

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** held on  
**MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Karen Lewis, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Merlin Redding.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Arran Harvey – working

Cllr. Terry Mullard - away

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned for public session.

Meeting adjourned at: 7.02pm

Mr. John Williams informed that he attended a protest meeting outside the Civic Centre last Saturday, regarding Otterpool Park and The Lorry Park at Stanford. Mr. Williams estimated over 300 people attended. He expressed disappointment that there was no representation from Dymchurch Parish Council.

The chairman informed that the parish council has not objected to either planning proposal. Operation Stack caused major loss of visitors and trade to the village. As a parish council it supports Government's efforts in trying to alleviate the disruption that operation stack causes. Cllr. Ian Meyers informed he has communicated with several residents and the general consensus is that both proposals are supported locally.

Meeting resumed at: 7.10pm

**MINUTES:**

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

Cllr. Blackwell requested an amendment to page 4, item Dymchurch Historic Buildings Trust. Item should read Cllr. Denise Meyers has been nominated the Minutes secretary.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November, 2016 be approved as a true record. All agreed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

1. Notification received that the level of precept proposed for the parish is required by January. Budget and precept is on the agenda for consideration.
2. Community engagement events for the proposed garden town, Otterpool Park, have been announced. The closest event for this area is Lympne Village Hall, on Saturday 10 December at 10am-2pm.
3. A workshop to consider a district-wide open space study and review will take place on 7 December at The Civic Centre. Cllrs. Karen Lewis and Terry Mullard have agreed to attend.
4. Invitation received to attend a Dementia Friends Conference on Saturday 14 January at The Mach, New Romney. Cllr. Lewis agreed to attend.

**Kent Highways:**

Following the parish council's request to KCC Cllr. Carole Waters that she requests Kent Highways to pursue Eastbridge Road, she has agreed to do so and a response from Kent

Highways has been received. KCC is committed to continue to monitor the road. So far no significant movement has occurred at any of the station points pinned along the embankments. Until a clear understanding of the outcome of the survey and confirmation of next year's budget is known, KCC cannot at this stage confirm if any works to Eastbridge Road will take place. Clerk requested to write to Kent Highways highlighting again the urgent need for works to Eastbridge Road.

**Kent County Council:**

Following the adoption of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30, KCC is now preparing two site plans, and will allocate sites suitable for minerals and waste development in Kent.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y16/1029/SH** Formation of a second floor rear balcony.  
50A High St. Approved by SDC.

**Y16/1090/SH** Outline application for replacement dwelling.  
1 Tower Estate Closed by SDC.

**Y16/1230/SH** Retrospective application for single storey rear extension.  
14 Lyndhurst Rd. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that  
No Objection be raised.  
Voting: Unanimous.

**Y16/1221/SH** Erection of 2 two storey dwellings  
Land at rear of Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that  
2 Willop Close Objection be raised on the grounds that:  
Willop Way is at a blind spot on the A259 (travelling from Dymchurch to Hythe) and current vehicles using this access already create a dangerous situation. Additional cars using this access will enhance danger on this stretch of the road.  
There is insufficient access for emergency vehicles to turn in Willop Way and it appears ordinary and emergency access to 109 would be greatly restricted.  
The application is considered over intensive development.  
Voting: Unanimous.

**Y16/1302/SH** Erection of first floor rear extension  
14 The Oval Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that  
No Objection be raised.  
Voting: Unanimous

**ACCOUNTS:**

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

Salaries:	£1696.41
HMR&C	544.68
Keith Rouse	95.00
M. Wood	195.00
Romney Marsh Net	184.80

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Cllr. Meyers attended Scrutiny Committee and has raised objection at SDC that insufficient time is being granted to district councillors to adequately consider financial data appendices. Cllr. Meyers will be attending a seminar on the topic of prevention of suicide.

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

One complaint has been received regarding the web-cam. Clerk consulted with KALC/NALC legal teams and the council is not in breach of any law. Clerk read the correspondence to councillors. Chairman thanked the clerk for the response and liaison with NALC.

Grounds man David Henley is making progress following his accident. The waste bin duties are being covered by the clerk, chairman, road cleaner and community warden.

Christmas lights are on.

Clerk will not be in work tomorrow, but will be back on Wednesday.

A place has been reserved for Cllr. Karen Lewis on the Dynamic Councillor Course at Faversham.

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

New Romney Town Council and Lydd Town Council have both complimented DPC on its Christmas lighting. The Christmas tree outside Flisher's is exceptional and clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.

The Christmas Window Competition will be judged at 2pm on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

The chairman thanked councillors for their commitment throughout the year and wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year.

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

Cllrs. Richard Blackwell, Karen Lewis and Denise Meyers attended KALC AGM. Cllr. Blackwell reported that two motions were discussed; Post Offices and HGV's lorry parks. Cllr. Blackwell informed the AGM delegation how both subjects have impacted at Dymchurch. Police Commissioner Mathew Scott spoke at the meeting, together with John Connell who is responsible for Town/Parish Council legislation. Cllr. Blackwell raised the implications involved with caravan parks being used as residential sites and the impact this has on the parish and tourism. SDC produced a report: C/14/02 on this subject that was presented to SDC Cabinet in 2014. Clerk was asked to enquire what action was taken on the report.

Richard Blackwell informed that Dymchurch Historic Buildings Trust is applying for charitable status. A web-site and bank account has been set-up. A meeting will be held tomorrow with Colin Walker regarding the name of the group.

Cllr. Ian Meyers attended a seminar last week regarding counterfeit goods.

In Cllr. Mullard's absence clerk informed that he attended the Village Hall Management Committee AGM.

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:**

**Assets and Amenities Working Group - next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at 9.30am.**

**Planning and Strategy Working Group – next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017, at 10am.**

**Beach Advisory Group – next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, at 9.30am.**

**BUDGET:**

Clerk tabled a budget report and forecast for consideration.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that the budget be accepted and the precept be increased by 5% to meet the forecast expenditure for 2017/8.

Voting: Unanimous.

(An increase of 5% is equivalent to approximately £1.72 per year for Band D properties.)

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that a separate fund be created for election and referendum costs. Voting: Unanimous.

**TREES:**

Cllr. Meyers informed that a mature tree has been felled at the Fire Station and requested a letter be sent to Anne Binnington enquiring about future plans for the remaining tree/s. There has been public disappointment expressed over the tree being felled and DPC should consider placing Tree Preservation Orders on the remaining tree/s once the Fire Service's plans are known.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Denise Meyers expressed frustration that St. Mary's Road is still closed for major repair work. Chairman advised that he has been informed the road is due to open in a couple of weeks.

Cllr. Karen Lewis has received interest from two shopkeepers to repaint their premises. The shops in question are situated opposite central car park and have been identified in the Dymchurch Economic Plan as an area that would improve the visual impact of the village. Chairman informed The Traders Association should lead on the project as is in a position to apply for funding for such purposes.

Cllr. Karen Lewis informed she and some customers at her shop have commented that the seat donated by Salbris Twinning Association should be made level and not sit on the lie of the land. Cllrs. Lewis and Blackwell requested the chairman to address their concerns.

The chairman agreed to consult with the Twinning Committee.

Cllr. Tillson said he would object to the parish council spending further money on repositioning the seat when it has already been placed where the committee requested it.

Cllr. Karen Lewis enquired about the ownership of land and a crumbling wall opposite her shop. Clerk informed it was in private ownership.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2017** 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) Eastbridge Road
- 14) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

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Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.