



Minutes of the Dymchurch Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting was held online under the following legislation The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

MINUTES

Members present:

Cllrs-

D Coker- Chair

C Young- Vice Chair

D Young

D Noonan

J Carr

C McCreedy

M Wright

Also present- Mr J Lawrence- Parish Clerk and Mr A Lawson- Finance and Projects Officer
District Cllr I Meyers and two 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 J Williams- Family Commitment

Cllr S Leverick- Working

- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

No declarations made.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING-** held on the 7th December 2020 to be agreed by members present. These minutes will be signed at the next available physical meeting of the Parish Council.

The minute of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

- 4. 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 public questions submitted.

5. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING and CLERKS REPORT

No	Details	Owner	Comments
1	Write to the District Council to request permanent installation of oversized public litter bins at the sea wall Dymchurch	Clerk	Awaiting update from the District Council
2	Obtain additional quotes for tree work cemetery and cut back at Dymchurch Parish council Grassed area.	Clerk	On hold due to restrictions
3	Follow up Bus shelter loan scheme with County Councillor Martin Whybrow	Clerk	Ongoing
4	Follow up on Briefing for Eastbridge Road Repairs- Via Cllr Martin Whybrow	Clerk	Awaiting update from County Councillor
5	Request Yellow hatchings- Slipway	Clerk	Completed- This is not the responsibility of the EA
6	Cycle Slow Signs request for Seawall	Clerk	Ongoing
7	Send message to Jon Lodge's supervisor to express thanks for his presence and hard work in the Parish	Clerk	Completed
8	Write to Fields in Trust to ascertain views on lease to FODR	Clerk	Completed

The clerk gave the following report to members-

- Members are advised that the current licence holders of the main kiosk have retired this will mean advertising the availability of the kiosk and deciding on new licence holders. This will allow the Council to update the current licences.
- The second kiosk arrangements are in hand. Contact has been made with the utility companies and prices are being obtained. The trading licence holder for this location has been contacted and we are awaiting an update. The Clerk is also writing to the EA to confirm our intentions for this area.
- Although the office is being used for work it is of course not open to members of the public due to current restrictions. The Groundman has been advised that he is not to put himself at risk by carrying out any activities for the council that are not necessary.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

In circulation

- I. E mail from concerned resident that the Vaccine is not being issued by the health centre in Dymchurch.

Members were informed that the Clerk had contacted the Health Centre who are working towards delivering to the village.

- II. Email from a resident complaining about the rise in dog waste and cleanliness of the sea wall.

Members were informed that the caller had been directed to the District Council recycling and refuse teams and the Enforcement teams.

- III. Email from a resident raising concerns about speeding vehicles on the main road in the area of Kingsway. It was also raised by the same resident about the rise in dog mess on the lower promenade, the lack of bins and whether dog bag provision should be introduced.

It was acknowledged that the Council had raised this matter with KCC and had arranged for a speed survey to be carried out with a view to adjusting the Traffic Regulation Order covering the speed limit in the area.

The introduction of dog waste bags was discussed and rejected at this time as it was identified that dog owners may use a potentially empty bin bag dispenser as an excuse not to bring their own bags and tidy up after their dogs.

**ACTION- To update the author of the email.
Contact District Enforcement Officers regarding the rise in dog fouling.**

7. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

a. County Councillor

KCC Council Martin Whybrow provided the following update:

KCC Highways assets team has been contacted to see if the promised Eastbridge Road briefing would be ready for next month's meeting. I will also wrack my brains on how to get round the replacement bus shelter impasse, which is extremely frustrating.

With regards vaccinations, I guess it is a case of wait and see if the local healthcare providers now get their act together. I fielded quite a few questions from understandable unhappy residents about the situation. Across Kent, it appears to have been a postcode lottery in terms of which residents received the first batch of vaccines. While there was a very efficient operation across six surgeries out of Oakland's in Hythe, which saw the first batch of 975 vaccines given to the most vulnerable residents and frontline NHS staff, there was nothing west of here. I have attached an NHS document that might be of interest, giving the county-wide picture. I raised the concerns at both a KCC and District Council level and while councils have no statutory powers over the healthcare providers, I know that pressure is being applied. In Hythe, the operation was done with strong support from staff and volunteers from the Community Support Hub, but no approach was made to the Romney Marsh Hub by either Invicta or Channel.

b. District Councillors

District Councillor Ian Meyers reported as follows:

- KCC are introducing asymptomatic testing at the main Folkestone Library, Hawkinge and are looking at where on the Marsh a station can be set up. This will allow people to obtain a test to confirm if they do or do not have the virus.

c. KCC Warden Jon Lodge

- Supported a resident after suffering vehicle crime.
- Dealt with a concern for a family that had gone missing. This was reported to the police and they were later found in the Folkestone area.
- Dealt with a CCTV issue where it was believed that private information was being obtained. This was resolved.
- He is also continuing supporting the Victim hubs with visits and other support he can offer.

It was noted and supported by Dymchurch parish Council that Jon provides an excellent service and support to the village and the surrounding areas and members wished him to be informed of their appreciation.

ACTION- To arrange Jon Lodge's supervisor to be informed of the Councils comments.

d. Kent Police – PCSO

No report received.

8. PAVILION WORKING GROUP- UPDATE (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Members will receive an update on the progress of the above working group Ground Charity.

It was noted that the Pavilion Charity is continuing to raise funds.

A meeting will be arranged soon to continue the negotiations into handing over the management of the Pavilion to the Charity. It was noted that a quite for putting together a lease had been obtained and this will be discussed at future meetings.

It was suggested that contact is made with Fields in Trust to ascertain their views on the possibility of a lease being set up with the Friends of Dymchurch recreation Ground Charity.

9. PLANNING:

Land Adjoining 76-78 High Street Dymchurch Kent

Appeal against enforcement notice served on 09/01/2018 in relation to Use of Land for Car Sales
Planning Inspectorate Number - APP/L2250/C/19/3221881

After discussion members agreed they were no objections to the application but noted what is probably a typing error in the hours of operation.

ACTION- To inform the planning authority of the above comments.

10. FINANCE

- a. Breakdown of expenditure/income since last meeting

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

No issues raised from the figures produced this month- Members accepted and agreed the payments for this month.

Cllrs Young and Leverick will authorise the payments.

It was agreed that additional Councillors would be required to authorise and view the bank accounts to increase the governance of the Council accounts.

11. Items for consideration at the next meeting.

- Friends of Dymchurch Recreation Ground Request for assistance with Insurance Payment
- To keep the vaccination availability of the Marsh on the
- Kiosk 1. New Licence 2. New kiosk installation update.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. 1st February 2021 unless otherwise advised. The meeting will be held online unless stated otherwise and will commence at 7.00pm.

Noted by members present.

13. Closed Session- Members will vote to exclude press and members of the public to hear items 14 and 15.

Members agreed with the proposal and the public were excluded.

14. Legal Matter- Concerning land owned by the Parish Council. This item contains personal information, and the information is subject to legal privilege – This matter was adjourned from last month's meeting. Members have the relevant information.

After discussion it was agreed that no further action would be taken in pursuing this matter as the costs to the public purse outweighed the object of the enquiry.

However, it was agreed that it is imperative that if Council land is being used for purposes outside of its permitted use then the Council should act quickly to resolve any issues that are identified. This will protect the rights and interests of the Council and therefore the Public who ultimately pay for and maintain Council assets for their use and enjoyment.

15. Legal Matter- Concerning financial matters. This item contains personal private information.

After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to make further enquires and report back to the Council. No additional information can be recorded within these minutes due to the confidential nature of the subject involved.

Chairs Signature