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**MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on  
**MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2018**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Ian Meyers, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. John Carr, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Thomas Quaye, Cllr. Merlin Redding,  
Parish Clerk and 7 members of the public.

**PRAYERS:**

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Russell Tillson – party conference

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Chairman reminded councillors of the requirement to disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any items on the agenda and to refrain from speaking on such matters.

Cllr. Carr declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Day of Syn.

Cllr. Quaye declared non pecuniary interest in any planning application submitted by his father.

Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Denise Meyers declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Martello Tower 24.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7.03pm.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No formal questions submitted.

**Reports from the public:**

Mr. Young enquired who he should submit a question to regarding planning in the parish. Chairman informed the Local Planning Authority is the appropriate body and a copy to the parish council for information purposes would be useful.

Mr. Young stated the Minutes are taking too long before they are placed on the council's web-site. It is taking over two weeks for Minutes to be available on-line. Mr. Young objects to Standing Order No.3.i, that formal questions be submitted by the second Friday of each month before the following month's council meeting.

Chairman informed councils are permitted 30 days to place council minutes on-line. The parish council administration is administered by one part time member of staff. Research into questions requires time allocation into an already committed working schedule.

Mr. Williams disagrees with the results of a parish survey. Mr. Williams stated the percentages should be calculated in accordance to surveys distributed rather than responses received.

Chairman disagreed with Mr. Williams view and stated that results can only be recorded from surveys that have been returned.

Mr. Daburn briefed council on the Ivychurch Amenities Group initiative and informed he is gathering interest to formulate a similar community-based organisation with charitable trust

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status to develop a proposal for managing the pavilion. Chairman welcomed the news and looks forward to receiving a formal business plan addressing how funds will be raised to manage the facility.

Ms. Coker enquired why goal posts are not erected at the recreation ground.

Chairman and clerk informed the applicant did not pursue the request to use the recreation ground for football practice.

Mr. Shephard tabled programmes for Turn the Tide Festival 2018. All activities are secured and will be taking place during 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

Meeting resumed at 7.20pm

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING.**

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the Minutes of 3rd September, 2018, be approved. All Agreed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Kent County Council:**

Consultation is taking place regarding Kent Household Waste Recycling Centre and charging proposals for soil, rubble hard-core and plasterboard. Consultation documents can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation).

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that a corporate response be made and implementing charges will encourage fly-tipping on the Marsh. Voting: Unanimous.

**Chapel Road:**

A wealth of information has been received from a resident in Chapel Road highlighting involvement with Kent Highways and District Council. Clerk briefed council on matters relating to both Authorities, highlighting possible breach of Planning Conditions set when the site acquired planning approval.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that the clerk write to the Local Planning Authority outlining the Conditions to Y11/0126/SH. Voting For:7 Interest declared

1. *Cllr. T. Quaye declared non-pecuniary interest in this item, left the table and took no part in any discussion.*

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y18/0739/FH** Single storey rear and side extension.

1 Beverley Gdns Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that  
No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

**ACCOUNTS:**

Clerk informed the annual audit has been returned and accepted by Government's appointed body and informed of the comment on the External Auditor Report.

Clerk tabled Statement of Accounts.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Quaye, that the monthly accounts be accepted. All agreed. Monthly expenditure: £4380.29

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Cllr. Wilkins informed he has attended Full Council, Oportunitas and Personnel Committee meetings.

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Cllr. Meyers has attended Overview and Scrutiny and attended a training seminar regarding adolescent violence to parents. Leaflets were tabled for information and Cllr. Meyers briefed council on content of both meetings.

Cllr. Blackwell enquired as to the latest on the Nuclear Waste proposal.

Cllr. Wilkins informed there is no corporate position at the current time and district council is waiting for further information.

Cllr. Blackwell enquired if a legal objection had been made regarding Princes Parade. Cllr. Meyers informed it has not, but one is expected.

