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MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on
MONDAY, 6th AUGUST, 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. Russell Tillson Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public.

PRAYERS:

APOLOGIES:

None received

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr. John Carr declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Day of Syn.
Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Denise Meyers declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Martello Tower 24.

Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at 7.03pm.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No formal questions submitted.

Reports from the public:

Mr. Daburn questioned why road works were conducted during the height of the summer season. Chairman informed it is understood that, for safety reasons, Kent Highways carries out road works that are near a school approach when the school is closed.

Mr. Williams informed the twwitten from A259 to the beach has been cleared. Repairs to the A259 are now encouraging speeding. Chapel Road is now open and the road blocks have been removed. The A259 requires a crossing as the road is too dangerous to cross.

Corrine Crawford provided an update on the Turn the Tide Festival. The event will be over 4 days; 19-22 October, with both City of London and Ship Inn pubs kick-starting activities with community events on 19th. Events throughout 20-22th October will comprise of activities, comedians, open mic nights, sports events, displays and workshops, bands and demonstrations.

Meeting resumed at 7.15pm

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the minutes be approved. Agreed.

Matters arising: Cllr. Blackwell informed Orbit Housing has cut the grass area at Country's Field and suggested this be an agenda item for future discussion at October meeting.

Chairman informed a defibrillator at Lydd had been stolen and the parish council should display a list of where defibrillators are situated on the council's notice board.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Folkestone-Hythe District Council:

Information received from the Community Project Manager regarding a new initiative to engage with the public. Clerk read the communication.

Kent County Council:

Communication is continuing regarding a school crossing. Clerk read latest correspondence between the school and KCC.

Tritton Gardens will be closed for up to 3 days for carriageway patching and pothole repairs.

Environment Agency:

Maintenance update received. Clerk read schedule.

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Has launched his annual Policing Survey with key question being how safe people feel where they live and how much value for money they get from Kent Police. Members of the public are being encouraged to respond to the survey. www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/consultations. Clerk requested to respond on behalf of the council using the information recently sent to the Commissioner.

National Association of Local Councils:

The Government's proposal in the local government finance settlement 2019/20 stated again to defer the setting of referendum principles for parish and town councils.

South East Water:

Update received regarding demand for water as temperatures rise. Clerk read information.

Gillett and Johnston:

Annual maintenance due on the public clock. Clerk enquired if council wished to have a final service on the clock before Mr. Woolls moves and maintains it. Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that a final service be arranged to enable the clock to be passed to Mr. Woolls in good working order. Voting: Unanimous.

Beach Entertainment:

The first weekend of activities has attracted a number of compliments from the public. Clerk read a couple of comments that have been received.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y18/0631/FH	Creation of living accommodation in the roof space.
14 Tritton Gdns	Approved by District Council
Y18/0722/FH	Erection of a pair of semi-detached houses
17 Mill Road	Refused by District Council.
Y18/0505/FH	External alterations to existing holiday let.
108 High Street.	Approved by District Council

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104 Hythe Road

Retrospective application for new house (previously approved under Y08/0902/SH).

Council required further clarification regarding this application.

Cllr. Tillson and Cllr. Wilkins to make enquiries with Planning.

ACCOUNTS:

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

All agreed.

Monthly expenditure: £5569.23

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS:

Cllr. Wilkins informed he attended Licensing and Planning Committee. The Aldi store at Hythe has been approved. Princess Parade hearing has been deferred until 16th August.

Cllr. Tillson advised the deferral is because of issues regarding a viability analysis. Cllr.

Tillson also attended Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting.

Cllr. Meyers also attended Overview and Scrutiny Committee where mainly administrative issues discussed relating to risk management procedures, managing and mitigating risks.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Cllr. Meyers attended a Civic Service at New Romney and a Step Short Commemoration for WWII. There has been an outbreak of graffiti on play equipment and seating at the recreation ground.

Cllr. Carr informed there has been misuse of substances behind the new toilet block on Sea Wall Road. Clerk requested to report to Veolia.

RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Nothing to report.

WORKING PARTIES:

Cllr. Wilkins expressed disappointment that working parties are meeting, councillors are agreeing a way forward but when the matters are brought to council, councillors change their minds. He questioned the viability of working parties. Councillors agreed this is frustrating, though rare, but wished for working parties to continue operating.

COUNCIL OFFICE EXTENSION:

Following public consultation where 66% of parishioners supported the parish council extending its office premises, it was agreed to progress with this project. The council has already ring-fenced a budget for this purpose.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that council authorises the clerk to engage professional services to seek advice and sketches for an extension to the council office and to bring back to council for further consideration. Voting: Unanimous.

GRASS AREA BULL'S FIELD:

Recent public consultation identified that 84% of parishioners support additional car parking spaces at Bull's Field car park, but 54% do not support housing at Bull's Field (that would have contributed towards improvements at the site). It was agreed the cost of surfacing the

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grass area only, at an estimated £76,000, would not be a viable option. The cost of resurfacing the entire car park with required drainage has been estimated at £160,000. It was considered that the car park assistant currently manages car parking on the grass area, during summer, and there will be no significant additional income to justify the outlay and the council does not have the sum of money required to proceed with the project. Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. John Carr that finances are not available to support the project and it is not economically viable to surface the grass area at Bull's Field. Voting Unanimous.

Meeting closed at: 8.30pm

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER, 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) Car Park Charges 2019
- 13) Demolition of the Pavilion

Gillian H. Smith

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.

