

MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on **MONDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2015**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Tom Gibbs, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Ian Meyers.
6 members of the public and the parish clerk.

APOLOGIES:

T. Mullard - clash of meetings
J. Tyler – family commitment

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Gibbs, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at: 7.03pm

PUBLIC SESSION:

Prior to the meeting, Community Warden Jon Lodge informed that garages have been broken into and graffiti has appeared on the seawall. There have been several nuisance issues including a drain cover outside the Arcade needing attention, four manhole covers were taken out at Seabourne Way and put in the dyke and noise complaints have been received. Fly-tipping has taken place and a registration number has been forwarded to the Police. The notice board at the recreation ground is being used by Jon to publicise sporting activities in the area. A new club has set up in the village and has been fly-posting.

Mr. P. McKenzie, spoke on behalf of property owners at The Oval regarding an ongoing lighting issue. Both Shepway District Council and Kent County Council have denied responsibility for the 6 street lights at The Oval. The lights used to have asset numbers, but these have been removed. The lights are no longer being maintained and only one is functional. Mr. McKenzie has numerous documents on the matter and the Chairman suggested he bring these to the Clerks office so the Parish Council can formulate letters to SDC and KCC in support of a resolution to the problem. Cllr. Gibbs suggested a letter to EDF to enquire who is paying for the electricity supply.

Mr. Paul Bryant, expressed disappointment that DPC had not done enough to put pressure on the Environment Agency to bring about a solution to the slippery surface of the revetments at seawall. The Chairman informed that the parish council has held regular meetings with the EA and requested a resolution to the problem, which has resulted in six new access points being installed, additional handrails, together with constant spraying of algae and non-slip surfaces installed.

Cycling was discussed and residents felt there are insufficient notices on the seawall guiding cyclist. SDC reviewed signage on the seawall last year and has made efforts to reduce signage to make the area more welcoming rather than intimidating. Additional signage will be raised with SDC at the next Beach Advisory Group meeting.

Mrs Schuster, resident in Marshlands informed that there are drainage issues in Marshlands and requested the parish council to write to East Kent Housing to request attention be given to the problem.

Meeting resumed at: 7.20pm

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February, 2015, be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council.

There is currently public consultation on a draft Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule which will end on 23 March. CIL has been introduced by Government as their preferred approach for developers to provide funding contributions toward the infrastructure required to support development in an area.

Damian Collins MP:

Following the parish council's letter to the local MP regarding accidents on the seawall, Damian advised he will write to the Environment Agency to get an update of the situation. Since then, a response from the EA has been received confirming additional handrails to be installed at six places on the seawall, which was reported at a recent Beach Advisory Group and addressed later in the meeting.

Discover Folkestone Hythe and Romney Marsh:

An invitation has been received to invite the parish council to join Folkestone Hythe and Romney Marsh tourism marketing partnership. The partnership works to support businesses that derive income from the spending of holiday and leisure visitors in the area. The partnership no longer operates a tourist information service as this is offered by Folkestone Town Council, where individual guides can be placed at the Town Hall. Cost of membership is £250. The information was noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y14/1279/SH Erection of two additional storeys to create self contained flats.
63-65, 67 & 69 High Street. Approved by SDC.

Y15/0121/SH Erection of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension
17 Orgarswick Ave. pitched roof over existing single storey flat roof.
Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For:5 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

Y14/1054/SH Listed building consent for erection of a single side/rear extension
98 High St. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For:5 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

Y15/0094/SH Removal of conditions to existing planning application.
Nickolls Quarry Proposed by Cllr. Gibbs, seconded by Cllr. Meyers, that
Insufficient information available to make an informed
decision.

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

ACCOUNTS:

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

Salaries:	1772.81
HMR&C:	351.60
Keith Rouse	79.00
Zurich Insurance	2044.00
Parkeon Ltd	755.71
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	35.00
J.H. Young	27.05
Affinity Water	16.90
Southern Water	28.81
Veolia ES (UK)	114.38

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins attended Development Control Committee and proposed against static caravans at Burmarsh, but the proposal was overturned.

Cllr. Tillson presented SDC's budget at full council.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The council's maintenance person has left the employment of the parish council.

Two further meetings have taken place with local youths and skate park designers.

Nomination Forms for the parish council elections will be sent to clerks about 10th March.

Clerk agreed to either e-mail the forms or copy to councillors for consideration /completion and to be returned to the Civic Centre.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The EA is currently installing steps at the revetments at six hot-spot areas.

The Chairman opened the refurbished Neptune Public House last week.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Tillson attended a meeting on Universal Credit and has attended a variety of finance meetings in London.

Cllr. Wilkins attended a Skate Park meeting at the Village Hall and was surprised at the number of older youths showing interest in the facility.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Beach Advisory Group met on 18th February. Additional hand rails are being installed, anti-slip surface is being monitored and jet-washing between hand rails is continuing. Yellow warning lines have been repainted and will be painted thicker in better weather conditions. Minutes of the meeting were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

In the absence of Cllr. Mullard, Cllr. Tillson informed that a General Purpose Working Group meeting had taken place and council has been asked to consider the tree stump area as a site for displaying the Dymchurch Heritage Trail of the Village. The general consensus was that the Parish Council will be happy to consider the request but require more detailed information regarding design etc.

DYMCHURCH CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

As representatives of the committee did not attend the meeting, the Chairman requested this item be placed on the April agenda.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman informed the clerk is pursuing permission from SDC to place the You are Here sign on the wall of central toilet block.

Clerk will write again to James Maxim to enquire about framing a photo of the pupils who designed the sign.

Cllr. Gibbs suggested Christmas Tree Lights in the trees on the boundary of the central car park.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 13 APRIL, 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) Dymchurch Celebrations Committee Financial Assistance
- 14) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.