

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL held on
MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 2017, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Karen Lewis, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard.

APOLOGIES:

None received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public present.

MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January be approved. All Agreed.

Page 3. To Receive Reports on Meetings Attended.

Cllr. Tillson enquired if Cllr. Redding had updated the Dymchurch leaflet and if a copy is available for approval and printing. Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. Redding for update.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

1. Parish and Town Councils have been asked if they wish to add any item to the Annual Scrutiny Programme 2017-18. Cllr. Tillson requested Scrutiny Committee be asked to scrutinise how Section 106 Contributions are allocated.

2. SDC Planning has informed that the tree at the Fire Station does not meet the criteria for a TPO.

3. Notice received that a Public Spaces Protection Order is out for consultation which is intended to replace all existing Dog Control Orders within the district. Clerk read the proposed Order. Parish Council had no objection to the proposed Order.

4. Following Briony Williamson's attendance at DPC's Planning and Strategy Working Group meeting, an update regarding caravan parks has been received. The update was forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting.

5. Town and parish council planning user group meets 7th February at Civic Centre at 7pm.

KALC:

1. Neighbouring District/Borough Councils have been looking into the feasibility of establishing a new single Council for East Kent. KALC Devolution Advisory Committee is meeting on 24 February to look at a business case. If there is anything specific that parishes/town councils want KALC to raise with the Advisory Committee, details will need to be sent, via the clerk, to KALC before this date.

2. Shepway Area Committee of KALC will hold its next meeting at the Civic Centre on 16th February, at 7pm.

Dymchurch Cricket Club:

Clerk read letter from the cricket club that informed it will be merging with Brookland Cricket Club and will relocate to the Brookland ground and pavilion as of March 2017. Clerk has already thanked the cricket club and wished them well for the future.

Rural Kent:

For information, a mobile Coffee and Information Project is being launched by Rural Kent and is planning to visit villages that are losing their post offices, shops and public houses. The mobile unit is to form a community hub for those seeking information on services and advice.

Kent Police:

The Police and Crime Commissioner is proposing a 3.3% increase to the precept, equivalent to £5 for an average Band D household. Clerk responded stating the proposal is unjustified for residents on the Marsh.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y16/1302/SH 14 The Oval	Erection of first floor rear extension Approved by SDC.
Y16/1334/SH 41/43 High St.	Felling of two Sycamore trees in conservation area. Approved by SDC
Y16/1230/SH 14 Lyndhurst Rd.	Retrospective application for erection of single storey extension. Approved by SDC
Y17/0003/NMC Willop Depot	Non material change to previously approved application. Approved by SDC.
Y16/1326/SH 7 Lower Sands	Erection of single storey rear extension Approved by SDC.
Y17/0030/SH 37 High Street	Change of use at rear of shop to create residential accommodation. Clerk outlined the legal implication regarding access at the rear of the property. Proposed by the Chairman, that Objection be raised on the grounds that rear access to this property is not perpetual. The application requires an informative relating to access and licensing for rear access. Voting: Unanimous. Clerk requested to forward details regarding rear access to SDC.

ACCOUNTS:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the accounts be accepted.
All Agreed.

Salaries:	£1696.41
HMR&C	544.68
Keith Rouse	95.00
BT Broadband	145.92
Crown Estate	19.00
KALC	72.00
Affinity Water	142.92
Southern Water	33.00
M. Wood	98.00

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed there is strong support at Shepway for a multi-council, including Canterbury, Thanet, Dover and Shepway, but he is not sure how it will work at this stage. Cllr. Ian Meyers informed if the proposal goes ahead, it will be the largest district council in the country (by population) and outlined that cost savings will be made by staff reduction and there will be fewer councillors. More information will follow should proposals progress. Cllr. Meyers attended a meeting in London regarding Brexit and networked with other colleagues.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Dave Henley has returned to work.

CCTV Monitoring has been secured with Ashford Borough Council. Two additional cameras have been installed on the system.

Galvanised barriers outside the beach manager office have rusted and have come away from the concrete steps, which are used by members of the public. Cost of new barriers has been estimated at £740. Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that the barriers be replaced. All agreed.

Clerk tabled first draft of the parish council newsletter and requested councillor input. The draft generated discussion and matters such as litter and watering of planters were debated.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Tillson attended the Marsh Forum. Due to inclement weather the meeting closed early. Police were in attendance to discuss matters of Policing on the Marsh. Cllr. Wilkins, Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Mullard attended an NHS meeting at Folkestone. Several people from the Marsh were present and NHS recognises the lack of service offered to residents on Romney Marsh. Plans are being considered to engage paramedics at GP surgeries.

Cllr. Mullard attended the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting. Housekeeping matters and the Constitution were discussed. The Parish Council is entitled to have two representatives at the meetings and Cllr. Wilkins agreed to join Cllr. Mullard as DPC representatives.

Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Denise Meyers have attended numerous Friends of Martello Tower No. 24 meetings and informed the Group is moving forward with its plans and are waiting for the Trust documentation to come through. The Group is currently considering leaflets and publicity. Insurance is required for the Group's volunteers to manage the Tower and this has been quoted at £324. Ward councillor grants are expected to help with publicity, but funds are needed to assist with the cost of insurance.

Proposed by the Chairman that a grant of £350 be awarded to the Friends of Martello Tower No. 24. Voting: Unanimous.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Assets and Amenities Working Group - 11th January, 2017.

Minutes of the meeting had been circulated previously.

Cllr. Tillson briefed councillors on the meeting and outlined recommendations to council.

1 DPC newsletter invites parishioners to attend the annual meeting to consider development opportunities. All agreed.

2. Planning consultant be invited to attend the next A&A meeting to discuss fee proposals. All agreed.
3. Once title deeds are amended the council honours the pre-emption clause and goes ahead without outline planning approval. All agreed.
4. The Salvation Army Band be invited to play on the seawall in summer. All agreed. Cllr. Blackwell is progressing with making contact/arrangements with the band master.
5. There be no increase to parking fees at the parish council's car park for 2017 season. All agreed.

Planning and Strategy Working Group – 25th January 2017.

Cllr. Harvey briefed councillors of the meeting and thanked SDC officers Arthur Atkins and Briony Williamson for attending the meeting and their input.

Friends of Martello Tower No. 24 is moving ahead with plans to open the tower.

Dymchurch Economic Strategy will be discussed with SDC officers when a replacement for Catherine Igoe is secured.

Council is waiting to view amendments to the current leaflet by Cllr. Redding.

Cllr. Harvey outlined recommendations to council:

1. The Dymchurch leaflet be printed by mid-March. All agreed.
2. The newsletter include an article reminding local clubs and societies that their details can be included on DPC's web-site. All agreed.

EASTBRIDGE ROAD:

Patching has taken place.

Cllr. Wilkins has discussed the condition of the road with Damien Collins, MP, and he has agreed to make enquiries with Kent Highways regarding the scheduled programme for improvements.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Ian Meyers informed the roads on the Marsh are deteriorating. Government has made available a sizeable sum to improve roads in Kent and he will be pushing for local roads to receive attention.

Cllr. Denise Meyers enquired about the installation of the promised planter. The Clerk and Chairman have been advised the planter will be installed very soon. Council expressed disappointment at the length of time it has taken to produce the planter.

Cllr. Lewis commented that private land by the slipway should be put in better order.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 6th MARCH, 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)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.