

MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on
MONDAY, 14 MARCH, 2016, at 7pm, 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard, Cllr. Merlin Redding.
4 members of the public and parish clerk

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Russell Tillson – meeting at New Romney
Cllr. Paul Brownscombe – working
Cllr. Ian Meyers – working

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

Manager of The Arcade shop informed there is no parking at the premises and requested parking permits be introduced to shop keepers in Seawall Road. As parking is not within the parish council's remit, SDC officer contact details were provided. A request was also made to use DPC's private land for parking (next to Joyce Cockerill memorial) but it was explained the space is leased to the kiosk tenant and an area must be provided for any emergency vehicle that maybe needed should an incident occur on the beach.

It was reported that it is getting increasingly difficult to secure an appointment at Martello Tower Practice. There appears to be no co-ordinated approach to making an appointment and it depends on who one talks to as to whether you get an appointment or not. There is a lack of doctors, some often do not turn up and it has taken up to 21 days for a repeat prescription. Council agreed to write to Coastal Community Group to express concerns.
Meeting resumed: 7.20pm

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February, 2016 be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

1. Briefing meetings have been arranged entitled 'Planning for Town and Parish Councils' and will be held on Tuesday 12th April, at 2pm-5pm and 6pm-9pm. Spaces are limited to two per council. Cllr. Blackwell agreed to attend the 2pm session.
2. SDC Officer Brian Feeney has met with Stagecoach and KCC regarding 2 new bus shelters at High Knocke. Stagecoach has insisted that the Folkestone-bound bus stop be moved by 5metres for safety reasons. Two shelters will be in situ by end-March.

KCC Cllr. Carole Waters: Following the parish council's request for a speed sign on A259 near Tesco Express, the process requires a speed survey, estimated cost £895, before a sign

can be considered. If KCC agree to a sign being installed it would cost approx. £8-9K. This matter was discussed later in the meeting.

Damian Collins MP:

A copy of a letter from Kent Highways regarding Eastbridge Road has been forwarded for information purposes. Clerk read the letter. Council expressed concern that KCC was not taking the matter seriously and chairman wishes to meet with the highway steward next time the situation is monitored.

Lyminge Parish Council:

The chairman of Lyminge Parish Council has brought to parish council's attention a petition that is being conducted on-line to give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions as applicants can. Council noted the information.

Romney Marsh Forum:

Letter received from John Rich, clerk to the Romney Marsh Forum. Clerk read letter. Council agreed to revisit its decision not to join the Forum in six months.

BT:

Notification received that prices increases in the region of 6% will be applied as of 1st April on line rental, broadband and call packages.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y15/1260/SH Alterations and extensions to roof to create living accommodation
29 Lower Sands Approved by SDC.

Y16/0010/NMC Erection of three storey replacement dwelling
104 Hythe Rd. Approved by SDC.

Y16/0011/SH Erection of single storey rear extension and rooms in roof space.
17 Mill Road Refused by SDC.

Y016/0157/SH Installation of 3 external air conditioning units to ground floor
41-43 High Street. Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Meyers that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y16/0218/SH Demolition of side porch and erection of single storey side
19 Brookside extension.
Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Meyers, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 6 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

ACCOUNTS:

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

Salaries:	1780.62
HMR&C	406.00
Keith Rouse	179.00
Peter Goddard	216.00

M. Coleman	72.00
M. Wood	1380.00
Parkeon Ltd.	764.03
Geerings Ltd.	77.65
Dym. Methodist Church	30.00
Action Communities	50.00
SDC	1125.30
Nagels UK Ltd	245.40

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed the development at the old Sands Motel site, St. Mary's Bay, for 89 houses has been approved. Sainsbury's at Hythe application for a petrol station was refused. Ward budgets are going ahead for next financial year. Candidates for the new boundary change are currently being selected.

CLERK'S REPORT:

It was reported on BBC Southeast News that a caravan caught fire in Dymchurch. Unveiling of Heritage Group Trail Sign, Wed. 16th March at 10.30am. All councillors are invited to attend.

DPC's involvement with celebrating Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday has been registered with the Pageant Master, who is organising the country's celebrations. Posters promoting the lighting of the beacon at Dymchurch seawall have been produced and will be handed to shopkeepers during April.

The last cut at the recreation ground made by Peter Goddard Landscaping has caused damage to the football pitch due to the ground being too wet to mow. New contractor will commence cutting, but it should be recognised that he has not caused the damage to the ground.

