC
- Y17/0653/SH** Felling of Spruce and crown reduction to Sycamores.
New Hall Close No Objection by SDC
- Y17/0580/SH** Erection of replacement porch and garage
39 Queensway Approved by SDC
- Y17/0631/SH** Infill of recess at shop front
13 High Street Approved by SDC
- Y17/0452/SH** Cert. of lawful development to produce and sell chocolate
4A High Street Approved by SDC.
- Y17/0675/SH** Erection of a rear conservatory.
15 Brookside Approved by SDC.
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- Y17/0916/SH** Retrospective application for erection of agricultural building
Key Barn Farm Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous
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- Y17/0809/SH** Erection of first floor extension to create self-contained flat.
5 High Street Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous.
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- Y17/0902/SH** Erection of single storey side extensions & garage conversion
102 Hythe Road Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Redding, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous.

ACCOUNTS:

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

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| Salaries: | 1948.78 |
| HMR&C: | 614.85 |
| Contract Security | 288.00 |
| SDC | 249.94 |
| Keith Rouse | 84.00 |
| Caxton House Ltd. | 25.92 |
| Veolia ES | 93.44 |
| BT | 232.25 |
| Affinity Water | 94.01 |
| Business Stream | 24.88 |
| Gillett & Johnston | 181.20 |

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DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Ian Meyers had placed a question (as requested by DPC) to SDC regarding lifeguarding at Shepway beaches and enquired if SDC would be committing similar funding to that of Rother DC. The response directed DPC and other Shepway parishes to seek volunteer help for lifeguarding and to apply for funding via Ward Councillor and KCC Councillor grant funding. Cllr. Meyers informed that Scrutiny Committee is due to consider the People and Places Policy document, but due to its enormity, it has been deferred. Cllr. Meyers congratulated Cllr. Tillson on his return to SDC.

Cllr. Wilkins informed that he will pursue the matter of lifeguards at the next full council meeting in September.

Cllr. Blackwell enquired if KCC council meetings were streamed-live and stated the recent 15% pay rise KCC Councillors have awarded themselves is totally unacceptable.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

After several months, it has been determined that Affinity Water had three water leaks in Tower Estate Road, which have now been rectified. The no waiting sign at Sea Wall has been reinstated. Children's Entertainment is working very well.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Tillson attended the Marsh Forum. Cllr. Blackwell informed that Lydd and New Romney Town Councils will meet the entire administration cost of the Forum. The Forum approved its revised constitution and its role will focus on issues that concern the Marsh in general. This includes burial grounds, policing and health etc. Special Branch gave a talk at the last meeting. At the next meeting on 7th September Health Care will be discussed.

Clerk informed that Cllr. Karen Lewis has relinquished her role as representative at the Village Hall Management Committee.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Asset and Amenities Working Group:

Minutes of the meeting had been circulated prior to council meeting.

Cllr. Tillson informed the options report will be delayed due to the consultants being unable to attend the last working group meeting. The options report will be very comprehensive and will address options on all the parish council's major assets.

Cllr. Tillson proposed en-bloc that

1. The Minutes be accepted
2. That the Millennium Clock remain in situ and research be undertaken for a replacement as and when required.
3. A quote be obtained for a rear entrance to be erected at the cenotaph, for council to consider at a later date.
4. Two seats be produced for the play area at the recreation ground and the cost be met from capital expenditure budget.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers. Voting: Unanimous.

Planning and Strategy Working Group:

Cllr. Blackwell informed that due to a clash of meetings, a new date for the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th October, 2017. An agenda item will be to consider railings outside village shops near the roundabout.

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PAVILION and PLAY AREA:

Following the annual risk assessment undertaken on council assets, clerk met with SDC health and safety officer for guidance on hazards, associated risks and fulfilling landowner liabilities.

Whilst inspecting the premises a leak from the roof was identified and water seepage can be seen in the ceiling. Clerk requested urgent repair to the roof and this has been completed. Advice has been given to undertake an asbestos survey. When the pavilion was built asbestos was commonly used as insulation and this is likely to be present. The cost will be £850+vat, which can be accommodated within the existing maintenance budget.

During the inspection, it was suggested that the pavilion will need a new roof in the not too distant future.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that an asbestos survey be undertaken.
Voting: Unanimous.

Clerk has been in contact with SDC officer regarding the play equipment and SDC has ordered from Wickstead Leisure a new zip-wire and other maintenance requirements. The maintenance and installation will be carried out by SDC.

DAY OF SYN COMMITTEE:

A request has been received for a donation towards activities planned outside Martello Tower no. 24 on 27th and 28th August.

Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Denise Meyers informed council that the event has no connection with Friends of Martello Tower No.24 charity.

Proposed by Cllr. Redding that £500 be awarded to Day of Syn Committee. This was not seconded as no budget was identified to meet the cost.

Budget was discussed and no budget has been allocated this financial year to meet such an application.

SDC Ward Councillors agreed to support the event from Ward Councillor budgets and agreed to offer £400 each, totalling £800 from SDC Ward Councillor budgets.

Proposed by Cllr. Redding that £200 be awarded to Day of Syn Committee. This was not seconded as no budget could be identified to accommodate the cost.

TRAINING:

KALC has agreed to undertake training on Friday 20th October, commencing 9am at the Methodist Hall.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed..... Date.....

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 4th SEPTEMBER, 2017**, 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 and Annual Return
- 8) District Council Report
- 9) Chairman's Report
- 10) To receive reports on meetings attended
- 11) To receive reports from Working Groups
- 12) Highway and KCC matters:
- 13) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.