

**MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on  
MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2017, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.**

**PRESENT:**

**Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Karen Lewis, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard, Cllr. Merlin Redding.  
14 members of the public & parish clerk.**

**APOLOGIES:**

**Cllr. Arran Harvey - working**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. All Agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7.01pm.

Ms. Sally Cook requested the cost of producing outline sketches for Bull's Field and the recreation ground and her view is that development at the recreation ground should be as a last resort. Enquiry was also made regarding the tendering process for trading at the kiosk.

Mr. John Williams informed the condition of the A259 is getting worse and the road is cracking by the bus stop. Dog fouling on the seawall is not improving and he suggested building at Bull's Field will reduce income to the parish council. Confirmation was sought that reference will be made to the sketches at the annual parish meeting.

Ms. Deana Coker enquired if the parish council held the Deeds to the recreation ground.

Ms. Trisha Green requested a sign be placed on the seawall not to feed seagulls.

Mr. Clive Dugley enquired about the tendering process for the slipway kiosk.

Mr. John Musguin enquired if the parish council had the necessary authority to install CCTV.  
Meeting resumed at 7.30pm

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 be approved. All agreed. There were no matters arising.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

1. Following the parish council's request to the local planning enforcement officer that premises opposite central car park be considered for improvement, the latest response confirms the owners have been contacted with a view to agreeing a timetable to carry out improvements. SDC has promised to keep DPC updated. Cllr. Mullard said one of the chimneys looks precarious and the clerk was asked to bring this to the enforcement officer's attention.

2. An update on the East Kent 'super' council proposal has been received. Clerk read the update.

3. SDC chief executive has informed any decision regarding lifeguarding on beaches in Shepway has been deferred for a further 5 months. Chairman requested contact be made expressing the view that the proposed time-scale is not acceptable.

4. Following concerns about a motorcycle on the beach, SDC forwarded a By-law that forbids motorcycles being ridden on 'open space'. Whilst The Dog Control Order 2012 is enforceable on Crown Property, there is no evidence that a Byelaw is.

**Kent Police:**

Contact has been made with Rachel Marshall, Ports Engagement Officer who works for Kent Police Special Branch working on the Frontier Engagement Team. Rachel has agreed to join the Beach Advisory Group.

**Marsh Forum:**

Posters have been provided for placing in the village regarding Operations Kraken and Pegasus.

**KCC – Shepway Children’s Centres:**

It has been confirmed that an Easter Treasure Hunt will be held at the recreation ground on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30am.

**KALC:**

Annual membership is due for renewal.

**Ship Inn:**

Owner of the Ship Inn made contact with Cllr. Wilkins regarding the possibility of the parish council pursuing green space at Tartane Lane as common land. Research has identified that the land is in private ownership and is subject to an imminent planning application, which will disqualify any proposal being made.

**School Fete:**

A fete is to be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. A parade through the village will commence at 10.45am and various entertainment will be held at the school throughout the day. All councillors have been invited.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y17/0030/SH** Change of use of rear of shop.  
37 High Street Refused by SDC.

**Y16/0535/SH** Amended plans have been received.  
44-46 High Street Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that  
No Objection be raised.  
Voting: For: 5 Against: 2 Abstentions:1 Interest declared:0

**Y17/0326/SH** Installation of enlarged rear dormer & loft conversion  
2 Tudor Avenue Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that  
No Objection be raised.  
Voting: Unanimous.

**ACCOUNTS:**

Clerk informed the rateable value of the car park has increased from £6000 to £16500, resulting in an increase of rate payment £3110.81pa. Clerk has made an appeal against the charge, but payment has to be made whilst an appeal is ongoing.

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

Salaries:	£1469.45
HMR&C	488.08
Keith Rouse	95.00
Veolia ES (UK)	69.12
BT	101.06
Parkeon Ltd.	780.84
Geerings	85.03
Take One Media	765.60
M. Wood	2,727.00
KALC	1,127.83
SDC	1555.18
SDC	1083.45
Ashe Alarms	586.80

#### **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Cllr. Meyers informed Ward Cllr. Budgets have increased to £3K for 2017/18.

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

Community Warden Jon Lodge has enquired if any councillor would like to project lead a volunteer litter pick in the area. Jon plans to attend the APM to gauge volunteer support. A new order for flags at the car park is needed. Cllrs. agreed to order a better quality cloth. Mrs. Walton has sent a response to the council's Facebook page and has suggested the pavilion be used as a cinema.

NALC has advised all councils to produce a Policy on Communication. Clerk tabled a draft policy for council to consider with a view to the policy being adopted at the AGM.

Social media has made many comments about the council's consideration for improved facilities at the recreation ground. A press release has been produced and circulated.

Clerk informed information on defibrillators had been received, council suggested this be considered by the asset and amenities working group.

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

The newsletter has been printed and needs to be distributed by mid-April.

Chairman has been in contact with Mrs. Rockett at KCC Highways regarding work at Eastbridge Road.

Chairman introduced SDC Cllr. David Owen who will be standing for West Hythe Ward in County Elections in May.

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

Cllr. Mullard informed that he attending the village hall management committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Governance is being considered particularly regarding insurance issues. Internet connectivity was also on the agenda.

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

##### **Planning and Strategy Working Group – 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

Meeting was postponed. New date for a meeting is required.

##### **Assets and Amenities Working Group – 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

Minutes of the meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Tillson informed there are no new recommendations to council other than the working group did consider the costs for interment at the council's burial ground, but suggested fees and charges remain the same. Council supported the view. Administration for engaging Living History Workshops to entertain at the slipway has taken place and advertising /signage will be increased this season.

**EASTBRIDGE ROAD – Lorry Watch Scheme:**

Following complaints of excessive lorry use and speeding the Police set-up a speed watch scheme and reported that no HGVs were sighted and no speeding witnessed. PCSO has agreed to carry out further speed watch exercises over the next few months.

A Lorry Watch Scheme is operational in Kent which is managed by volunteers. It requires volunteers to register with KCC where they are required to monitor lorry activities and report to KCC direct.

Chairman suggested that when KCC elections have taken place, the new representative be made aware of the issues regarding Eastbridge Road and be requested to pursue improved maintenance to the road.

**TURN THE TIDE FESTIVAL:**

A festival is planned in the village on 21 and 22 October. The organisers attended public session last meeting to announce their plans and to ask council to consider financial assistance towards the event.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that a grant of £500 be awarded.

Voting: For: 5 Against: 2 Abstentions:1

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Lewis informed loose bricks from a wall in Sea Wall Road are a danger to pedestrians. Council agreed to report the matter to LPA.

Cllr. Meyers informed there is to be a briefing on Otterpool Garden Village.

Cllr. Blackwell requested council's support to the DHG pursuing copies of paintings by the artist Paul Nash be sited on the seawall. All agreed. Cllr. Blackwell also requested St. George's flag be raised on 23 April.

Cllr. Denise Meyers enquired after the third planter being made by The Forge.

Cllr. Redding would like to maximise rental from the kiosk and enquired if beach entertainment would be sited at the same place.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2017, (immediately following the AGM that commences at 7pm)** 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) Protocol at Meetings
- 14) Eastbridge Road
- 15) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

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Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.