

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL held on
MONDAY, 6th MARCH, 2017, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Karen Lewis, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard, Cllr. Merlin Redding.
5 members of the public & parish clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Blackwell gave prior notice he will arrive late.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. All Agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7.01pm.

A member of the public raised concern about litter and broken glass outside the City of London public house, The Royal British Legion and in Seawall Road.

Chairman agreed the matter will be passed to Environmental Services and he will visit the City of London to discuss with the landlord.

Mrs Nardini reported dog fouling on the seawall is increasing. Chairman informed SDC has engaged additional enforcement officers and they have agreed to focus on Dymchurch.

Mr. Nardini complained of speeding in Eastbridge Road and on the A259, particularly by the mini-roundabout. He also disapproved of the installation of the well-being equipment and accused the council of not trying hard enough to improve the condition of Eastbridge Road.

Chairman informed the parish council is doing everything within its powers to seek improvements to Eastbridge Road and has been doing so for several years.

Tim Shepard notified that he is planning a 2-day event on 21&22 October 2017, called Turn the Tide Festival and highlighted the activities planned. Chairman informed the parish council will consider financial support for the event at its next meeting and agreed to the festive lighting being turned on and the parish council car park will be free over the two days.

Cllr. Tillson personally offered to print posters/flyers and both SDC Ward Councillors agreed to offer a grant from SDC Ward Cllr. budgets to assist with the event.

Meeting resumed at 7.30pm

MINUTES:

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Ian Meyers, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February, 2017 be approved. All agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Regarding the Coastal Communities Team and Economic Plan for Dymchurch, Dave Illsley has suggested DPC should approach SDC planning enforcement team to enquire if the condition of the properties facing central car park could be given Notice under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Only a local planning authority has the power to

instruct the condition of land or buildings to be improved if they are harming the amenity of the area. The clerk has written to the local planning authority accordingly.
Dave Illsley has also requested he attend the next Planning and Strategy Working Group meeting and has asked the clerk to complete a quarterly update report on CCT group's actions to date.

Kent County Council:

Enquiry received from Shepway Children's Centre to hold an Easter egg hunt for families on 13th April at the Recreation Ground. Once confirmation of the event is received, the clerk will arrange for gates and toilets to be open on the day.

A grant of £1500 has been received from KCC Cllr. Carole Waters towards the cost of CCTV in the village. Chairman requested a letter of thanks be sent to KCC Cllr. Carole Waters.

Eastbridge Road will be closed on 20th March for road repairs.

Cllr. Mullard reported pot-holes on the A259 are getting worse.

Inside Government:

Notification that a meeting will be held in Central London on 27th April regarding the Risk and Impact of flooding. Details were passed to councillors prior to the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y17/0003/GPD Erection of a single storey rear extension.
5 Marshlands General Permitted Development – prior approval not required.

Y16/0531/SH Erection of rear outbuilding/store
30 High St. Approved by SDC.

Y17/0155/SH Re-pollard of a poplar tree within a conservation area.
Open space, Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that
Sycamore Gdns. No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 8 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y17/0074/SH Erection of first floor rear extension
20 Tudor Ave. Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that
No objection be raised.
Voting: For:8 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

ACCOUNTS:

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

Salaries:	£1469.65
HMR&C	487.88
Keith Rouse	84.00
Veolia ES (UK)	69.80
M. Wood	1246.00
Zurich	3,807.19
Axis Land Surveying	288.00
M. Coleman	192.00
Southern Water	17.19
S. Briggs	400.00

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Ian Meyers – nothing to report.

Cllr. Wilkins informed Full Council has approved the budget for next financial year.

CLERK'S REPORT:

A final draft of the PC Newsletter was forwarded to councillors prior to the meeting. Clerk requested any final amendments before it goes to print. Clerk agreed to notify councillors when the Newsletter has been printed and available for distribution.

Take One Media distributed 378 Dymchurch leaflets during January in time for the February half-term. There are 210 remaining stock at the warehouse.

Merlin updated the village leaflet and a copy was tabled for comments. Cllr. Tillson said Cllr. Redding should be congratulated on his sterling work in producing the leaflet. Clerk will arrange for printing and summer campaign with Take-One Media.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman condemned the attitude of one of the members of the public during public session, whose denigration of councillors' voluntary service was unacceptable. It highlighted the lack of understanding some of the general public have towards the governance of parish councils.

Cllr. Blackwell joined the meeting at 7.55pm

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Clerk attended the KALC Area Committee Meeting at the Civic Centre. Items of discussion were the proposal for a super council, Otterpool Park and Lorry Park. DPC is entitled to send a representative to the Area Committee Meeting that takes place every couple of months. Chairman agreed to nominate a representative at the AGM.

The Chairman attended the AGM of The Romney Marsh Visitor Centre. An art festival is planned at the venue this year.

Cllr. Denise Meyers and Cllr. Richard Blackwell and fellow members of Friends of Martello no.24 are continuing talks with English Heritage with a view to opening the Tower at weekends and bank-holidays. Ongoing.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Beach Advisory Group – 15th February, 2017.

Cllr. Tillson briefed council of the meeting and minutes had been circulated prior to full council. The EA will replace existing hand rails with galvanised railings, non-slip surfaces have been applied and the seawall will be swept/cleared as a goodwill gesture prior to Easter. Cllr. Tillson praised the EA for their ongoing commitment to the seawall and efforts in the prevention of flooding throughout the area.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that Strategy and Planning Working Group consider a policy for documentation and how the council communicates with social media. All agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that council support a letter be sent to SDC regarding life-guards at beaches in Shepway. All agreed.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that at an appropriate time, full council considers resurfacing the approach to the beach/slipway at Seawall Road. All agreed.

EASTBRIDGE ROAD:

Notification received that the road will be closed on 20th March for patching.

CCTV:

Cllr. Lewis requested additional signage be considered to inform people that CCTV is operational in the area. Chairman agreed to visit the site and look at places where additional signage might be displayed.

WATERING OF PLANTERS:

Cllr. Lewis enquired who would water planters near the slipway. Chairman informed The Royal British Legion has offered water from an outside tap. Clerk to ask the grounds man to water the planters.

Council requested a message of thanks be minuted thanking Mrs. Briggs for planting flowers at the top of Orgarswick Avenue.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Denise Meyers informed New Beach Holiday Park was not closed for the two week period as stated in their licence. Cllr. Wilkins informed some people were identified as not abiding by the arrangement.

Cllr. Ian Meyers reported fly-tipping in the village is increasing. Also, The Old School House, Mill Road, has old fridges and freezers rotting in the garden. Concern was expressed about CFC gas omissions.

Cllr. Lewis informed the tap on the outside shower/WC block in Seawall Road has not yet been repaired.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 3rd APRIL, 2017** 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) Eastbridge Road
- 14) Turn the Tide Festival
- 15) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.