Dymchurch Cricket Club will be using the ground and pavilion again this season. Clerk enquired about flooring, which has already received expenditure approval, but council suggested the cricket club be involved with any decision. Clerk read communication from new club secretary.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman thanked councillors for their commitment and support to bring the post office situation to a successful conclusion. There are unpleasant comments being placed on social media about the Village Store and chairman requested Cllr. Redding to monitor any messages and where appropriate to counteract any such comment with 'the parish council does not support any such view'.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Meeting held with English Heritage, Dymchurch History and Heritage Group and representatives of the parish council on 1st March:

A communication received from DH&HG was read by the clerk.

This item was discussed at the Planning and Strategy Working Group meeting and proposals made under the next item.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Beach Advisory Group:

Cllr. Tillson provided a report in his absence. Clerk read and tabled copies of the report: Minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated to councillors:

The Group's recommendation to DPC:

1. DPC update its web-site to encourage users of the beach to access the beach by using designated steps and handrails and to observe safety notices. Agreed.
2. That the Navigational Aids be reinstated for the summer season, in accordance with the SDC/DPC joint agreement. Agreed.
3. That DPC re-issue the licence to Riverside Catering Service to provide a mobile ice-cream/refreshment vehicle on the seawall, to be removed each evening. Agreed.

Assets and Amenities Working Group:

Minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated to councillors:

The Group's recommendation to DPC:

1. Demolish the kiosk and turn into a picnic area with fixed tables and benches.

Proposed by Cllr. Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Redding, Voting: For: 5 Abstentions: 1.

2. The amounts identified for budget purposes be accepted under the previously agreed accounts. Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Redding, Voting: Unanimous.

3. Users of the recreation ground must be responsible for marking out pitches. Agreed.

The situation of the pavilion was discussed at length, with council being divided on its future use. Asset and Amenities minutes refer to it being phased out as it is used less, but some councillors favoured demolition whilst others favoured making it more self-financing. It was agreed to discuss this at a future council meeting to establish a collective view and then invite users of the pavilion to a meeting to consider a way forward.

4. The height barrier at the car park remain in situ and the waste bin opposite the entrance to the village hall be removed. Agreed.

5. That permission be sought to erect pedestrian signage and erected at the four locations leading from the railway station. Agreed.

6. That council gives its view on wellbeing equipment and other uses for EA land to guide the working group's future proposals. Item to be placed on next council agenda. Agreed

7. Council supports the working group to produce a paper exploring opportunities for acquisitions and sales. Agreed.

8. The chairman establishes a personnel panel to meet on occasions, as required. Chairman agreed to do so.

Planning and Strategy Working Group:

Minutes of the meeting had previously been circulated to councillors.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that land searches be applied for to establish ownership of the parade of shops opposite central car park. Unanimous.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Meyers, that two councillors meet with Dymchurch History and Heritage Group and work together to formulate a strategy for a custodian service at Martello Tower no.24 and DPC agree in principle that an annual ex-gratia payment of £2500 be offered to secure a custodian service by Dymchurch History and Heritage Group members. Unanimous.

Cllr. Denise Meyers and Cllr. Richard Blackwell will represent DPC at the meetings.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that DPC adopt Cllr. Redding's design for the next promotional leaflet. Unanimous.

Cllr. Redding informed 6 shops had agreed to support a 10% discount to customers. A print run of 5000 has been costed at £159.95.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Meyers that 5000 copies be printed and distribution commence this season. Voting: Unanimous.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that DPC drop the idea of a speed sign near Tesco Express as the cost is now impracticable. Unanimous.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that if SDC approach DPC for the shortfall in the cost of providing two new bus shelters it agrees to do so. All Agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that council debate parking in Seawall Road at a future meeting. All Agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that council request SDC to place a large waste bin at central car park. All Agreed.

POST OFFICE:

Post Office Ltd., has notified that the village store has withdrawn its application to operate a post office service and therefore the post office will continue to operate at its current location. Post Office Ltd., will continue to advertise for someone to provide the service. Chairman and Cllr. Blackwell met with the Village Store proprietor and manager today and assurances have been given that the parish council will not support another shop in the High Street taking on a post office service. Clerk requested to write to proprietor of Village Store thanking him for withdrawing his application.

DAY OF SYN COMMITTEE:

Request received for use of the pavilion, recreation ground and to cordon off part of the beach for activities including the grass area each side of the slipway, together with a request for a financial contribution towards the event.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Mullard that use of facilities be agreed together with a grant of £200. Voting: Unanimous.

IT USE IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM:

Cllr. Redding informed all that is required to obtain access to the web and view sites in the council meeting room is a projector, costing approx. £180.

Chairman requested Cllr. Redding to produce a detailed cost analysis identifying what needs to be done and by whom to set up the system.

Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that once a cost analysis has been produce, £180 be released to purchase a projector.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 11th APRIL, 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) Parking in Seawall Road
- 14) Keep Fit Equipment in the Village
- 15) The Pavilion
- 16) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.