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MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on
MONDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 2018 at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. John Carr, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Thomas Quaye, Cllr. Merlin Redding
Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

Chairman welcomed newly elected councillors and congratulated them on their successful campaign. Cllr. John Carr and Cllr. Thomas Quaye signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

PRAYERS:

APOLOGIES:

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

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

Cllr. Denise Meyers and Cllr. Blackwell declared non pecuniary interest in matters relating to Martello Tower No.24.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned for questions from the public. Meeting adjourned at 7.02pm

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No formal questions received.

Mr. Williams raised concern about access to Chapel Road.

Mr. Young informed pot-holes and road surface need attention at Eastbridge Road.

Meeting resumed at 7.04pm.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that the minutes be approved. All agreed. Cllr. Blackwell informed that Friends of Martello No.24 have made contact with owners of Martello Tower No.25 and a site visit to No.25 is being arranged.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kent County Council:

Notice received that Eastbridge Road will be closed on 20th February for up to 3 days from Chapel Lane heading northbound for approximately 100 metres to enable BT access to an underground structure to facilitate restoration of services. The road will also be closed from the A259 Mill Road through to St. Ann's Road for resurfacing but no date has been set at the current time. Cllr. Denise Meyers informed a barrier has collapsed in Eastbridge Road. Clerk to report pot-holes and barrier issues to KCC and request all works be carried out at one time.

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Shepway District Council:

Notification received that a nomination from Ship Inn Field Preservation Group to register the Ship Inn Field as an asset of community value has been received.

SDC has issued the consultation document Places and Policies Local Plan which will be on deposit for six weeks. The public can view and make comment via SDC web-site:

www.shepway.gov.uk/places-and-policies

NALC:

Has informed that having successfully secured government support to change parish poll rules, regulations are yet to be laid before Parliament. Parliamentary time is limited due to the amount of legislative slots needed for Brexit related business. Ministers have agreed to press ahead as soon as parliamentary time allows.

Christopher Daws:

Mr. Daws requested the clerk to inform council of the situation at the end of Chapel Road. Mr. Daws has been in contact with property owners that back on to Chapel Road and informed the right of way at the rear/side of their properties must be kept open for vehicles. Residents have visited the council office and bought deeds to explain the situation. It has been mentioned that KCC may have tarmacked the road and installed bollards. Clerk has contacted KCC twice to make enquiries and SDC once, but has received no response. Council agreed to ask KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow to investigate.

Friends of Martello Tower No.24:

The Tower is closed during winter season but bespoke visits are being arranged. Contact has been made with 110 History Societies. One visit is planned for 10th Feb and another in March. The group's visits include coffee at a Dymchurch Tea Rooms and lunch at a village pub.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y17/1343/SH Erection of front and side extension

19 The Fairway Refused by SDC.

Y17/1368/SH Listed building consent

32 Hythe Road Approved by SDC.

Y17/1452/SH Erection of a side extension

31 Lyndhurst Road Approved by SDC.

Y17/1272/SH Erection of 5 dwellings and parking

Ship Inn Field Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that Objection be raised on the grounds that access is unacceptable via A public house car park, over intensive development of the site and the design will overshadow neighbouring bungalows. The application is in breach of SDC Policies SD2, BE1 part E and BE8.

Voting: Unanimous.

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Y17/1640/SH Erection of children's play equipment and fencing.
The Neptune Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous.

Y18/0122/SH Erection of single storey rear extension and porch.
15 Lyndhurst Road Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous.

Y17/1569/SH Erection of single storey rear extension & loft conversion
1 Lower Sands Proposed by Cllr. Quaye, seconded by Cllr. Carr that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous

Y17/1561/SH Alternative roof to that approved under Y17/0902/SH
102 Hythe Road Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: Unanimous.

ACCOUNTS:

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

Total outgoings £11,834.43

This includes cost of repairs, replacement parts and weekly inspections to the play equipment at the recreation ground £7856.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS:

SDC Cllr. Ian Meyers has attended four meetings; two Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Otterpool Park development and Full Council. Cllr. Meyers raised concern about the council tax base particularly with regard to mobile homes being used for permanent occupation. A meeting has been arranged with SDC chief financial officer to discuss further. At Full Council, Cllr. Meyers proposed a deferment of a name change, until after full consultation had taken place with town and parish councils. The motion was defeated.

Cllr. Blackwell informed that he objected, with several other members of the community of a name change that makes no reference to Romney Marsh.

SDC Cllr. Wilkins informed he proposed an amendment, that Romney Marsh be included in a name change. The motion was defeated.

Consultation did take place with the Joint Parish Council Committee and the Committee supported the name change.

SDC Cllr. Tillson attended Overview and Scrutiny Committees and supported matters raised about the council tax base. He attended Licencing sub-Committee and Planning

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Committee and neither committee raised any Dymchurch matters. Otterpool Park development requires a paper to demonstrate how it will benefit Romney Marsh. In his view, the Shepway name change was premature. Folkestone has indicated that Romney Marsh will financially benefit from the name change and Cllr. Tillson will be pursuing financial benefit for the Marsh.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman is delighted that the council now has a full complement of councillors and as soon as KALC organises training courses for new councillors, placements will be arranged.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Blackwell reported on the Marsh Forum. Presentations were given by Kent Police Speed-watch Team. Marsh roads are not considered suitable nor the A259 due to the amount of parked cars. A survey can be requested if required. KCC Cllr. Tony Hills presented a number of items; community transport scheme, emergency planning, mineral extractions and health care. Cllr. Blackwell thanked SDC Ward Councillors Russell Tillson, Ian Meyers, Clive Goddard and KCC Councillors Tony Hills and Martin Whybrow for their generous support to the Romney Marsh leaflet. The cost of production has now been reached and the leaflet is currently being designed.

The Marsh Forum received a response from Damian Collins MP., regarding security on the Marsh. The response fell short of providing the additional personnel required for patrolling the area.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES:

Cllr. Blackwell informed council that the Planning and Strategy Working Party met on 25th January, minutes had been forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. A Paul Nash Trail is being pursued with EA regarding siting of the panels. Concern has been raised regarding the usage of the Plater Hall. The building was purchased with a condition that it must be used for community use. The EA is addressing this matter. Over 750 sub-post offices have been closed recently and concern is being raised again about the post office in the village. All matters are ongoing.

Meeting closed at: 8.10pm

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 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

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.