

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

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers, Cllr. Merlin Redding, Cllr. Terry Mullard.

7 members of the public and parish clerk.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Paul Brownscombe – car vandalised

Cllr. Arran Harvey - working

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

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

PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Lampard requested an update on parking matters at Seabourne Way. Chairman informed SDC has advised KCC that yellow lines are required and this area will be included in the Traffic Regulations Order. Mr. Lampard enquired about yellow lines in Mill Road and requested a review of traffic regulations in Dymchurch. Chairman agreed to write to SDC.

It was reported by a resident of Seabourne Way that the footpath is in poor condition and also Mitcham Road suffers with the same problem. The matter will be reported to KCC.

Keith Groombridge proprietor of the Plater Hall informed he purchased the hall in 2013 and has been trying to attract groups/associations to use the hall, however, lack of facilities on site is a major drawback.

Resident of Eastbridge Road informed that continuous use of HGV's on the road is causing damage to property and the road is subsiding.

Cllr. Blackwell had been made aware of this growing problem and made an emergency proposition:

DPC views with concern the continuing deterioration of the carriageway in Eastbridge Road, where it is already collapsing into the drainage ditches on the western side.

The road constitutes one of the main exit routes for villagers in the event of serious flooding. The carriageway is now constricted due to road damage.

It is believed that this damage to the road and also to some local housing is due to the increased number of HGV lorries using this route, either to avoid the A259 or the M20.

DPC calls upon KCC, SDC and our MP to bring forward urgent solutions to remedy these problems, such as road repairs and/or speed and weight restrictions on vehicles using this road. The proposition was seconded by the chairman and voting unanimous.

Meeting resumed at 7.25pm

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June, 2015, be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Shepway District Council:

SDC officer Dave Illsley has written a bid for Dymchurch which has been submitted to the Dept. of Communities and Local Government Coastal Communities to attract funds of up to £10K to produce an economic plan for the area. This will include the projects the parish council has already agreed and include projects outlined by Dymchurch History and Heritage Society. Dave has agreed to attend the Planning and Strategy Working Group on 29th July to provide further information and updates.

Tamasin Jarrett has forwarded designs for the skate park site. Soil conditions and nearby risks are currently being assessed. SDC officer Wilbert Greaves has requested a meeting with councillors to discuss the designs and way forward, confirmation is awaited for his attendance at the meeting on 29th July.

Kent County Council:

Notification received from the Kent Film Office that it has commissioned film students to create a promotional film and they visited Dymchurch on 13th July for this purpose.

KALC – Shepway Area Committee:

Reported in the minutes of the 16 April meeting is Ward Profiles will be produced by SDC officers to provide SDC councillors with details of the area they represent. This information will be available for Ward Councillors to bid for funding for projects in their area.

Marsh Forum:

The next meeting of the Marsh Forum will be held at the Guild Hall Lydd on 28th July at 7pm. The constitution and honorarium is on the agenda. Cllr. Mullard and Cllr. Tillson will be attending.

Resident Walter Anderson:

Reported that bins on the seawall opposite Newbeach Holiday Park have been vandalised and the lifebelt and rope have disappeared. Clerk has reported to the appropriate authorities.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Tree Preservation Order: 10/2014

Confirmation that land adjoining 24 Hythe Road, Dymchurch has been granted TPO.

Y15/0450/SH 36 Kingsway. Erection of extension – **Approved by SDC**

Y15/0648/SH Erection of single storey rear extension
17 Mill Road Proposed by Cllr. Tillson seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that
No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y14/1054/SH Listed building consent for erection of single storey side/rear extension

98 High Street. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins seconded by Cllr. Tillson that
No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 7 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0

Y15/0583/SH Erection of two storey dwelling
18 Seawall Proposed by Cllr. Tillson seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that
Objection be raised on the grounds that the dwelling will be
visually intrusive and incongruous to the surrounding area.
Voting: For: 7 Against:0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

ACCOUNTS:

Annual audit was tabled and approved.

