

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** held on  
**MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2015**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Terry Mullard, Cllr. Jackie Tyler.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Tom Gibbs – poorly

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2014, be approved. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council.**

Notification received that the next Shepway Area Committee will discuss that Shepway is considering the possibility of establishing a Parish Charter similar to that which has been introduced between Canterbury City Council and Canterbury Parish Council. Whilst the Shepway Compact covered a number of issues it did not address how the district and parish/town councils could work better together.

**Kent County Council:**

It has been reported that KCC announced that it is proposing to its full Cabinet meeting in January that they should retain their current level of community wardens, which is about 70. The recent consultation received 1200 responses, more than 100 from district and parish councils.

**KALC:**

A media campaign is underway to generate interest and encourage more people to stand as councillor. Information on being a councillor is available on their web-site.

**Crown Estate:**

Notification received that there is a change of management for the Crown Estates. The contract has now been awarded to Knight Frank.

**Dymchurch Cricket Club:**

The cricket club has informed it will only be playing half the fixtures it used to play due to loss of membership at the club. Therefore, their fee for using the recreation ground and pavilion will need to be amended to accommodate the decrease in usage.

*A member of the public entered the meeting and the Chairman asked for a proposal to adjourn the meeting for public session.*

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at: 7.08pm

### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Sharon Hodgeson informed she had sourced and placed a tree in a resident's garden so the village would have a Christmas Tree. She requested support from the parish council for her to set up a group to organise Christmas decorations in the village. The Chairman welcomed the offer for a group to organise future Christmas decorations in the village.

Prior to the meeting Community Officer Jon Lodge informed he and the PCSO are providing a high visual presence along the seawall, particularly by New Beach Holiday Park. A number of day time burglaries have taken place over the Christmas period and 4 fly-tipping incidents have been reported. Jon participated as Father Christmas at a local children's event and thanked the parish council and residents for their support regarding the proposed restructuring of the community warden service.

Meeting resumed: 7.15pm.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Notification received that a Tree Preservation Order has been placed on a tree adjacent to 24 Hythe Road.

### **ACCOUNTS:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Tyler, that the accounts be accepted. All agreed

Salaries:	1987.98
HMR&C:	351.60
Geerings of Ashford	64.76
Keith Rouse	79.00
BT (internet)	66.26
Veolia ES (UK)	114.17

### **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Cllr. Wilkins had nothing to report.

Cllr. Mullard had nothing to report.

Cllr. Tillson has attended numerous finance meetings, but none concerning the parish council

### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

The pavilion is being painted by the Community Pay-back Scheme. Work commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> January and DPC will be invoiced for materials from SDC. Materials will include paint, brushes and wood (that has rotted and will be replaced by a builder who is part of the team). The cost of materials will be met from DPC existing maintenance budget.

Cllr. Tillson suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Giles Bernard who has arranged the maintenance programme.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Dymchurch Village Christmas Window Competition was independently judged by SDC Cllr. Simmons who chose The Marsh Bakery as winner.

The parish council office was closed over the Christmas period and no contact was made with the council throughout the period.

Following complaints and vandalism to the village Christmas Tree, the chairman made the decision to remove the tree.

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

None.

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:**

Minutes of the General Purpose Working Group were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Tillson read highlights of the minutes and asked council to consider the one recommendation.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard that DPC authorise payment for two new bins at the recreation ground. Voting: Unanimous.

Cllr. Tillson agreed to order the bins at SDC.

**ROMNEY MARSH FORUM:**

Prior to the meeting, councillors received a copy of the proposed annual fees and constitution for the Forum.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard that Dymchurch Parish Council does not support an annual fee or constitution for the Marsh Forum. Voting. Unanimous.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

The Chairman thanked councillors for attending and wished everybody a Happy New Year.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY, 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) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

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Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.