



Minutes of a meeting of the Dymchurch Parish Council held on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7pm at the Dymchurch Methodist Chapel.

MINUTES

Present

Cllr C McCreedy (Chair)

Cllr D Young

Cllr S Leverick

Cllr D Noonan

Cllr C Young

Cllr J Williams

Cllr M Wright

Also present

Mr J Lawrence (Parish Clerk- Audio only)

3 members of the public

Mr A Lawson (Finance and Projects)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr Goode, Cllr Coker, Cllr Meyers (Working) Cllr Weatherhead & Local PCSO Officer who were all unable to attend the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr McCreedy asked members present to hold a short silence in memory of former Cllr Gibbs who served the Parish Council as chair for over 14 years. The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th December 2021 were unanimously agreed by members present and signed by Cllr McCreedy. Proposed Cllr Noonan, Seconded Cllr C Young.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public as an item of interest is included under item 6 correspondence.

5. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING and CLERKS REPORT

Members were advised that the outstanding VAT bill has been finalised and paid since the last meeting. A written agreement with GPML has been returned to the office regarding the land the outdoor gym equipment occupies, and the temporary fencing erected on site. The Precept request has been submitted to F&HDC and the council tax charged on a Band D property will increase by 38p per annum for 22/23. Scribe accounting software is now being used for all financial records. Quotes for the repairs to the bus shelter are ongoing and new

picnic benches are on order. A weatherproof secure 32amp commando electric socket has been installed by the seawall. Councillors agreed that the Dymchurch Postmaster be nominated by the Council for the Community Awards Scheme. Proposed Cllr Williams, Seconded Cllr Leverick.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Members unanimously agreed to the EA request to move a village sign adjacent to the outfall basin to improve emergency access to the site. Cost of relocation is to be covered by the EA.

Report of overgrown verge between Youngs & Tudor Avenue to be made to landowner. Ownership of the former bus shelter in the vicinity to be confirmed – resident has asked for replacement.

Three residents from the Fairway Estate attended the meeting to follow up on correspondence regarding the dangers of crossing the A259 to reach the beach and bus stop. Residents have been in contact with Cllr Weatherhead who has advised that KCC have attended site and reported the road is not wide enough for a central island, not suitable for a zebra crossing and the cost of a controlled crossing is prohibitive. Members advised that the new community speed watch being set up in the village may be a way of gathering evidence of the issue with speeding traffic, a petition and contacting our local MP were also suggested as ways to raise the profile of the difficulties being experienced.

Correspondence on the Pavilion and location of the proposed pedestrian crossing were noted.

7. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Kent Police – PCSO Now using mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk to report local crimes and chat to local officers.

8. PAVILION WORKING GROUP- UPDATE (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

Over 40 responses to the leaflet detailing the proposals for the new pavilion have been returned to the office. Work continues for the Parish Council on the legal agreements and for the Charity to work towards pre planning advice.

9. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Members reported on a meeting held with Folkstone Rescue to discuss setting up a volunteer lifeguard service on Dymchurch Beach. The meeting was positive and now await details of the costs for setting up the service that will be supported by the Parish Council.

10. 5th Continent Hub- Project

Cllr McCreedy outlined the project to be funded via the 5th Continent to install a bridge, gate to railway, information boards and wooden train on the recreation ground to act as a meeting point for local residents. This would be similar to an installation at Newchurch. The initial outlay would be covered by grant funding but would require the Parish Council to commit to maintenance for the next 10 years. Members voted on continuing the dialogue with 5th continent to progress the project. Vote For: 6 Abstention: 1.

11. PLANNING:

Reference	Details	Location
21/2417/FH	New realigned shop front and single storey side extension	5 High Street, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 0NG Parish Council Comment: Query on access at the western end of the proposed extension – Does this impact on access to the Supermarket?
21/2418/FH/TCA	Felling of one Horse Chestnut and replaced with a Silver Birch and two new Horse Chestnuts all situated within a conservation area	13 Sycamore Gardens, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 0LA Parish Council Comment: No objection, No comment
21/2365/FH	Proposal: Retrospective application for the retention of a detached sauna building (with a revised roof design to that currently in place); and an outdoor terrace sitting area.	21 Sycamore Gardens, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 0LA Parish Council Comment: Object, Concerns raised regarding the stability of the seawall and ensuring work meets requirements of the Environment Agency.

12. FINANCE

Members reviewed 3 standard Scribe reports, bank reconciliation, invoices to be authorised and monthly receipts and payments. No issues raised but a request was made for a detailed transaction list to be included in future months.

Members agreed invoices awaiting payment to be authorised by Cllr C Young & Cllr Leverick.

Members confirmed Christmas Bonus payments for staff should be the same as was paid in 2020. Proposed Cllr D Young, Seconded Cllr Leverick.

13. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Update on installation of traffic bollards

Kiosk maintenance

Lighting for steps between City of London & Chinese.

14. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2022

No issues were raised on the proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2022

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

7th February 2021 unless otherwise advised. The meeting will be held at the Methodist Hall Chapel Road Dymchurch commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting Closed 8.51pm.