

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 2015, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Arran. Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard
John Lodge Community Warden, 2 members of the public and parish clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. R. Blackwell – prior engagement
Cllr. P. Brownscombe - university induction
Cllr. Ian Meyers – SDC meeting
Cllr. Merlin Redding – unable to attend

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at: 7.05

PUBLIC SESSION:

Jon Lodge, KCC Community Warden informed he has helped several residents with welfare issues and has assisted the Fire Service with safety visits. There have been fewer door to door traders in the village this year.

Colin and Margaret Walker provided information and a material sample of the heritage trail sign which is being made together with a design for the framework. Colin and Margaret produce a Heritage Times and issue no.6 is dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the Fire Station in Mill Road. An opening afternoon has been arranged on 27th September from 2-5pm where a charity coffee stall will be available. Chairman thanked Colin and Margaret for their dedication to the village.

Meeting resumed: 7.15am

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th August, 2015 be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

Clerk informed that Cllr Redding has met with Traders Denise and Pauline and they have offered to be spokespersons for the traders and put information on the trader's facebook page. Clerk has enquired about a room for a meeting at the village hall but there is no availability in the evenings.

Council agreed that a few councillors should meet with representatives from traders, Kent Wildlife and Dymchurch and District Heritage Group to discuss a parish plan and identify projects that can be used to attract funding. The meeting will take place at DPC offices. Clerk to arrange.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Following the council's communication to SDC regarding the condition of bus stops in Dymchurch, the clerk has met with SDC Officer Brian Feeney to discuss bus stops and

parking at Seabourne Way. Improvements have been supported by Brian Feeney and he is checking the Traffic Regulation Order at Seabourne Way before he can request yellow lines be installed.

Notification received that the central toilet block is to receive a new roof. Work will commence on 28 September for a three week period and the toilet block will be closed for the duration. Chairman to contact SDC to insist toilets at Seawall are operating before central toilet block is closed and request an appropriate sign is displayed informing where alternative public toilets are located in the village.

KCC Councillor Carole Waters:

Lydd Town Council is interested in loaning the skate ramp for one month and this will be discussed further at their next town council meeting.

2.Cllr. Carole Waters has advised residents in Burmarsh Road are organising a petition regarding HGVs and cars speeding in the road, following the wall in their gardens being knocked down several times. Cllr. Waters has visited with residents and has observed that KCC's remedial works do not seem to have offered any improvement. DPC agreed to write to KCC to give support to a crash barrier being installed.

NHS England:

Following the parish council's communication with NHS England regarding the closure of Orgarswick Avenue surgery, it has been reported that NHS England is in contact with Dr. Quastel to request patient liaison. Clerk read the correspondence from NHS England. DPC expressed concern that some patients have still not received any information about the closure. Clerk to write to NHS to inform of the lack of communication.

Take One Media:

A quarterly report on the distribution of the Dymchurch leaflet has been received. Nearly 3000 leaflets were taken in June, 1000 in July and 50 in August. Clerk read the report.

Kent Wildlife Trust:

Details received that a meeting will be held at MACH Southlands School regarding the development stage of a heritage lottery fund application on Tuesday 13th October.

Dymchurch Village Hall Management Committee:

Minutes received of the meeting held on 28th July, addresses housekeeping issues and states a Ward Budget Grant may be applied for to assist with improvements to kitchen facilities.

Dymchurch and District Heritage Group:

Notification received that a sign is being produced. QR codes are being considered for the map and members have been asked to select which code they prefer from two which have been set-up for consultation purposes.

Rainbow Centre:

Notification received that a Food bank on Romney Marsh is to be set up. The official opening will be on Tuesday 22 September at 3pm. It will be held at RM Community Centre, North Street, New Romney.

Plantscape UK:

Details have been received regarding a new solar-powered Christmas tree that hangs in any sturdy hanging basket bracket. The trees are available for hire only and clerk has requested a quote for 20, for information purposes.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- Y15/0500/SH** Erection of outbuilding to replace shed.
24 Lower Sands **Approved by SDC.**
- Y15/0648/SH** Erection of single storey rear extension
17 Mill Rd. **Refused by SDC – contrary to saved policies**
- Y15/0555/SH** Erection of two storey extension.
47 Kingsway **Approved by SDC.**
- Y15/0583/SH** Erection of two storey dwelling.
18 Sea Wall **Refused by SDC - over intensive development**
- Y15/0596/SH** Erection of palisade fencing and storage containers.
New Beach Holiday **Approved by SDC.**
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- Y15/0874/SH** Erection of single storey rear extension.
11 Winton Way Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For:5 Against: 0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0
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- Y15/0867/SH** Extension of single storey front extension.
8 The Fairway 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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- Y015/0793/SH** Listed building consent for erection of extension.
The Neptune Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For:5 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0
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- Y15/0792/SH** Erection of side extension to restaurant
The Neptune Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Meyers, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For:5 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0
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- Y15/0552/SH** Variation of condition to allow use of land for occupation
The Neptune between 1st March and 14th February.
Clerk informed a communication from Julian Ling had questioned council's decision to object to the application.
Clerk read Julian's e-mail.
Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that
The parish council reiterates its earlier objection on the grounds that
An extension to allow use of land for occupation for 50 weeks is encouraging permanent living at holiday parks and is detrimental to the village. Those living on such parks

pay no council tax and therefore provide no financial contribution to services in the village, yet the services are used and enjoyed by those who live at holiday parks.

