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**MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on
MONDAY, 5th JUNE, 2017, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch**

PRESENT:

Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Terry Mullard.
8 members of the public & parish clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Cllrs Denise and Ian Meyers – away
Cllr. Merlin Redding – working
Cllr. Karen Lewis – family matters

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. All Agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7.03 pm.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Deana Coker enquired if council had obtained quotes for renovating the pavilion to meet with current required standards and suggested that parishioners would find this information useful. Cllr. Tillson informed that he intends to publish an options paper and quotations will be included in the document. Deana also enquired about the situation regarding a skate park and clerk provided details.

Tom Quaye requested to view inside the pavilion and enquired about cost of renovation. Mr. Quaye requested a copy of expenditure on the pavilion over the last eight years. Enquiry was made about how to access tennis nets and it was suggested that a footbridge and gate be installed at the recreation ground connecting with the public footpath to the north of the site. Mr. Dudley enquired if a better copy of the deed to the recreation ground was available. An appointment was made to view the original.

Mr. Williams requested that the parish council minutes contain public discussions and responses. Also an enquiry was made as to how many dog wardens are employed by Shepway District Council. He further suggested that Kent Highways be requested to install a zebra crossing by the school.

Cllr. Blackwell suggested that Highway matters form part of the Strategy and Planning Working Group remit and that the new KCC Councillor be invited to attend the working group meetings, on occasions, and to address our local issues at KCC.

Sandra and Francis Leverick enquired about the cost of renovating the pavilion to enable it to be fit for purpose.

Meeting resumed at: 7.20pm.

APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING:

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2017 be approved. Carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Invitation to participate in a business and civic group workshop at Leas Cliff Hall on 14th June regarding Otterpool Park. Timings from 14:00-16:30 and the second workshop from 18:00-20:30. Cllrs. Wilkins and Blackwell agreed to attend.

Public drop in events will also take place. Closest event will be held at MACH Marsh Academy on Friday 23 June from 10am-12noon.

KALC:

For information, The Department for Communities and Local Government is currently consulting on a proposal to 'legislate to put it beyond doubt that local authorities, including parish councils, cannot charge park run or junior park run for the use of public parks'.

Kent County Council:

The Shepway Children's Centre has requested the use of the recreation ground on Thursday 3rd August for an event run, from 9.30-14.00. It is intended to also have a bouncy castle and a few gazebos with craft activities and picnics for children and parents. Permission granted.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney:

Requests the pleasure of the chairman at the New Romney Annual Civic Service to be held at St. Nicholas Church on Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am. Chairman agreed to attend.

Friends of Martello 24 Trust:

The Trust has successfully secured an agreement with English Heritage and Martello Tower No.24 will be open to the public commencing on 15 July through to October 2017, every Saturday and Sunday from 2pm-4pm, and again in 2018. The chairman said this is a huge achievement and everyone concerned should be congratulated. This is a fine example of what can be achieved when working in partnership with other organisations.

Seafarers UK:

Merchant Navy Day is on 3rd September and literature has been received to request public bodies to raise awareness of the nationwide campaign. It will involve purchasing a Red Ensign and raising it at central car park. Cost of a medium size flag is £35.30 plus postage. Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that a flag be purchased. Voting: Unanimous.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y17/0392/SH

Erection of a single storey side extension and garage.

77 Tritton Gdns.

Approved by SDC

Y17/0326/SH

Installation of enlarged rear dormer and loft conversion.

2 Tudor Ave.

Refused by SDC.

Y17/0580/SH

Erection of replacement porch and garage.

39 Queensway

Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that No Objection be raised.

Voting: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

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Y17/0653/SH

Musketeers, New
Hall Close

Felling of one spruce tree and crown reduction of 8 sycamores with a conservation area.

Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that No Objection be raised.

Voting: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

Y17/0631/SH

13 High Street

Infill of recess to existing shop front.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that No Objection be raised.

Voting: For: 5 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

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

Staff:	1828.18
HMR&C:	705.45
Contract Security	288.00
M. Coleman	720.00
BSF Engineering	2070.00

VAT 2016/7 Repayment received, £7,498.45

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed the Otterpool Park project is ongoing and public events are being held.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman attended The Queen's Annual Garden Party and said it was a special and memorable day. Several car aerials have been vandalised in the St. Mary's Road area; Jon Lodge Community Warden has been informed. The parish council has taken delivery of hanging baskets for the High Street and the clerk has distributed accordingly.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Mullard informed he did not attend the village hall management committee, but did send his apologies.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Assets and Amenities Working Group:

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th May had been distributed prior to council meeting. OSG attended the meeting and provided feedback on transport statements for the recreation ground and car park. To enable further enquiries to be made a feasibility study on both sites will need to be produced to discuss with appropriate authorities.

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The meeting was attended by two parishioners who, following the Chairman's invitation, showed interest in forming a leisure and recreation group to encourage activity in the village and to place a focus on fund-raising initiatives.

When consultation has been made with appropriate authorities regarding potential development, the working group will produce an Options Report for consideration by council and this will be made available to the public. The Report will address the cost of renovation works incorporating Equality Act and Environmental Health requirements.

The working group will be undertaking an annual risk assessment of council assets on 21 June.

At the working group meeting, additional seating at the recreation ground was raised and it is considered that additional seats are required by the play area.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that council commission OSG to conduct feasibility studies at both sites to enable authorities to provide pre-planning advice. Voting: Unanimous

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey that a Leisure and Recreation Community Group be offered representation at the Coastal Community Team meetings. All Agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that costs for additional seating by the play area at the recreation ground be obtained and an item be placed on a forthcoming council agenda for consideration: All Agreed.

EASTBRIDGE ROAD:

Cllr. Blackwell informed that now there is a new KCC Councillor it would be pertinent to invite him to attend to discuss KCC's Highway budget and how improvements to Eastbridge Road can be secured. No emergency exercise has been able to take place in the village because the main road out of the village is in an unacceptable condition. Council agreed that Strategy and Planning working group devise a strategy for Highway matters and invite the KCC Councillor to attend a meeting.

MARSH FORUM:

A copy of the draft constitution and information from KALC had been distributed prior to the council meeting. Cllr. Blackwell addressed the draft constitution and comments made by KALC and recommended council accepts the terms and conditions of the constitution.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Mullard that council accepts the terms and conditions of the draft constitution. Voting: For: 4 Against: 1

BEACH ENTERTAINMENT:

Clerk informed the entertainer's trailer will be sited on the seawall during August and outlined a number of activities that will be repeated from last year's programme together with new activities still being planned. Advertising will commence in July.

Cllr. Mullard welcomed the programme of activities and supported a move to the seawall.

Cllr. Blackwell suggested the trailer be sited near the time capsule as this will be seen on the web-cam. Cllr. Blackwell informed his liaison with the Salvation Army Band is ongoing.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Blackwell requested a defence and public safety review take place as the community wants more police on the beat. It was suggested that as soon as parliament convenes council should write its views on public safety and put in a bid to increase policing in the community. Cllr. Tillson supported the proposal and said a detailed paper should be produced, at an early opportunity.

Meeting closed at: 8 pm

Signed:..... **Date:**.....