



Minutes of a meeting of the Dymchurch Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7pm at the Dymchurch Methodist Chapel.

# MINUTES

## PRESENT-

Cllr. C.McCreedy (Chair)

Cllr. C. Young

Cllr. M. Wright

Cllr. D.Coker (Vice Chair)

Cllr. D. Young

Cllr. S. Leverick

Cllr. J Williams

Cllr. A. Goode

Also, in attendance- Mr J Lawrence- Parish Clerk, County Cllr. A. Weatherhead, County Councillor T. Hills, and District Councillor I. Meyers and approximately 100 members of the public.

- 1. APOLOGIES.** Members are reminded of the need to tender apologies with the reason for absence direct to the Clerk if they are unable to attend.

Cllr. D.Noonan- Working

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda – any councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items.

Cllr. A Goode declared a personal interest in item 4 due plans to move to a location that may be affected by this development- This declaration was considered, and it was agreed that the Councillor would take part in the discussions but would not participate in any vote relating to this subject.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING-** held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to be agreed by members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the chair.

## 4. PLANNING APPLICATION- 21/2525/FH

**Land Adjoining High Knocke Farm, 65 Seabourne Way, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0PX**

**Outline planning application for a residential development of 132 dwellings with all matters reserved except for means of access to the site.**

The council heard from several members of the audience who raised objections to the proposed outline planning application- a summary of those objections follows-

- Lack of proper public consultation by the developers for the proposal- The only consultation was held between 10-2pm not giving everyone a chance to attend.
- The area is of great historical and Archaeological importance and is an unspoilt medieval landscape- Evidence of a roman villa exists along with a pottery and other finds
- **The proposed location does not fall within the District Councils local plan**
- No evidence that any homes will be affordable and therefore support local young people in staying in the village
- The site exceeds the area considered to be sensitive modest development within the District Councils Core Strategy.
- The land is and has been used for grazing for at least 30 years and has not been ploughed for 100 years.
- Concerns about the Village losing its identity and being part of other growing areas
- Residents identified flooding issues in the area and especially with sewerage issues in the Marshlands Estate. This includes overflowing dykes, toilets unable to be flushed etc.
- Concerns that any new homes would not be able to get insurance as is the case in some instances at the moment.
- News buildings will increase water run off thereby adding to the concerns over flooding
- The Marshlands estate is identified as an emergency route to and from the new development- It was identified that these roads do not support easy access especially with the ongoing parking problems
- The increase in property can only mean an increase in traffic and associated traffic issues using an already strained A259-
- Parking in Dymchurch is at a premium especially during the summer months- This development will be overrun during the summer months.
- Lack of sufficient infrastructure in particular the local GP service that can not serve the existing population and is unable to attract new GP's

County Councillor Weatherhead asked to be kept updated with concerns although he as a County Councillor will not have direct influence over this application.

District Councillor Meyers added that regarding paying for infrastructure the developers would have to pay towards the Section 106<sup>1</sup> or the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)<sup>2</sup>. He also stated he would make efforts to arrange a meeting with the Planning Department Officers, himself and hoped that members of Dymchurch Parish Council would attend.

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<sup>1</sup> A Section 106 is a legal agreement between an applicant seeking planning permission and the local planning authority, which is used to mitigate the impact of your new home on the local community and infrastructure. In other words, a new house will mean another car(s) on the roads and perhaps your children will attend nearby schools, putting a little more strain on local services.

<sup>2</sup> The Community Infrastructure Levy (the levy) came into force in April 2010. It **allows local authorities in England and Wales to raise funds from developers undertaking new building projects in their area**. The money can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure that is needed as a result of development.

Individual members of the Parish Council addressed the audience with their comments and after the discussion it was proposed by Cllr. D Young and seconded by Cllr. C Young that Dymchurch Parish Council, object to the outline planning applications 21/252/FH

A vote was held-

For the proposal (for clarification this was to object to the outline planning application)

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Cllr Goode unable to participate in the vote due to the declared interest.