Cllr. Blackwell enquired if a meeting had taken place with district and county council regarding emergency plans/evacuation preparations. Eastbridge Road is considered unsuitable as an evacuation road due to its current state. Clerk requested to write to KCC Cllr. Whybrow to enquire what has happened to evacuation procedures for the village.

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

The Twinning Association hosted guests from Salbris recently, both Cllr. Meyers and Cllr. Wilkins highlighted the weekend's events.

Cllr. Blackwell thanked the Chocolate shop, Beach 48 and The Forge for opening their premises, providing hospitality and for their contribution.

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

Cllr. Denise Meyers and Cllr. Richard Blackwell attended Martello 24 meetings. The Tower has attracted 6000 visitors this season, the most achieved by any English Heritage free-entry museum. New Management at English Heritage is supportive and promises to deal with the ingress of water and provide other exhibits including audio visual displays. A volunteer maintenance crew will be active throughout the winter months at the tower.

Cllr. Quaye attended the Village Hall Management Committee meeting. The new charitable trust status is progressing and maintenance issues were discussed. It was raised that the yellow lines to the council's car park need re-painting.

### **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES:**

#### **Assets and Amenities:**

An annual public liability risk assessment has been carried out on the council's assets.

In the absence of Cllr. Tillson the clerk highlighted items requiring attention:

Car park: yellow hatching, signage and pot-holes need attention. Council agreed items to be attended to under maintenance budget.

A request has been received from Living History Workshops to permanently park their trailer at the village hall car park. The TRO states that the maximum period a vehicle may wait in the car park is 24hours. Proposed by Cllr. Meyers seconded by Cllr. Quaye that council reluctantly refuses permission for permanent parking due to a precedent this may create.

Voting: Unanimous.

Seawall: Additional well-being equipment to be put on hold until development of the neighbouring site is complete. All Agreed.

Kiosk building: Identified works to be carried out under general maintenance budget. All Agreed.

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Joyce Cockerill Memorial Garden: To be used to site WW1 bench and seating. Worn away ground to be levelled out where required. Planters to remain in situ for time being. All Agreed.

Recreation ground: A concrete base used for the skate ramp is much larger than was quoted for. The removal will now cost an additional £986 +vat.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that the additional cost be accepted. Voting: Unanimous.

Benches require renovation and one bench is beyond repair and should be disposed of. All Agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that a new metal bench be purchased to replace the old bench. Voting: Unanimous.

Planters at Orgarswick Avenue: Price to be obtained for resin and concrete in-fill.

**MILLENIUM FIELD:**

Cllr. Blackwell introduced the item and expressed disappointment that the field is not kept in good order and it should be an area of amenity. After discussion clerk requested to research what planning conditions were imposed on the open space.

**SEA WALL PARKING:**

Enquiries with the district council has informed that should the area be regulated under a Traffic Regulation Order, the cost of the TRO and enforcement will need to be met by parish council.

After discussion it was agreed the cost is prohibitive to the parish council and no further action to be taken. All Agreed.

**CAR PARK CHARGES 2019:**

Clerk requested clarification on two proposed charges, before a Traffic Regulation Order is submitted. The following charges were confirmed.

Up to One hour stay £1

Up to 4 hours stay £5

Clerk informed the current TRO requires blue badge holders to pay for any parking. Council supported a status quo to this regulation.

*Proposed by the chairman that members of the public be excluded for the next item. Voting: unanimous.*

**OFFICE DEED:**

Clerk briefed council of a meeting with the council’s solicitor.

Cllr. Blackwell proposed a further letter be sent. The proposal was withdrawn.

Proposed by Cllr. Quaye, seconded by Cllr. Redding that no further action be taken.

Voting: For: 7 Abstentions: 1

Meeting closed at: 9.10pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018**, at the Parish Council offices, 13 Orgarswick Avenue.

Members of the Council: You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council on the date and time and place shown above.

## **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) Questions from the Public:
- 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) Chairman's Report
- 10) To receive reports on meetings attended
- 11) Reports from Working Parties
- 12) Office Extension
- 13) Lighting of the Beacon
- 14) F&HDC Area Officers

*Gillian H. Smith*

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.