

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

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Tom Gibbs, Cllr. T. Mullard.
2 members of the public and the parish clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Arran Harvey - working

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at: 7.02pm

PUBLIC SESSION:

Richard Blackwell thanked all councillors for their participation and input to village life and particularly thanked Cllr. Tom Gibbs for his contribution over many years. Mr. Blackwell emphasised that the Annual Parish Meeting is open to the public and more publicity should be given to the meeting to encourage greater attendance. He suggested a new structure to the parish meetings to give greater power to planning issues. At previous meetings he has raised concern about a former doctor's surgery now being used as a private dwelling and land at the garage being misused. Both issues have been raised with the local planning authority by the clerk, but neither matter gives the planning authority any concern. Mr. Blackwell also expressed concern about persons living in caravan parks not paying council tax or contributing to the local community.

Meeting resumed at: 7.15pm

MINUTES:

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

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

Notices of the forthcoming Elections have been received and are being displayed.

Society of Local Councils:

Details received that a shared moment of celebration is to take place on 8th May, 2015 when parishes/towns are being invited to light beacons in celebration of peace and to mark 70th Anniversary of VE Day. The chairman agreed to light the beacon on the seawall when the sun goes down, (about 7.30pm.)

Chernobyl Children's Life Line:

Letter received requesting a donation to help bring groups of children to the UK for respite care. Noted.

PCSO Ferenc Zsinko:

Monthly update received informing speed checks on the A259 are continuing. A website address was provided so residents can check if vehicles are taxed. www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax.

Tina Maria Seager, Dymchurch resident:

E-mail received making complaint about two bus stops in Dymchurch. The parish council has reported the poor condition of both shelters before and sent the e-mail to Shepway District Council requesting the bus stops receive urgent attention.

Sharon Bouguila:

Complaint received that wet paint from the pavilion has caused permanent damage to children's clothing. Photos were forwarded of the damaged clothing and these have been sent to Giles Bernard at SDC. The complainant has been reimbursed for the clothing.

Walter Anderson:

Information received that dog mess on the seawall has increased since the Holiday Camp reopened. Clerk has forwarded the information to SDC requesting more visits by the dog warden team.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y14/1203/SH Siting of a static caravan within rear garden.
13 Tartane Lane Approved by SDC.

Y15/0094/SH Application to remove condition 12 and vary condition 57 of
Nickolls Quarry outline planning permission Y06/1079/SH.
Additional information received from SDC.
Proposed by Cllr. Gibbs, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y15/0275/SH Erection of four static holiday caravans following demolition
New Beach Holiday of two staff bungalows.
Village, Hythe Rd. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that
No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y15/0292/SH Erection of single storey depot building and parking.
Willop Depot Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Mullard that
Dymchurch Road. No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y14/1362/SH Change of use and conversion to holiday let.
Compressor Station Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that
Marshlands Objection be raised on the grounds of inappropriate
development together with access problems being disruptive
to residents of Marshlands.
Voting: For: 4 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

ACCOUNTS:

Clerk tabled an unaudited Statement of Accounts and informed the council's accounts are currently being audited by Metcalfe and Sharp prior to being forwarded to PKF Littlejohn. Last year's VAT has been refunded by HMR&C.

Statement of Accounts (unaudited):

Community Current A/c	£39,000
Business A/c	£35,145
NS&I	£47,121

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

Salaries:	1773.01
HMR&C:	351.40
Keith Rouse	90.00
Metcalfe & Sharp	156.00
M.Wood	841.00
SLCC	167.00
Geerings of Ashford	70.92
SDC	1116.00
Peter Goddard	508.50
Veolia ES	90.56
Wicksteed Leisure	54.00
KALC	1103.83
Transfire Protection	153.84
Kent County Playing	20.00
Guy Ashby Ltd.	165.00
Ashe Alarms	114.39
Keith Rouse	79.00
BT	220.86
Veolia ES Ltd.	114.38

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins reported Nickolls Quarry works is causing huge tailbacks on A259 together with the lights at Sainsbury's in Hythe. The planning department at SDC is aware.

Cllr. Tillson informed he has attended many finance meetings and the issue of transfer of open spaces to Folkestone Town Centre is an ongoing issue.

Cllr. Mullard informed he attended a Licensing Committee and Overview Committee,

CLERK'S REPORT:

Tamasin Jarrett has donated £2000 of her budget to the Dymchurch Skate Park project. This will be transferred into DPC's Community account and held toward the project.

The You are Here sign has been granted approval by SDC to be placed on the wall of central toilet block. The cost will be £250 for legal documentation of a licence and £25 per year payable to SDC.

Wicksteed Leisure provides an annual inspection of the play equipment at the council's recreation ground and has forwarded a report for repairs to the value of £4475 plus VAT. Clerk read the items recommended for attention. The Chairman proposed the repair deemed medium to high risk should be dealt with and the other items will be considered when Wicksteed are on site to explain their report.

Clerk informed that SDC is seeking legal advice and is waiting for ownership information before it considers providing light at The Oval. Ongoing.

Clerk has e-mailed James Maxim again regarding the You are Here sign, but no response has been received.

Clerk reminded councillors that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 1st May at the village hall, commencing 7pm. Also, the AGM and next parish council meeting will be on Monday 18th May, at 7pm at the council offices.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman informed that Cllr. Jackie Tyler has resigned due to personal commitments.

Chairman thanked Cllr. Tom Gibbs for his services to the parish council over the past 22 years and informed the parish council election is uncontested.

Railings have been installed on the seawall and he requested a letter be sent to the dog warden section at SDC asking for more patrols because of the excessive amount of dog mess left on the seawall between Newbeach Holiday Park and the Redoubt.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Tillson attended the Marsh Forum and reported the proposed constitution has been put on the back burner and there will be no fees charged for clerical support.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

The General Purpose Working Group was cancelled due to councillor annual leave. The next working group will be arranged after May. The Beach Advisory Group will meet on Wednesday 22nd April at 10am.

DYMCHURCH CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

No member of the Celebrations Committee attended, consequently, there was no report on progress.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Gibbs informed the Orgarswick Avenue doctor's surgery is due to close at the end of the year. The chairman agreed to visit the surgery to make enquiries.

Cllr. Mullard thanked the chairman for his dedication.

Cllr. Tillson said it will not be the same without Cllr. Gibbs.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 18 MAY, 2015**, at the Parish Council offices, 13 Orgarswick Avenue, immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

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) Dates for Working Groups
- 13) Grant request from CARM
- 14) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.