

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL held on
MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 2016, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard, Cllr. Merlin Redding.
Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Russell Tillson - at Party Conference
Cllr. Arran Harvery - working
Cllr. Ian Meyers - poorly

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public present.

MINUTES:

Cllr. Blackwell commented that it was appropriate for all councillors to speak through the chair at council meetings as it provides clarity for the clerk to record the Minutes.
Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September, 2016 be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

Clerk informed she responded to the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Visitor Economy regarding the parish council's concern over caravan parks being used as residential living and the effect it has on the local economy. A response has been received stating the council's response will be read out in Parliament. Clerk read the letter.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Public presentation on the Shepway Heritage Strategy will take place in the Channel Suite at the Leas Cliff Hall on Wednesday 26th October at 10am. Cllr. Richard Blackwell and Cllr. Terry Mullard agreed to attend.

A draft copy of SDC's Tourism Destination Management Plan has been received. Cllr. Mullard expressed concern that Marsh parish councils are not represented on the DMP Steering Group. Clerk requested any further comments by 12th October.

Kent County Council Highways.

The annual Parish and Town Council Seminar will be held in Ashford at the Holiday Inn, on 3 November from 9am-1pm. One delegate per council may attend. Clerk informed that matters will be on Highways in general and not specifically to individual parishes. Cllr. Wilkins agreed to attend.

Trading Standards:

A Barclays Text Scam has been reported to Kent Trading Standards. The text informs customers of suspicious transactions relating to their debit card. Barclays Fraud Team has confirmed that this is a scam.

Society of Local Councils Clerks and NALC

Information Bulletin refers to the Government's consultation on the possibility of referenda principles being applied to all English parishes in respect of future council tax increases. SLCC and NALC are objecting to the principles. Cllr. Blackwell requested this council gives its support to SLCC and NALC on the matter.

The Oval Residents:

A letter has been sent to SDC from residents at The Oval regarding street lighting. Clerk read the letter.

Dymchurch Twinning Association:

Letter received thanking the parish council for a grant towards the association with Salbris and the benefits that have developed over the years for the respective regions. Clerk informed that next year will be the 20th anniversary of the twinning of Dymchurch and Salbris and the parish council may wish to budget for a grant towards this celebration. Agreed.

Dymchurch District Heritage Group:

At a recent meeting, the DDHG agreed to a proposal that a separate Trust be formed to negotiate and be responsible for opening Martello Tower no.24 and any other historical building in the village. Cllr. Blackwell gave an update on the situation. Council supported a Trust being formed.

Take One Distribution:

Only 350 leaflets remain at the warehouse. Nearly 5000 leaflets have been distributed this year. The Planning and Strategy Working Group will consider at its next meeting to reprint/update the leaflet for next year.

Barclays Bank:

Notification received that savings interest rates are reducing to 0%.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y16/0364/SH Display of 3 non-illuminated signs
Land at front of Masonic Lodge. Approved by SDC

Y16/0804/SH Erection of first floor rear extension
14 The Oval Approved by SDC

Y16/1022/SH Felling of an Ash Tree within conservation area.
108 High Street Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that
No objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous.

ACCOUNTS:

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

Salaries:	1927.01
HMR&C	662.88
Ashe Alarms	450.00
Ashe Alarms	180.00
Contract Security	299.66

Geerings	77.65
SDC	265.70
Transfire Protection	137.34
Keith Rouse	95.00
Wickstead	6756.12
M. Wood	150.00
Veolia ES	69.80
BT broadband	65.06
Income received: £23102.75 (Precept)	

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed that the Lorry Park Consultation is ongoing and there will be a number of roadshows regarding Otterpool Lane development. Clerk informed that St. Mary in the Marsh Parish Council will host a presentation by SDC officers on Otterpool Lane, at St. Marys Bay Village Hall on Friday morning 18th November. A start time is yet to be confirmed.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk is unable to attend the November DPC meeting, due to arrangements made prior to the council changing the days of its meetings. Cllr. Tillson has offered to take minutes. Council agreed to hold the meeting on 7th November, as per schedule and thanked Cllr. Tillson for offering to take minutes.

The webcam is still being worked on. The webcam works on FireFox but not Chrome. A direct link to Icamlive is available but this will cost about £11 per month and has adverts which will need regular reviewing. Ongoing. Clerk requested to contact web administrator. The issue of Data Protection was debated and some councillors wished to see the CCTV cameras on the web-site.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

A few shops have closed in the High Street.
 BT cable has been removed from outside the beach manager's hut.
 The well-being equipment is very popular with residents.
 The seat donated by The Salbris Twinning Association has been sited at the slipway.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Blackwell attended a Martello Tower No. 24 meeting with English Heritage and a further meeting to discuss forming a Trust will take place on 18th October.
 Cllr. Mullard attended a Village Hall Management Committee meeting and briefed council on their proceedings for Committee Selection. The AGM will be held on 29th November.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

No meetings have taken place during the last month, but the following meetings are planned.

Asset and Amenities Working Group next meet on 19 October, at 9.30am.

Beach Advisory Group next meet on 26 October, 9.30am. Cllr. Blackwell requested the clerk to invite the Coastguard or Auxiliary Coastguard to the next meeting.

Planning and Strategy Working Group next meet on 2 November, at 10am.

PARISH CHARTER:

SDC Officer Suzy Tigwell was unable to attend the council meeting to discuss this item. Cllr. Tillson forwarded questions to be asked at the meeting and these have been forwarded to Suzy for comment.

CCTV:

Clerk demonstrated the cctv system to council and highlighted the potential to increase the number of cameras to safeguard the High Street.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that two additional cameras be purchased to expand and enhance security in the village.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Denise Meyers enquired about the planters. Clerk informed one planter is shortly to be installed. Cllr. Meyers requested bulbs be planted and Cllr. Mullard agreed that the Scouts would carry out the planting. Cllr. Meyers also requested an area by the picnic benches be planted with natural plants that do not need watering or attention. Clerk informed that EA has already declined planting in this area. Clerk requested to ask EA again.

Cllr. Wilkins requested the clerk to write to SDC chief executive asking what SDC's plan is regarding lifeguards on the beach at Dymchurch and St. Mary's Bay during next summer's school holiday, in light of recent issues at Camber.

Cllr. Wilkins informed the light outside Dr. Syn's in Mill Road is not working, it has been reported and is in KCC's schedule of repairs.

Cllr. Reading informed the pedals on the well-being equipment need attention.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 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) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.