In addition, the Council requested that District Councillor Meyers call the application into the Planning Committee.

ACTION- Clerk to respond to the Planning Authority outlining the grounds for objection.

## 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members will propose to adjourn the meeting to allow Public Participation-

Standing Orders provide the opportunity for members of the public to speak at Council Meetings- The allotted time for Public Participation is 15 minutes and each person may speak for no longer than 3 minutes. This is however, at the discretion of the chair.

At the end of the Public Participation section the Council meeting will resume

**No other questions raised by the public present**

## 6. Planning Applications for Consideration

REF	Address	Details	Comments
22/0050/FH	19 Mill Road, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, Dymchurch, TN29 0NY	Erection of garage and carport, with extension and alterations.	No Objections Carried Unanimously
22/0134/FH	49 Tritton Gardens, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0NA	Extension at first floor over existing single storey side extension	No Objections Carried Unanimously
22/0033/FH /NMA	13 Sycamore Gardens, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0LA	Nonmaterial amendment to planning permission 21/1690/FH Erection of ground floor rear extension to form a swimming pool. Demolition of part of existing extension and shed. Resubmission of approved	No Objections Carried Unanimously

		<b>planning permission 20/1119/FH to allow for minor changes to the size of the building and rooflights.</b>	
<b>22/0099/FH</b>	<b>123 Hythe Road, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0TS</b>	<b>Erection of 2No. car ports (western and eastern) in front of the main dwelling. Erection of a single storey rear extension with a balcony above.</b>	<b>No objections however it appears that the Carports are already built so should this be a retrospective application- Clerk to confirm</b>
<b>22/0096/FH /CON</b>	<b>Building Adjoining 44 - 46, High Street, Dymchurch</b>	<b>Approval of details pursuant to condition 15 (implementation of a watching brief by an archaeologist) of planning permission Y16/0535/SH (Outline application for 8 apartments with all matters (scale, appearance, layout, landscaping, and access) reserved for future consideration)</b>	<b>No Objections Carried Unanimously</b>
<b>22/0060/FH</b>	<b>Sandwell House, The Oval, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, TN29 0LR</b>	<b>Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) to replace existing conservatory sunroom.</b>	<b>No Objections Carried Unanimously</b>

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE and CLERKS REPORT**

- a. Request from Day of Syn organisers to use the recreation ground and Pavilion for storage and use of toilet-**

**Agreed by members present but to ensure that the pavilion is used only for storage purposes on the dates specified and that no responsibility for loss or damage will be entertained by the Parish Council**

- b. Kent Care Summit Event Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Cllr Leverick requested details be sent to her work email-**
- c. Update from Planning department regarding 21 Sycamore Gardens regarding excavation of the seawall which has now been assessed and accepted by the Environment Agency- No additional comments made by members present and no objections made.**

**The Clerk read his report- updating members that as a result of a recent article in the newsletter which appeared to be inaccurate he had identified that the beach Manager Services had ceased in 2011.**

**It was agreed unanimously that the Clerk should write to The Looker to give them the opportunity to correct their report.**

**5 new picnic benches have been purchased to replace the old and damaged ones- They are to be placed at the slipway kiosk, the site of the old kiosk near the Martello Basin and near to the end of the Martello Carpark on the sea wall. The cost for installation of these benches is £450.00.**

**Members agreed unanimously to approve this expenditure.**

**8. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

- a. County Councillor  
No information relevant to Dymchurch**
- b. District Councillors  
No information relevant to Dymchurch**
- c. KCC Warden  
No report this month**
- d. Kent Police – PCSO  
No report this month**

**9. BEACH SAFETY FUNDING-**

**Members will consider start-up funding for Folkestone and Dymchurch Beach Safety Charity.**

**Members considered the proposal from what is currently known as Folkestone Rescue Ltd- This is a Charitable Incorporated Company. Members heard that a beach Safety Manager would be provided for Dymchurch through this company who would raise funds through donations and other streams, engage with the Community to encourage volunteers and provide a presence at weekends April to July and then daily during the summer holidays.**

