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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** held on  
**MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY, 2017**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Karen Lewis, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. T. Mullard, Cllr. M. Redding.  
Clerk and 5 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. R. Tillson – away

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the meeting be adjourned. Agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 7.02pm.

Mr. John Williams informed the bottle bank in Sea Wall is to be discontinued and enquired if SDC paid for the service. Cllr. Wilkins agreed to make enquiries.

Mr. Williams tabled a paper of questions he has asked at previous meetings and stated a response has not been received to his enquiries. His view is that the council minutes should record the public session in full if council wishes the public to take more interest.

Cllr. Blackwell informed that Mr. Williams questions concerned services by Shepway District Council and not Dymchurch Parish Council. The one question regarding the parish relates to a safe crossing in Dymchurch. The planning and strategy working group invited Mr. Williams to talk on this matter at a recent meeting and action is being taken to support an initiative in the village.

Meeting resumed at:7.12pm

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, be approved. Agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Shepway District Council:**

Notification received that the Community Chest Grant Scheme is now open for applications with a closing date of 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017. This is the final year for the Community Chest scheme.

**Kent Highways:**

Notification that Botolphs Bridge Road will be closed for up to five days commencing 3 July, for major carriageway patching.

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**Kent Association of Local Councils:**

The chief executive requested a bulletin be forwarded to all councillors on recent national developments. This was forwarded to councillors on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr. Blackwell spoke and supported the local government union's pay claim and moved that DPC write to support the proposal. Seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers. Voting: Unanimous.

**NHS Commissioning Support Group:**

Notification that a number of public listening events are being held across East Kent during July to discuss with local people the future of the NHS and social care. The event in Shepway will be held on Romney Marsh at the Community Hub, Marsh Academy on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, at 1.30pm. The event is expected to last about 3 hours.

Cllr. Blackwell informed that he attended a recent meeting on this subject which highlighted that bed-blocking is a major issue. Cllr. Ian Meyers informed SDC is writing to the Secretary of State highlighting the crisis in this area.

**Turn the Tide Festival:**

Organisers have sent a draft poster, detailing a number of acts that will be taking part.

**Information Commissioner's Office:**

A complaint has been made by Mr. David Dyson about the parish council's web-cam.

Clerk read the letter from ICO and DPC's response.

Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Wilkins thanked the clerk for her detailed response.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y17/0518/SH** Occupation for the use of private dwelling house.  
18 Sea Wall Approved by SDC

**Y17/0675/SH** Erection of a rear conservatory following demolition of existing.  
15 Brookside Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that  
No objection be raised.  
Voting: Unanimous.

**ACCOUNTS:**

The Annual Audit Return for year ending 31 March 2017, has been audited by Metcalfe and Sharp Ltd and the Return was tabled for council's approval and chairman's signature.

Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the annual governance statement be approved: Voting: Unanimous.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Redding, that the annual accounting statement be approved: Voting: Unanimous.

The Return will be sent to the Government's chosen accountants PKF Littlejohn for further audit and verification.

Accounts for payment:

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the accounts be accepted.

Agreed

Salaries: 2022.18

HMR&C: 239.78

Contract Security 299.66

SDC 522.84

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KALC	42.70
Longacre Nursery	489.12
EA	1103.75
Metcalf and Sharp	1320.00
Computer Lady	420.00
Veolia ES	69.08
BT	72.26

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Cllr. Ian Meyers informed SDC will be writing to the Coastal Commissioning Group and Secretary of State to address the crisis facing health care in the district.

Cllr. Meyers stated that if the public wished to become interested in local government matters, the Scrutiny Committee web-pages is a good place to start to become involved. Scrutiny Committee holds members to account for their actions.

Cllr. Wilkins informed the Otterpool Park consultation events are still ongoing.

Cllr. Blackwell raised the matter of deaths at Camber Sands and stated that Shepway does not employ any lifeguards. 30% of the district's income is from tourism and premier beaches such as Dymchurch should be protected. Both Cllrs. Meyers and Wilkins agreed to raise the matter again at SDC.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Planning application for two houses at Willop Way have been refused.

It has been mentioned that bottle banks are no longer viable as most bottles are disposed of via domestic waste collection, but the chairman will liaise with SDC Cabinet member for clarification.

Cllr. Blackwell congratulated the chairman on hosting a most successful twinning weekend.

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Cllr. Meyers reported on the Otterpool Park presentation at the Leas Cliff Hall and informed that a rail link from RH&DR at Hythe to the new town is being explored.

Cllr. Blackwell informed that surface water at the new town is being addressed and that he questioned why a church, which is the hub of a community, has not been included in the development plans.

Cllr. Redding informed he has attended a couple of meetings with Day of Syn Committee and the local PTA organised a successful fete and parade through the village last weekend.

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:****Asset and Amenities Working Group:**

Cllr. Denise Meyers informed an annual risk assessment on the council's assets was conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Members of the public joined the group to look at the pavilion. It has been identified that maintenance is required on some play equipment and SDC is being asked to attend to the works. Additional seating at the play park is being costed and an area by the seawall could be improved. The beach advisory group will discuss this with the EA.

**Strategy and Planning Working Group:**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June, 2017 had been distributed prior to council meeting.

Cllr. Blackwell briefed council of the meeting and outlined the following proposals:

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1. Discussions with the head of the school regarding a crossing has taken place and public support is being organised. Once support is available, DPC should present the request to KCC Cllr. Whybrow for KCC to consider/action.
  2. Working group plans to invite key representatives from local organisations to join the coastal community group to encourage local liaison and communication.
  3. Suggested that DPC invite KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow to attend a DPC meeting and support improvements to Eastbridge Road.
  4. An article in the next newsletter invites residents to identify where dropped kerbs are needed in the village.
  5. DPC secure a councillor training course with KALC. After discussion, it was agreed a Friday would be most suitable.
  6. DPC to send a letter to the incoming Parliamentary Committee and MP rejecting all arguments about austerity and reinstate Policing and Border Force staffing to 2010 levels. Cllr. Blackwell moved that council accepts the proposals of the working group.
- Voting: Unanimous.

**DAY OF SYN:**

Cllr. Redding informed the Day of Syn Committee operates at a loss of £600 per event and suggested DPC provide £500 per year to the organisation to assist with its cash flow. Financial regulations will not permit such payments and council suggested other forms of grant funding that may be more suitable. It transpired that fringe events are being planned to help raise funds for Day of Syn next year. Council requested details of those events be brought to council for consideration.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Denise Meyers informed that Martello Tower No. 24 will be open to the public from 15<sup>th</sup> July.  
Clerk will be on annual leave next week.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2017**, 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) Chairman's Report
- 10) To receive reports on meetings attended
- 11) To receive reports from Working Groups
- 12) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

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Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.