

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL held on
MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 2015, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Paul Brownscombe, Cllr. Arran. Harvey, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Ian Meyers – working

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

KCC Community Warden Jon Lodge informed there have been a number of complaints regarding dog fouling on the seawall. Early morning and evening patrols are taking place. Faulty traffic lights at Newbeach Holiday Park have been reported and a PPI scam is being dealt with. Jon is involved in setting up a local cycling youth group. Chairman thanked Jon for his help and efforts throughout the year.

Local resident informed boy racers are causing nuisance at Martello No.24 car park. It was suggested that the proposed skate park will create a meeting point for youths and this will cause further nuisance. Chairman agreed to inform SDC of boy racers.

John Williams made reference to the Post Office proposed re-location and informed that he has written to the chief executive of Post Office Ltd. Residents are considering public relations activities to bring attention to the issue.

Anne Peglar informed that she has formed a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at The Fairway and enquired about notice boards on the estate. It was explained that the parish council gifted a notice board to the previous neighbourhood watch team. Anne is to make further enquiries.

Meeting resumed at: 7.17pm

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November, 2015 be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

A draft of the Shepway Parish Charter was circulated prior to the meeting for consideration. It was agreed this should be placed on the next Agenda for discussion.

Highways England:

A Stakeholder briefing has been received regarding a permanent M20 Lorry Area. The briefing was sent to councillors prior to the meeting. Chairman offered to provide further information later in the meeting under District Council Report.

The Corporation of Romney Marsh:

Following a parish council letter requesting the Magistrates' Court and Jail at New Hall be opened to the public, a letter has been received stating the request will be placed before the committee to consider in mid-January.

Damian Collins MP:

Notification received that he has flowed up our correspondence with the chief executive of the Post Office and will be in touch with any response that is received.

Kent Association of Local Councils:

Notification received that KCC Highways is keen to explore devolving some services to local councils that would like to take them on. KALC is due to meet with KCC to see how they can work together to help take this forward.

Sutton Sports:

A 10K Charity Fun Run has been organised again for Sunday 20th March 2016. Further details will follow in the new year and will be placed on DPC's web-site.

David Henley:

The parish council's grounds man has written as asked that his letter be read out at council. David thanked the chairman for his help and assistance when putting flags in the high street and lights at the recreation ground.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y15/0953/SH Erection of two storey and single storey extensions.
28 Marshlands Approved by SDC.

Y15/1230/SH Erection of a first floor extension over existing building
Sea Angling Club Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
Sea Wall Road No Objection be raised.
Voting: For: 6 Against: 1 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

Y15/1133/SH Erection of single storey rear extension
Haguelands Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that
Burmarsh Rd. No Objection be raised.
Voting: For:7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

ACCOUNTS:

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

Salaries:	1780.34
HMR&C:	406.08
Keith Rouse:	79.00
J.H. Young Ltd.	14.88
Caxton House	14.40
M. Coleman	440.00

Peter Goddard	260.00
Ashe Alarms	30.00
Geerings Ltd	70.92
Metcalfe & Sharp	30.00
SLCC	167.00
Veolia ES	89.52

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed that Scrutiny Committees are to merge.

Consultation for a Lorry Park is underway and a favoured option is to build a bridge over the M20 by Junction 11, for lorry / drivers to access services at Stop 24. This will provide direct access to and from the M20.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Winner of the Christmas Window Competition will be announced on Saturday 19th December. The Chairman and KCC Cllr. Carole Waters will deliver the winner's cup on that afternoon.

A meeting was held with SDC officer Brian Feeney to discuss yellow lines at Burmarsh Road. It has been agreed that the SDC Cabinet member be advised the parish council has requested the recently painted yellow lines be removed.

A meeting was held with Mr. Rayner regarding the recently cut trees at the burial ground. The Masonic Lodge has requested the trees be cut back further as leaves are causing nuisance to the building. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that Council does not wish for the trees to be cut back any further. Voting: Unanimous.

