MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on MONDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2018, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Merlin Redding, Cllr. Russell Tillson.

Parish Clerk and 7 members of the public.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Twinning visit Cllr. Thomas Quaye, Twinning visit Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Twinning visit

Chairman informed the parish meeting is being recorded by an independent person and the recording has not been requested by the parish council. Any person not wishing to be recorded should inform Mr. Kewer accordingly.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7.02pm.

OUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Question submitted and read by Nick Southgate:

With reference to the Dymchurch Recreation Ground and the huge public opinion opposing the building proposal on it. What would it take for this council to change its stance, stand up for the people and campaign to not only keep it in its entirety as a green space for public use but also to have it recognised as a village green and afforded the privileges of that status?

Chairman's response:

I will ask for an item to be placed on the next agenda of the Asset and Amenities Working Party with regard to this subject and request a recommendation is brought to Council for debate. Chairman asked if there was a supplementary question on the same subject. There was not and Mr. Southgate provided the clerk with a copy of a petition that was addressed to Shepway District Council.

Reports from the public:

Mr. Young informed that the grass in the village needs cutting and is unsightly. The Danger sign by the outfall is missing.

Chairman requested clerk to report the matters to the appropriate authorities.

Mr. Williams informed grass by the fishing trailer car park had been cut. The grass area at Country's Field needs cutting. Clerk to inform Orbital Housing. Meeting resumed at 7.06pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Folkestone and Hythe District Council:

Invitation received for any councillor to attend a special workshop about Otterpool Park on Tuesday 19th June. There are two sessions commencing at 2.30pm and 6.30pm. Cllr. Harvey agreed to attend.

National Association of Local Councils:

GDPR came into force on 25th May, 2018 with an amendment that exempts parish and town council from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Appointing a DPO will therefore be discretionary and considered good practice.

Residents:

Many complaints have been received regarding parking in the village particularly at the entrance to Marshlands. Clerk informed that council has supported and requested district and county councils to install yellow lines at The Fairway and High Knocke but both requests have been rejected. Chairman informed that parking options are currently being considered.

Cllr. John Carr joined the meeting at 7.20pm

Carers Support:

Letter received requesting a grant towards the organisation. An item will be placed on the July agenda for consideration.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y17/1625/SH Erection of a detached dwelling
Land at 77 Hythe Rd. Refused by district council.

Y18/0255/SH Felling of trees subject to TPOs
Land at 24 Hythe Rd. Slit decision by district council

Y18/0466/SH Installation of a rear dormer window

26 Brookside Approved by district council Y18/0245/SH Change of use to office Approved by district council

Y18/0317/SH Demolition of existing dwelling and construct replacement

1 Tower Estate Approved by district council

Y18/0401/SH Single storey rear and side extensions

9 Winton Way Approved by district council.

Y18/0424/SH Replacement windows and doors

Dym. Primary School Approved by district council.

Y18/0212/SH First floor extensions and increase height to roof.

6 St. Mary's Rd Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey that

No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

ACCOUNTS:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that the monthly accounts be accepted. All agreed.

Clerk informed a grant of £2K towards the restoration of the War Memorial has been received from District Council.

Total outgoings this month £12,801

Items over £500 include:

£4874.28 maintenance to the recreation ground play equipment

£1164.00 engineering work to the recreation ground play equipment

£ 942.00 remaining payment for restoration to the War Memorial

£1050.00 production and installation of a planter at Organswick Road

Clerk informed three separate contractors had been asked to plant flowers in the planters at Orgarwick Avenue, but none had carried out the work. The chairman and Cllr. Denise Meyers agreed to plant some flowers.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS:

FHDC Cllr. Tillson informed he attended the District Council AGM, has chaired two sub-committees and the Licensing Committee.

FHDC Cllr. Ian Meyers informed he attended the District Council AGM.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman informed Mill Road and Eastbridge Road (as far as St. Ann's Road) has been resurfaced and yellow lines reinstated. Parking in the village was a considerable problem the first May bank holiday and as a consequence he requested additional parking enforcement from the parking authority, which was forthcoming. The sea wall toilets have been released of the electronic mechanism that was preventing operation and the toilets are currently open and free. The chairman attended New Romney Mayor Making on behalf of the parish.

RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

None.

RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES:

None.

KENT SURREY SUSSEX AIR AMBULANCE:

Request received for financial assistance towards the service.

Proposed by the chairman that the service is invaluable to all concerned and suggested a grant of £150 be made. This was seconded by Cllr. Redding.

Voting: Unanimous.

DYMCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The parish council has been copied into a letter from the primary school to KCC requesting a crossing on the A259.

Clerk briefed council of the communication. Clerk has requested the head teacher provide an update on discussions with KCC but no response has been received. Cllr. Whybrow has offered to assist and is actively involved with the situation.

A separate e-mail has been received from a resident. Clerk read the e-mail.

Chairman informed that a collision had taken place but this was not reported to the Police nor the Local Community Warden. Data from the Police is vital when pursuing highway matters and urged everyone to report collisions when they happen. Chairman said it was correct for KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow to take the lead on this matter and the parish council would support where it can.

Cllr. Thomas Quaye joined the meeting at 7.45pm

NEW STANDING ORDERS:

The item to be moved to next month as clerk has not had time to distribute and personalise NALCs model standing orders.

Meeting closed at: 7.48pm	
Signed:	Date:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL will be held on MONDAY 2nd JULY, 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) To receive reports from Working Parties
- 12) Carers Support:
- 13) New Standing Orders

Gillian H. Smith

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.