

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL held on
MONDAY, 4TH JULY, 2016, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Paul Brownscombe, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard.
Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES:

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public present.

Prior to the meeting Community Warden Jon Lodge briefed councillors on the dog fouling enforcement notice issued on seawall near New Beach Holiday Park. Discussions with management at the holiday park have been positive and a doggie bag dispenser will be placed in the reception area. Jon has assisted on a number of incidents in the area and provided road safety awareness tuition at schools.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 June, 2016 be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

1. Parking Services has started the process of consultation regarding yellow lines at Seabourne Way and the removal of lines at Tritton Gardens. Refresh of yellow lines outside 71 Tritton Gardens has been completed. Clerk has requested refresh of yellow lines by The Ocean Inn.
2. Following the parish council's Freedom of Information request to SDC for copies of correspondence to The Oval regarding the maintenance of street lighting, a holding letter has been received stating a further 20 days is required to comply with the request.
3. Notification received that SDC is currently reviewing its existing list of local validation requirements for planning applications. Validation requirements are different for householder and non-householder developments. To make it easier for planning applications and agents to know what drawings and reports are required a review is taking place. Consultation process is available on SDC web-site.
4. Update received on the Romney Marsh Partnership. Clerk read the letter,

Kent County Council:

1. Received notice that EiS website services are to charge for placing parish councils' information on the KCC network. Estimated cost is £240 per year. After many objections from parish/town councils and KALC, KCC has decided not to charge for this year.
2. Kent Highways has decided to abandon the temporary junction layout at the A259/Romney Road junction at Hammonds Corner that was installed as part of an annual crash reduction

programme. The road will be returned to its previous layout while the effectiveness of the temporary scheme is assessed.

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner:

Following DPC's letter enquiring about additional measures to protect the coastline, a response has been received from Matthew Scott, stating it is a matter for the Home Office and not Kent Police. This matter was discussed under a separate item on the agenda.

Environment Agency:

Estates Dept. has indicated it cannot see any issue with the parish council's request that land at the top of Martello Tower car park be used for other community projects. A well-being park would be welcomed, but EA would wish to be consulted on any plans and layout as SDC use the lower part as a car park and potential hazards need to be considered.

NHS South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group:

In response to the council's request for inclusion in discussions regarding health care on Romney Marsh, the council has been invited to send representation to the next meeting on 15 September at 1pm at the New Romney Day Centre. Clerk read communications and highlighted this is not a public meeting and it is not the right forum to discuss individual practices. NHS England is responsible for doctor practices. Clinical Commissioning Group's work streams are based on services required at the Day Centre.

Take One Media:

Campaign update identified that 1610 leaflets were distributed in May and 225 in June.

South East Coastal Access:

The Secretary of State for DEFRA has approved Natural England's proposals to improve coastal access between Camber and Ramsgate. The necessary Order to commence the rights of access under Section 2(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 will be passed on Tuesday 19th July, 2016.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y16/0398/SH/ 20 Redoubt Way	Erection of single storey extension, replacement garage etc. Approved by SDC
Y16/0108/SH 41-43 High St.	Renovation of existing pharmacy. Approved by SDC.
Y16/0468/SH 41 The Fairway	Erection of single storey side extension & living accomm. Refused by SDC.
Y16/0214/SH 17 Tudor Ave.	Erection of first floor side extension and single side/rear/front. Approved by SDC.
Y16/0535/SH 44-46 High St.	Outline application for 10 seaside apartments. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, That No Objection be raised, but an observation is that the proposed density of the site is out of character with buildings in the village and that formal plans should accommodate parking for a minimum of 10 cars. Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

Y16/0531/SH Extension to existing rear outbuilding/store
30 High St. Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins,
That No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

Y16/0633/SH Ground floor rear extension & bedroom in roof space
17 Mill Rd. Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell,
That No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

Y16/0688/SH Demolition of existing and erection of replacement clubhouse.
Eastfleet Caravan Site Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Brownscombe,
Hythe Road That No Objection be raised.
(Newbeach) Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

ACCOUNTS:

Clerk tabled the annual audit. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson and seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that the audit be approved and forwarded to the Audit Commission accordingly. All agreed. Clerk informed that as the Financial Services Compensation Scheme has reduced its protection entitlement, she would like to transfer an amount to the savings account to protect the council's finances.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that the clerk transfer an appropriate amount to the savings account. Unanimous.