The pavilion roof has been climbed on again causing damage to the tiles. For this reason wire is to be reinstated to protect the premises.

Malcom Wood has agreed to put preservatives on the seawall benches throughout the winter period, ready for next season.

For information purposes, St. Mary in the Marsh Parish Council has written to SDC chief executive to inform that STMM parish council wishes an exemption from the Marsh Forum and it does not wish the Marsh Forum to speak on the parish's behalf.

Sketches for flower containers were tabled for consideration. Councillors agreed flowers at the top of Orgarswick Avenue would be an improvement to the area.

Clerk informed she will be away on 16th, 21st and 22nd December.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Many favourable comments have been received regarding the Christmas Lights. It was agreed the clerk should request KCC to turn the lights on during August holiday season. Chairman thanked councillors and clerk for their help and efforts throughout the year.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Blackwell attended KALC's AGM at Ditton. There were two speakers; Paul Sutton of SECAM spoke of Community Response Posts to be extended and Dr. Jonathan Owen, NALC informed it is investing heavily in IT.

Cllr. Tillson attend the Marsh Forum. Seven parishes were represented at the meeting and the Constitution was adopted. A clerkship post is currently being advertised and parishes will be asked to make a contribution towards administrative costs. The Forum's priority tasks will be to secure a burial ground on the Marsh and improved Health facilities.

Cllr. Mullard also attended the meeting and informed there will be pressure for Dymchurch and St. Mary in the Marsh parish councils to agree to the Constitution and be a paid-up member of the Forum.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Asset and Amenities:

Minutes of the meeting had been circulated to councillors prior to council meeting.

Cllr. Tillson addressed the main issues of the meeting and made the following proposals.

1. That Council agrees a programme of Assets Acquisitions and Sales be produced by the working group as a guide to work towards. All Agreed.
2. That Council supports the trees at the burial ground are not to be removed. All Agreed
3. That flooring be laid at the pavilion and to be funded by the pavilion's existing maintenance budget. All Agreed.
4. That Council agrees warning information be placed on the web-site and Facebook regarding shared space on the seawall with cyclists and dog walkers. All Agreed
5. Promotion of children's entertainment be publicised in July. All Agreed.
6. That the report and proposals be accepted. All Agreed.

Coastal Community Group:

An inaugural meeting of the group was held on 25th November, unfortunately there was no representation from Traders. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th December at 10am., at the parish council offices. Clerk informed she will not be present but will leave the room ready for the meeting.

Strategy and Planning Working Group:

Next meeting to be held on 13th January, at 10am. DPC offices.

BUDGET and PRECEPT:

2016/7 Budget was tabled at last month's meeting for consideration.

Chairman expressed the need to keep up with inflation to ensure the budget meets the increased cost of overheads and utilities.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that the Precept be increased by £2.5K.

Voting: For: 6 Against: 1 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that Expenditure Strategies be placed on the Agenda for next meeting. Voting: Unanimous.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Meyers that £2K be allocated for flower planters to be placed at the corner of Orgarswick Avenue. Voting: For: 6 Against: 1 Abstentions:

POST OFFICE:

Cllr. Blackwell advised council it should be ready to initiate and lead a petition in support of keeping the Post Office at its current location, if need be.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Mullard that the parish council gives permission to launch a petition using the form of words as stated in the resolution at the extraordinary meeting on 27th November 2015. Voting: Unanimous.

MARSH INK:

A request for financial assistance has been received from the reformed Marsh Ink group.
Clerk read letter.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard that the parish council is unable to assist with the request. Voting: Unanimous.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Harvey requested council to consider raising charges in its car park.

Asset and Amenities Working Group suggested it would consider the request and report to council with its views.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 11 JANUARY, 2016** 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) SDC Parish Charter
- 14) Post Office
- 15) Expenditure Strategies
- 16) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.