

MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held on **MONDAY, 18th MAY, 2015**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Paul Brownscombe, Cllr. Arran Harvey, Cllr. Merlin Redding, Cllr. T. Mullard.
1 member of the public and the parish clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Ian Meyers - away

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at: 7.40pm

PUBLIC SESSION:

Richard Blackwell raised several issues and informed the house by the car wash has been under construction for over 5 years and looks unsightly. He thanked Cllr. Tillson for suggesting planning be incorporated into a working group remit and suggested a councillor be responsible for going to the planning sites to assess applications. The local History and Heritage group is finalising a trail around the village and other new projects could be given support through the working group structure. Richard advised that he has spoken to some traders regarding a market in the village and suggested market traders who did not clash with existing businesses should be approached, such as traders selling shoes and a butcher. He emphasized the need for new councillors applying for co-option should be selected on merit and not on gender as being suggested by a councillor.

Prior to the meeting, Community Warden Jon Lodge informed that he has given advice to clubs/groups on door to door salesmen and conducted a leaflet drop for Trading Standards on rogue traders. He has established a communication with traders to report issues of concern which is working well. He attended to the kiosk break-in and reported it to the Police. He is looking into the possibility of No Cold Calling Zones in the village.

Meeting resumed at: 7.45 pm

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April, 2015, be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kent County Council:

The Kent Resilience Team is holding a training session for Community Flood Wardens on Saturday 18 July at Lenham Community Centre. Flood wardens are volunteers from the community. The training is free to parish councils.

Kent Association of Local Councils:

1. The Road Traffic Act has recently been amended to allow public roads to be closed for motor sports such as motor racing, rallies, hill climbs, sprints and karting. Following this change, Town and Parish Councils are statutory consultees prior to an event being authorised. Motor racing on the public highway has been illegal and these new provisions bring the UK in line with the rest of the world.

2. KALC is working with KCC and Kent Police on a Pilot Local Warden Support Officer Scheme. The existing Community Wardens will be realigned to provide greater coverage and a more equal balance across Kent. The Pilot Local Warden Support Officer (LWSO) scheme is a voluntary role and is not intended to replace Community Wardens. 12 Pilots across Kent are required and it is estimated that a Parish/Town Council which takes part in the Scheme would make a financial contribution of around £400 for the uniform and training costs.

3. KALC is requesting member views on the Dept. for Communities and Local Government's consultation paper on the Local Government Ombudsman's jurisdiction to larger Councils. KALC requires views from parish councils *whether the Local Government Ombudsman's jurisdiction should either be extended to all Parish and Town Councils*. This matter was discussed in full as an item further on the agenda.

Local Government Boundary Commission:

Information received that draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Kent County Council are out for consultation. Clerk informed that page 27 proposes Dymchurch and St. Mary's Bay to be under Hythe West, but St. Mary in the Marsh (which is the same parish council as St. Mary's Bay) to be split, half in Hythe West, half in Romney Marsh. A response is required by 6th July and will be placed on the Agenda of the June meeting. For information the draft can be viewed at www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/south-east/kent/kent-county-council

Dymchurch Surgery:

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting held at the village hall, the parish council was asked to contact Dr. Cullen to make enquiries about the surgery. Dr. Cullen has responded stating that the best way of managing the practice is currently being looked at. Clerk read the letter.

New Romney Town Council:

DPC Chairman has been invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Town Council and Mayor-Making Ceremony on Thursday 21st May at 6pm.

Village Hall Management Committee:

Minutes of the March meeting have been sent for information purposes. A plaque has been made in memory of Tony Lacker and will be fixed in the hall. Next meeting is 26 May.

Marsh Forum:

Minutes of the March meeting have been sent. It would appear that several parish councils support the constitution and honorarium. However, Newchurch have withdrawn from the Forum altogether with Camber. Dymchurch was the only parish council listed on the minutes that opposed the constitution and honorarium although St. Mary in the Marsh also sent their objections, but were not included on the list.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y15/0005/SH Use of land to allow holiday occupation.
New Beach Holiday Approved by SDC.

Y15/0003/GPD Erection of a single storey rear extension
14 Lyndhurst Rd. Refused by SDC. The height of the eaves of the proposed extension
would exceed the height of the eaves of the existing dwelling house.