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

Salaries:	1880.61
HMR&C:	590.88
M. Wood	3040.00
BT	65.06
Metcalfe and Sharp	1050.00
Keith Rouse	84.0
Contract Security	299.66

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Meyers has attended meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Personnel Committee and Audit and Governance Committee and briefed council accordingly. The Audit and Governance Agenda was tabled for information purposes.

Cllr. Meyers advised Cllr. Leslie Laws is now the new UKIP leader for Shepway.

Cllr. Wilkins had nothing to report.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Following council's request that NALC & LGA be informed of the parish council's view on permanent residency in caravan parks, NALC has advised it is actively pursuing this matter on behalf of several district councils with Ministers. All district councils have been invited to inform NALC of their view on the matter and the clerk was asked to enquire what SDC's stance is.

Mrs. Playford has advised that she is selling her property/ land and clerk provided details.

Council was unanimous in its view that the land is not affordable at the current time.

For information, the results of the referendum on 23 June, in Shepway were: Remain 22884, Leave 37729 (36% and 64% respectively).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman attended a service at the Cenotaph on Friday at 7.30am in memory of the commencement of the Battle of the Somme.

The chairman also attended a meeting with Damian Collins MP and James Brokenshire MP at The Houses of Parliament. This was discussed latter in the meeting.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllrs Tillson and Blackwell and parish clerk attended a Destination Management Plan workshop at New Romney.

Cllr. Denise Meyers and Cllr. Blackwell attended a meeting with representatives of Dymchurch & District History and Heritage Group regarding opening the Martello Tower on a regular basis. It has been made clear at the meetings that the Parish Council is willing to facilitate plans to open the tower but it will not take legal responsibility for the operation. Formation of a Trust is being considered to move the project forward. Next meeting will be held on 20th July.

Cllr. Mullard left the meeting at 8pm.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Asset and Amenities Working Group met on 15th June:

Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Tillson highlighted key points and informed a consultant will join the group at the next meeting on 17 August, to discuss opportunities for development.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that the parish council agrees that the working group should continue to pursue options and opportunities as outlined in the minutes and a consultant be engaged, at an appropriate time, to oversee operations. Voting: Unanimous.

Cllr. Blackwell wished it to be noted that the working document produced by Cllr. Tillson for the working group to formulate its thoughts and ideas was commendable.

Beach Advisory Group next meet on 27th July at 9.30am.

Strategy and Planning Working Group next meet on 10th August at 10am.

POLICING AND SECURITY OF COASTLINE:

Chairman informed he and the clerk met with Damian Collins MP and Minister for Immigration, James Brokenshire MP on 27th June at the Houses of Parliament to discuss the recent people trafficking incident and measures being taken by Government to secure the area. Patrols are being undertaken by numerous Government agencies and James Brokenshire informed he will provide contact details for communicating any future incidents. Both MP's were delighted that the parish council has taken the initiative to install CCTV and place web-cam facilities on its web-site.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that the site for the equipment be installed with an intruder alarm and associated monitoring. Voting. Unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Prior to Cllr. Mullard leaving the meeting he informed that Dymchurch Scout Group will be operating again soon.

Cllr. Blackwell suggested the chairman communicate with the Mayor of Salbris, expressing continuing friendship in light of the result of the referendum result on 23 June.

Cllr. Meyers informed the pathway leading to the beach (opposite Tesco Express) has not been cut by the EA. Council agreed to pay for it to be cut as a one-off gesture, to ensure it is passable, if EA cannot guarantee it will be cut soon. Grass in general is not being cut enough and areas look unsightly.

Cllr. Denise Meyers enquired about the Planters and urged The Forge to install as soon as possible. Chairman agreed to call in and make enquiries. Also, the area of the old kiosk site needs tables/chairs and a floral area. This will be placed on next month's agenda for formal consideration.

Clerk informed she has requested KCC to turn on the festive lighting from 1st August through to 5th September.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 1 AUGUST, 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) Policing and Security of Coastline.
- 14) Former site of old kiosk
- 15) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.