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

Salaries	2030.14
HMR&C	468.28
Metcalf and Sharp	780.00
Geerings	70.92
Caxton House	31.62
Environment Agency	1007.50
Contract Security	294.46
Keith Rouse	90.00
Guy Ashby	156.00
G. Smith	36.36
M. Coleman	156.00
Peter Goddard	260.00
KCC	254.62
SDC	257.14
M. Wood	251.25
BT	226.89
Veolia ES	114.38

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Cllr. Wilkins informed he will be attending Development Control meeting on 14th July when Nicholls Quarry and a Wind Turbine Farm at Snave will be discussed.

Cllr. Meyers informed he is a member of General Purpose Working Group and Audit and Standards Committee. He has attended several training seminars.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The pavilion was broken into on Friday 26th June and 10 July. Police informed.

Two toilet cubicles at Seawall have been out of order for two weeks, SDC has been notified but are questioning if the facility is owned by SDC.

Clerk reminded councillors that the Councillor Induction Seminar will take place on 30th July at 7pm at The Assembly Rooms, New Romney. An article in Kent Life, July issue, gave a good account of Dymchurch. Clerk read piece of the article.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

HGV's travelling on Eastbrige Road and parking outside Young's Builders are causing problems. Also pot-holes on the A259 from Tesco Express to Young's need attention. He requested councillors take photos of the pot-holes and pass to the clerk so they can be attached to a letter to KCC. Chairman was pleased to announce that cleaning of the public toilets has improved. The pavilion was broken into and he was called out late on Friday

night. Chairman requested councillors to volunteer to be on the alarm call out list and not to attend call outs alone. Cllr. Meyers volunteered to be on the list with the chairman and D. Henley. A new village sign has been erected and the chairman would like to have an official unveiling of the sign on 26th July at 11am. Clerk to invite press and other guests.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Meyers attended South East Employers Meeting.

WORKING GROUPS:

Assets and Amenities:

The working group's first meeting was held on 1st July. Cllr. Tillson highlighted matters discussed. Copies of the minutes had previously been sent to councillors.

Recommendations from the working group:

1. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that council agree to place an item on the next full council agenda to discuss possibilities, options and views on the sale of council assets. Unanimous.
2. Cllr. Tillson informed that the working group wish to see Christmas decorations in the village, but costs are still being sought and when these are available, council will be asked to consider either a Christmas tree or decorations on lamp posts. Ongoing.
3. Cllr. Tillson asked that council agree or not, that new tables be purchased for the council chamber. The cost of 3 new tables will be £450. Cllr. Blackwell agreed to obtain a price for an alternative table. Ongoing.
4. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers, that Cllr. Redding set-up and host a Face book page on behalf of the parish council. Unanimous.

Planning and Strategy Working Group:

First meeting to be held on 29th July at 10am, in the council offices.

DYMCHURCH AND DISTRICT HERITAGE GROUP:

Prior to the meeting, DDHG gave a presentation on the Dymchurch Trail and presented artwork. The group requested an aluminium sign be produced and sited on the corner of Orgarswick Avenue. The land does not belong to the parish council. DPC agreed to seek permission from SDC for the sign to be erected. Chairman requested this item be placed on the next agenda when more information will be available to discuss.

OFFICE TECHNOLOGY:

The IT system in DPC's office is in need of upgrading. The system being used is XP which is no longer supported by BT and restricts web-use. Also, Microsoft Office 2003 has its limitations and should also be upgraded. A wi-fi hub has been purchased and this will be installed at the same time of the upgrade. Clerk informed budget provision was made available for this purpose in this year's budget.

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the IT be upgraded as required.

Voting: Unanimous.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 10 August, 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) 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) Working Groups:
- 13) Council Assets:
- 14) Christmas Decorations:
- 15) Dymchurch and District Heritage Group:
- 16) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.