Y15/0450/SH Erection of extension to front to form bay window and canopy
36 Kingsway Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Harvey, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For:6 Against:0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y15/0382/SH Removal of condition 2 of Y09/0071/SH to enable the installation
2 Lyndhurst Rd of windows to provide light to the roof space of the garage.
Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Brownscombe, that
No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: Against: 6 Abstentions:0 Interest declared: 0

ACCOUNTS:

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

Salaries:	1988.34
HMR&C:	458.08
M.Wood	707.00
SDC	471.42
Peter Goddard	260.00
Guy Ashby Ltd.	95.00
M. Coleman	156.00
Keith Rouse	90.00
Contract Security	294.46

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed that a number of good councillors were lost at the recent elections. The Leader of SDC is David Monk. Committees have been set-up and Cllr. Wilkins is vice-chairman of Development Control. Cllr. Wilkins has enquired with KCC about the renovation of Eastbridge Road and the pot holes on the A259, but there has been no response to date. He intends to raise these issues with KCC Cllr. Carole Waters.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Three places have been booked on a New Councillor Induction workshop, to be held at The Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney on 30 July, 2015 at 7.30pm. The workshop is due to last about 1.5 hours. Clerk handed Cllrs. Brownscombe and Redding information.

The lighting issue at The Oval has had a successful result. A KCC cherry picker was on site last week and installed new light bulbs, and the lights are now working – all except one, which was forgotten in the process.

The kiosk opposite Tesco was broken into during the evening of 12th May. Police have attended and repairs have been made. The chairman and clerk visited the site which was reported to the council via Jon Lodge, Community Warden.

Wicksteed have replaced the part to the Glo-worm See Saw at the recreation ground and took the part back for inspection. Wicksteed has informed that the works completed on site have been carried out under warranty at no cost to DPC.

The Grasshopper football teams have finished their season and the under 12's did very well, they came 5th in the Ashford League. Next season the teams will move up to 11 aside and full size pitches and will be playing at the Marsh Academy. Any Preston has expressed his thanks to the parish council for the use of the recreation ground and to Dave Henley for marking out and looking after the pitches.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman expressed concern over the break-in at the kiosk and asked a working group to consider an alarm system be installed and look at totally renovating the kiosk to provide greater opportunity for leasing. The chairman visited Tom Gibbs and presented him with a small gift of appreciation for his many years service on the parish council. Chairman informed that two village signs are shortly to be erected and asked the clerk to write to Tesco Express again regarding financial assistance towards a speed sign in the village.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

None.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Clerk was asked to prepare draft Terms of Reference for the working groups for consideration at next DPC meeting.

The Beach Advisory Group met on Wednesday 22nd April. Cllr. Tillson informed that The EA gave an update on the access steps and signs which are now in place. A non-slip surface was also applied during the week of 5 May. The handrails will be monitored regularly and replaced when required. Cycling and signage were discussed but as the seawall is likely to form part of the National Cycling Route it was considered inappropriate to place any new signage at the current time. Clerk was asked to enquire about distribution of the Dymchurch leaflet and this will be reported later on the agenda.

GRANT REQUEST FROM CARM:

Care Altogether Romney Marsh (CARM) has requested a grant towards the work it provides around Romney Marsh that offers support to socially isolated people. The grant is specifically towards the running costs of the Dymchurch Meeting Point. The grant request is for £200.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that £200 be granted.

Voting: For 5 Against 0 Abstentions:1

Cllr. Mullard abstained as his wife volunteers to assist the group.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:

Notices will be placed on notice boards in the village and applicants will invited to attend a short interview prior to a future council meeting.

Clerk informed that an application has already been received from Mrs. Meyers.

CONSULTATION FROM NALC REGARDING OMBUSMAN JURISDICTION:

KALC requires views from parish councils whether the Local Government Ombusman's jurisdiction should either be extended to all Parish and Town Councils or none at all.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that DPC does not approve of the Ombudsman's jurisdiction be extended to all parish and town councils. Unanimous.

VILLAGE PROMOTION:

LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION:

Clerk has contacted Take One Media, who distribute throughout the South and South East regions. For £600, Take One will distribute and continually stock up at 5 supermarkets in north Kent and 28 Attractions across Kent throughout the summer.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Mullard that Take One undertake the distribution of leaflets. Unanimous.

HANGING BASKETS:

Hanging baskets have been ordered for the High Street, following the request from Traders at the annual parish meeting. 20 baskets are shortly to be delivered to the council offices.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Harvey informed that parking enforcement officers were patrolling on 7th May at the village hall car park. SDC made arrangements to cancelled enforcement at its own car parks, but did not advise parish/town councils of this decision. Parish/town councils engage the enforcement officers via SDC and it would have been useful if this decision had been shared with towns/parishes who could have acted likewise.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 8 JUNE, 2015**, at the Parish Council offices, 13 Orgarswick Avenue, at 7pm.

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) Co-option of Councillors
- 5) Approve the Minutes of the last meeting and discuss matters arising
- 6) Read Correspondence
- 7) Consider Planning Applications
- 8) Consider Payment of Accounts
- 9) District Council Report
- 10) Clerk's Report
- 11) Chairman's Report
- 12) To receive reports on meetings attended
- 13) Working Groups including Terms of Reference
- 14) LGBC Electoral Review of Kent:
- 15) The Pension Regulator:
- 16) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.