**Members agreed to make a donation to the scheme of £13,000 to be paid in two instalments to get the scheme up and running- Further funding would be considered in the future- This was proposed by Cllr Mc Creedy and seconded by Cllr Goode- A vote was held which was unanimous.**

**10. War Memorial Landscaping Project-**

**Members will consider funding for the above project to improve safety and accessibility at the War memorial.**

**Members discussed the proposal for landscaping at the war memorial to improve disabled access-**

**Landscaping will be completed by end of March to allow turf to take and any settlement issues to be dealt with- £1965.00 (excluding VAT)**

**The concrete plinth upon which the bench is installed along with alterations to the memorial- £2148.00 (exc VAT)**

**Liaison with the volunteer gardener will take place so that plants can be reused where appropriate.**

**After a short discussion a vote for the proposal was taken which was unanimous.**

## 11. FINANCE

a. Breakdown of expenditure/income since last meeting

No issues raised

b. Authorisation of Payments- Members will review the list of invoices for payment and identify two Councillors to authorise the payments online.

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### Dymchurch Parish Council PAYMENTS LIST

Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Unity Trust Bank		Disposable Gloves	Caxton House Ltd	S	23.00	4.60	27.60
Unity Trust Bank		Payroll Processing	S H Bureau	S	79.38	15.88	95.26
Unity Trust Bank		Picnic Benches & Fixings	No Butts Bin Co Ltd	S	1,984.50	396.90	2,381.40
Barclays Bank Busines		Enforcement	3 Business Services	X			
Unity Trust Bank		PBP Fees	Pay By Phone	S	1.62	0.33	1.95
Unity Trust Bank		Maintenance	Seymour & Saunders	S	434.44	86.89	521.33
Barclays Bank Current		Waste Disposal	Veolia Env Serv UK	S	65.17	13.03	78.20
Unity Trust Bank		Phone & Broadband	Onecom	S	123.36	24.67	148.03
Unity Trust Bank		Enforcement	3 Business Services	S	10.00	2.00	12.00
Petty Cash		Xmas window prize	Dymchurch Parish Council	X	50.00		50.00
Unity Trust Bank		Our Parks Bootcamp	Our Parks	E	2,500.00		2,500.00
Unity Trust Bank		Water	Business Stream	Z	16.52		16.52
Unity Trust Bank		Water	Castle Water	Z	-9.13		-9.13
Unity Trust Bank		ICO Certificate	Information Commissioners C	E	35.00		35.00
Unity Trust Bank		Foreshore Rent	Crown Estate	E	169.63		169.63
Unity Trust Bank		Salaries	Dymchurch Parish Council	X	1,901.66		1,901.66
Unity Trust Bank		Phone & Broadband	Onecom	S	123.36	24.67	148.03
PayPal		Instant Ink	HP Ink UK Ltd	S	8.32	1.67	9.99
Barclays Bank Current		Waste Disposal	Veolia Env Serv UK	S	64.96	12.99	77.95
Unity Trust Bank		Tax & NI	HMRC	X	515.02		515.02
Unity Trust Bank		Electricity	EDF	X	137.00		137.00
PayPal		Dummy	Dymchurch Parish Council	X	10.00		10.00

The item in yellow indicates a funding amount that the Council are awaiting from Fields in Trust.

**Cllr McCreedy proposed** that the Assets and Amenities group be given delegated spending powers to authorise the payment of the invoice for landscaping at the Seawall behind the kiosk- This is to ensure that the work can take place as soon as possible and to be completed before the tourist seasons starts. This would be with the caveat that if there were any issues which change the agreed amount which at the moment is through a funding award from KCC then the matter would be brought back to full Council for further debate.

## 12. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

### 1. Jubilee mugs and celebrations

**2. Plans for meeting hub at the recreation ground- Funded by the Romney Marsh Project**

- 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 unless otherwise advised. The meeting will be held at the Methodist Hall Chapel Road Dymchurch commencing at 7.00pm.

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