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

Y15/0823/SH
Prestbury House
The Oval

Conversion of integral garage to living accommodation together with erection of replacement garage.
Proposed by Cllr .Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that
Objection be raised on the grounds it will compromise the integrity of the existing building.

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

ACCOUNTS:

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

Salaries	2009.34
HM R&C	463.08
SDC	531.40
Contract Security	294.46
Guy Ashby Ltd.	79.00
Keith Rouse	90.00
Peter Goddard	314.00
Ashe Alarms	450.00
M. Coleman	156.00
Gillett & Johnston	181.20
Geerings of Ashford	70.92
Sam Briggs	2270.00
Ashe Alarms	24.00
Southern Water	32.33
Veolia UK	68.04

Councillor Mullard made reference to the use of a car park attendant and suggested that lines could be painted at the rear of the car park which would eliminate the need for an attendant.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed there had been no meetings in August to report on.

CLERK'S REPORT:

There have been complaints regarding the toilet block at Seawall Road being out of order. DPC has requested, several times, over a three month period for the toilets to be operating in time for the summer school holidays. Also, there have been two reports about rubbish not being collected along the seawall and this has also been drawn to the attention of SDC. Dymchurch Cricket Club has been asked to remove many of its items from the pavilion rooms and place in the garage, to allow flooring to be laid, but have not acted upon our requests.

Clerk provided an update on the pre-emption agreement for the deeds to the parish council premises which is ongoing.

Local resident Mr. Shephard has enquired about a licence to hire kiaks at the beach next year. EA has been informed and is looking into who should issue the licence; EA or DPC. Mr and Mrs Shephard are also a children's entertainers and are interested in providing entertainment

at Dymchurch Beach during the summer school holiday. Asset and Amenities Working Group agreed to invite Mr. Shephard to its next meeting. Clerk informed she will be away during 21-23 September.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

A meeting was held with KCC Highway engineers to highlight the problem at Eastbridge Road, condition of A259 outside Tesco Express and repainting of roundabout and signage. Chairman was informed a report would be sent confirming the findings, but nothing has been received as yet. Clerk to follow-up.

Chairman also met with Damian Collins MP, regarding holiday parks being used for permanent residency where no council tax is paid towards services that are used by such residents. Damian is going to raise the issue with the Minister and will report back. Eastbridge Road has apparently been closed for the laying of new water pipes. Chairman agreed to visit tomorrow to make enquiries as DPC has not been informed.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Nothing to report.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Planning and Strategy Working Group:

Met on 9th September. Minutes were circulated prior to council meeting and Cllr. Harvey talked through the main points.

Recommendations from the working group to council include:

1. The parish council arranges a meeting with interested parties regarding Coastal Community Team and Plan for the Village. Already agreed earlier in the meeting
2. DPC to write to the slipway kiosk trader to offer an incentive for next year. Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Harvey that the rental be reduced by £1K. Unanimous.
3. DPC to consider the idea of information boards on the grass verge and if in agreement, request Asset and Amenities Working Group to progress with the project and identify costs. Agreed Asset and Amenities Working Group will consider the proposal.
4. Dymchurch and District Heritage Group to provide guided walks during school holidays. Council agreed that Asset and Amenities Working Group should consider this suggestion along with other proposals for entertainment for 2016 season.
5. That a letter be sent to KALC requesting it raise the issue of residential living in caravans at its next AGM, once further information has been received from Damian Collins MP. Council agreed that when further information has been received, it will contact KALC.

Asset and Amenities Working Group:

Next meeting will start at the council offices on Wednesday 23rd September at 9.30am and comprise of a visit to all council assets for the purpose of updating the public liability risk assessment.

JET SKI USERS:

There have been three complaints made this year regarding the use of jet skis. Jet ski users are using the slipway allocated for jet skis, but complaints have been made that they are riding too close to bathers when out at sea. It has also been reported that jet ski users are parking and driving on the seawall and have parked at The Oval to use the small ramp/slipway way to launch jet skis. The Environment Agency has been informed regarding

driving and parking on the seawall. Once jet skis are in the water, the enforcement agency is The Coastguard. Council agreed to continually monitor the situation for next year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Tillson informed that Nat West Bank will close in New Romney as of November. This is another much used facility which is being closed to Marsh residents. Council agreed to write to New Romney Town Council to offer support.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 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)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.