

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL held on
MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER, 2015, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Paul Brownscombe, Cllr. Arran. Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Ian Meyers - working
Cllr. Terry Mullard - poorly

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at: 19.02

PUBLIC SESSION:

Anne Pegler raised concern about the disabled toilet at High Knocke car park being closed to those with Radar keys. Anne also requested notices be placed on waste bins to inform the public that they can also be used to deposit dog waste. DPC agreed to contact Shepway District Council regarding the issues.

Meeting resumed: 19.10

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September, 2015 be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

1. Notification received that the central toilet block will be closed on 9th October for 4 weeks due to necessary roofing works.
2. Letter received requesting the parish council's view on the suitability of The Neptune being used as a polling station.
Council's view is that the Neptune provides good access and parking and is a suitable venue.

Kent County Council:

1. Notification that there is a parish and town council seminar to be held on 5th November in Canterbury. One place per parish is permitted. Cllr. Denise Meyers offered to attend.
2. A response to DPC's request for a crash barrier at Burmarsh Road has been refused. Clerk read the letter. DPC to reply expressing disappointment at KCC's decision.

KALC:

Notice of 68th Annual General Meeting on 21 November. DPC is entitled to send two representatives to the KALC AGM. Cllr. Blackwell expressed interest subject to availability.

New Romney Town Council:

The Town Council has sent letters and petitions to appropriate bodies regarding the closure of Nat West Bank in the High Street, but the Bank has stated it will not reconsider its decision. A mobile unit will operate for two hours on a Thursday, although no further details are available at the current time.

The Surgery, Orgarswick Avenue:

The surgery will close from 31 October for two reasons, the upcoming retirement of Dr Cullen and they have been unable to recruit another partner for the practice. All patients have now been notified of options; remaining at Church Lane Surgery or registering with Martello Practice. Clerk informed she is in communication with SDC regarding the premises.

Zurich Insurance:

Notification received that the Government has increased the rate of Insurance Premium Tax from 6% to 9.5% as of 1st November.

Kiosk Proprietor:

Mr and Mrs Hardy have written to express grateful thanks to the parish council for its understanding regarding lack of trade and will be pleased to continue to trade on the seawall.

Letter From Mr. Tom Gibbs

Clerk read the letter.

Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that the sign is adopted by DPC and the plaque attached to the frame is retained and maintained. Voting. Unanimous.

Letter from The Oval Residents:

The parish council has been copied into a letter to SDC regarding ownership of the street lights at The Oval. Clerk read letter. The parish council totally supports the residents in their endeavours. A letter to be sent to SDC offering to host a meeting at the parish council offices

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y15/0867/SH 8 The Fairway	Erection of a single storey front extension Approved by SDC
Y15/0792/SH The Neptune.	Erection of a glazed side extension to the restaurant. Approved by SDC.
Y15/0793/SH The Neptune	Listed building consent for side extension. Approved by SDC
Y15/0823/SH Prestbury House The Oval.	Conversion of integral garage into living accommodation Approved by SDC.
Y015/0953/SH 28 Marshlands	Erection of two-story and single-storey extensions to the rear elevation and erection of a front porch. Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that No objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

ACCOUNTS:

Clerk informed that the annual audit has been accepted and returned the only comment referred to next year's annual return that it show the precept and grant received from SDC as two separate entries and not as one figure.

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

Salaries:	2217.14
HMR&C	515.28
Keith Rouse	79.00
PKF Littlejohn	360.00
EJC Electrical	90.00
Guy Ashby	158.00
Peter Goddard	260.00
Metcalf and Sharp	102.00
Mark Coleman	156.00
Young's	5.95
Contract Security	294.46
BT	258.46

Clerk informed that SDC Ward Councillors have awarded the Together Club a total of £300. As the group does not have a bank account, DPC has taken receipt of the grant and will be transferring the amount to the group at next council meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed that the budget was accepted last week and outline planning permission was granted for development at Cockreed Lane, New Romney.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Council is setting up to accommodate online payments for those who prefer this method of payment.

DPC grounds man has informed that village hall waste from events is being placed in bull's field car park and some of it is too heavy for him to lift. Clerk has asked that Cllr. Mullard to bring this to the attention of the village hall management committee. DPC expressed concern that the village hall does not have its own commercial waste arrangements.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The central toilet block is having new water tanks and a flat roof.

Seabourne Way yellow lines need to be covered by a Traffic Regulation Order and SDC is aiming for this to be organised by November 2015.

KCC is not planning any work to Eastbridge Road and is only prepared to monitor the situation. Chairman will meet with the press on Thursday.

An informal meeting has taken place with trader representatives and Heritage Group to outline the need for a group to be formed to prepare a village plan. David Illsley from SDC, will be the project co-ordinator and is engaging a consultant to write the plan. Chairman invited 4 councillors to be on the group representing the parish council.

Chairman requested repairs to the bus stops be followed-up.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

None.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Asset and Amenities Working Group:

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September had previously been circulated to councillors. Cllr. Tillson informed the meeting in September comprised of a visit to all council assets and the Public Liability Risk Assessment has been updated accordingly. The kiosk near the Ocean Inn is of particular concern, the area by the slipway needs clearing up and a water hydrant on the entrance to the recreation ground is a potential trip hazard. Clerk informed she had notified numerous authorities about the water hydrant but all water companies are claiming it is not theirs. Council agreed the hole should be in-filled with shingle.

Coastal Communities Group:

Councillors Richard Blackwell, Denise Meyers and Russell Tillson offered to represent the parish council and suggested Cllr. Redding be invited to join

FESTIVE LIGHTING:

Clerk informed an application to KCC to hang solar powered Christmas Trees on lamp posts has been refused. KCC claim the trees are too heavy. The trees weigh 9.5kg. Clerk has queried KCC's response.

Cllr. Blackwell expressed concern over KCC's response and wanted it minuted that the clerk has spent a lot of time trying to get permission to put festive lighting in the village.

TREES AT THE BURIAL GROUND:

The Masonic Lodge has requested the trees on the boundary between the burial ground and the Masonic Lodge be felled or greatly reduced. Council did not support felling the trees. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Brownscombe that pollarding be arranged. Voting: Unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Tillson expressed disappointment that a member of the press wasn't present.

Meeting closed at 20.45.

Signed..... Date.....

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 2015** at 7.00pm, at the Parish Council offices, 13 Orgarswick Avenue.

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) Public Session
- 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) Clerk's Report
- 10) Chairman's Report
- 11) To receive reports on meetings attended
- 12) To receive reports from Working Groups
- 13) Christmas Lighting
- 14) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.