

**MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on  
**MONDAY, 11 APRIL, 2016**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Arran. Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. T. Mullard – family bereavement  
Cllr. M. Redding – no child cover  
Cllr. P. Brownscombe - working

Council expressed condolences to Cllr. Mullard and family.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

No members of the public present for this item.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March, 2016 be approved. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Cllr. Tillson expressed interest in attending seminar at Civic Centre regarding training for Town and Parish Councils. Clerk to enquire.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

A response has been received regarding The Oval street lighting. Clerk read the correspondence. Council rejects the response as totally unacceptable. Clerk to write.

**Environment Agency:**

Notification received that parish council's 10 year lease with EA for public access expires 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Clerk has requested a new ten year lease. Cost is £350 per annum plus legal fees for a new lease to be drawn up at £500. Council agreed to new licence and imposed fees.

**Kelvin Josh:**

Local resident Mr. Josh arranged to meet EA at High Knocke car park on 1<sup>st</sup> April, regarding shingle on the walkway. Councillors attended the meeting and agreed to pursue the matter at the next Beach Advisory Group meeting.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y15/1290/SH** Single storey rear extension  
5 Salbris Close Approved by SDC.

**Y15/1291/SH** Installation and cladding of two shipping containers.  
New Beach Approved by SDC.

**Y16/0025/SH** Erection of two storey side extension with front dormer

Link House	Approved by SDC
<b>Y16/0035/SH</b> 40 Redoubt Way	Erection of a single storey rear extension and front bay window Approved by SDC
<b>Y16/0106/SH</b> 41 High Street.	Display of internally illuminated fascia sign and box Approved by SDC.
<b>Y16/0157/SH</b> 41-42 High Street	Installation of 3 air conditioning units Approved by SDC.
<b>Y16/0108/SH</b> 41-43 High Street	Renovation of existing pharmacy. Amended description of the proposed development. Council had no objection to the amended description.

### **ACCOUNTS:**

Clerk tabled a statement of accounts for the financial year 2015/16. The accounts are currently being audited by Metcalfe and Sharp Accountants.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the accounts be accepted.

All agreed

Salaries:	1780.62
HMR&C:	406.00
Ashe Alarms Ltd:	84.00
KALC:	1116.10
Metcalfe and Sharp Ltd.	78.00
Guy Ashby Ltd.	241.00
M. Wood	6401.00
SDC	2047.00
Keith Rouse	95.00
M. Coleman	528.00
Veolia ES (UK)	69.80
BT	147.13

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Cllr. Wilkins advised that consultation on the M20 lorry park has now closed and an announcement of the chosen site will be made soon. Stop 24 lorry park is currently being extended. Cllr. Wilkins spent his allocated ward budget on several local organisations. Cllr. Ian Meyers also spent his allocated ward budget and contributed to a defibrillator at the village hall and attended a village hall meeting to explain usage of the equipment.

### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

SDC/Veolia will not agree to a large bin at central car park as businesses and residents have abused them in the past. Large bins will be sited at central slipway.

All seating has been rubbed down and treated. M. Wood has been asked to carry out this service on an annual basis, there are 54 benches. The car park surface has been attended to and the kiosk has been taken down. The kiosk base is uneven and needs to be attended to so avoiding any trip hazard. Asset and Amenities working group will visit the site at its next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Regarding council's request to pursue ownership details via Land

Registry for shops on the parade, this has not been researched as yet due to there being no grants available for this type of work/activity. Dave Illsley provided information on how this was dealt with at Brighton and clerk read the information. It does appear that SDC officers will provide information but no assistance with grant applications. Council expressed disappointment that SDC officers are not available to assist with bid writing.

Finger posting from the light railway is proving difficult as there are no lamp posts to erect signs, EDF will not permit signs on telegraph polls and no finger signs are permitted on highway signage. Clerk suggested the working group identify where the signage could be erected.

A campaign proposal has been received from Take One to distribute Dymchurch leaflets. It is proposed that 3000 leaflets be distributed to attractions and leisure sites and 2000 leaflets to supermarkets and shopping malls in north Kent. The cost is £618 +vat. Council agreed to the cost, which had already been agreed at a previous meeting.

Clerk has contacted the secretary of Dymchurch Cricket Club to advise that council has not placed flooring at the pavilion and asked for their view on a rubber matting. To date there has been no response.

Update given on pre-emption clause for change of Deed to council premises.

Clerk reminded councillors that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, at the village hall, commencing at 7pm. AGM will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, at DPC offices, followed by the usual monthly meeting.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Discussion has taken place with Damian Collins MP., regarding the Post Office and he will be kept informed about Eastbridge Road. KCC officer has been asked to meet with the chairman at Eastbridge Road, but no date has been arranged as yet.

The renovated benches have received praise from several parishioners.

The Cubs have asked if they can plant the tubs/planters at central slipway and chairman has given permission for them to do so. Clerk will cancel arrangement with contractor.

#### **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Cllrs. Roger Wilkins, Ian Meyers and Richard Blackwell attended a meeting with parishioners and the EA regarding shingle on the beach.

Cllr. Richard Blackwell met with the Dymchurch and History Heritage Group to discuss a proposal to open Martello Tower No. 24 for 2017 season. A further meeting with the group and Cllrs. Denise Meyers and Richard Blackwell will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:**

No meetings have been held during the last 4 weeks.

#### **PARKING IN SEAWALL ROAD:**

Council discussed an option to extend the no parking zone in Seawall Road and at central slipway. It was generally agreed that to make no parking all year round could cause problems for the rest of the surrounding roads. No further action to be taken.

#### **KEEP FIT EQUIPMENT IN THE VILLAGE:**

Clerk requested to research type of equipment available.

#### **THE PAVILION:**

Nothing to report.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

The new bus shelter land-side, Folkestone bound, has a leaky roof.

Clerk reminded councillors that the Lighting of the Beacon will take place at 7.30 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, at central slipway.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 16 MAY, 2016** immediately following the AGM 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)

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Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.