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MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on
MONDAY, 7th JANUARY, 2019, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Ian Meyers, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. John Carr, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Russell Tillson.
Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Merlin Redding – prior engagement
Cllr. Thomas Quaye – work commitments

Chairman wished everyone a Prosperous and Happy New Year

PRAYERS:

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr. Wilkins informed he is a director of Oportunitas and Vice-Chair of Licencing and Planning at district council.

Cllr. Tillson informed he is Chairman of Oportunitas.

Cllr. Carr declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Day of Syn.

Cllr. Blackwell informed he is a member of SECAM

Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Denise Meyers declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Martello Tower 24.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that the meeting be adjourned for public session. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7.05pm.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No formal questions submitted.

Reports from the public:

John Williams stated the Minutes of the last meeting are not clear, questioned why working party meetings are not minuted and claimed the office extension was not reported in previous minutes.

Meeting resumed at 7.12pm

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the Minutes of 3rd December, 2018, be approved. Agreed.

Update on planning application at Ship Field, the application is to be called in to Licensing and Planning Committee.

Beach Advisory Group to discuss Beach Watch at next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Environment Agency:

Clerk read works to be carried out locally.

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NALC:

Parkrun consultation response was read. The government remains of the view that local authorities should not charge other organisations that provide free-to-enter events.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y18/1177/FH	Erection of a single storey rear and side extension
1 Beverley Gdns	Approved by District Council
Y18/1005/FH	Erection of a single storey front extension and balustrade to terrace.
97 Hythe Road	Approved by District Council
Y18/1317/FH	Front and side porch and single storey rear and side extension
56 Seabourne Way	Approved by District Council
Y18/1313/FH	Part change of use of ground floor from tea room to residential use.
112 High Street.	Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

Letter received from Miss Lathan regarding Y18/1380/FH was tabled.

ACCOUNTS:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the monthly accounts be accepted. All agreed. Monthly expenditure: £2785.41

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS:

Cllr. Wilkins attended Dungeness Stakeholder meeting, Oportunitas meeting, Romney Marsh Partnership meeting, Licensing and Planning Committee and Full Council.

Cllr. Tillson chaired Oportunitas meeting, attended Licensing and Planning Committee, the Right to Know Working Group and attended Full Council.

Cllr. Meyers attended Overview and Scrutiny Committee and raised awareness of the Heritage Strategy that is currently out for consultation. Also attended Full Council and Chairman's Christmas Party.

Cllr. Blackwell suggested New Hall House could benefit from structural repairs and its artefacts should be catalogued and archived and incorporated into the Heritage Strategy.

Cllr. Blackwell asked district councillors what plans are in place for a No Deal Brexit and the impact on roads in the district. Also, requested update on Emergency Planning in the parish and the restrictions on Eastbridge Road. Cllr. Meyers informed there is no update at the current time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman praised the community event of carol singing in Dymchurch, hosted by traders. The Christmas Window Competition was won by the Village Café. Chairman attended the New Romney Day Centre Christmas Lunch.

RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Blackwell has met with the local postmaster to discuss his lease and retirement plans. Due to terms of the postmaster's contract changing, it has restricted his ability to sell the

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business. 400 post offices are appealing to Ministers for the matter to be addressed. Item to be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.

REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES:

None.

KCC CONSULTATION ON LIBRARIES, REGISTRATION AND ARCHIVES:

The draft strategy proposes to reduce the opening hours of New Romney Library from 42 hours per week to 28. It was agreed that Cllr. Blackwell should meet with KCC officers at the library to express the parish council's concern about the reduction of service. A response to the consultation should also be sent and Cllr. Blackwell and clerk to respond accordingly. The issue would also be submitted to FHDC as an item for the annual Scrutiny programme.

EAST KENT HEALTH OPTIONS:

Council discussed the options being proposed. Several matters were raised; transportation to Canterbury is a concern, cottage-style hospitals are required, cannot support centralisation of Emergency Services and additional resources need to be front-loaded. Clerk requested to respond to the consultation, informing DPC supports option 2 and to include that hospital car park charges should be abolished and front loading of additional finance committed to GP services.

Meeting closed at: 8.45pm.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 2019**, at the Parish Council offices, 13 Orgarswick Avenue.

Members of the Council: You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council on the date and time and place shown above.

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) Questions from the Public:
- 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) Chairman's Report
- 10) To receive reports on meetings attended
- 11) Reports from Working Parties
- 12) Bulls Field Car Park
- 13) Post Office Service

Gillian H. Smith

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.

