

**MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
held on **MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 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.  
4 members of the public and parish clerk.

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Meyers – meeting at SDC

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None.

Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. Meeting adjourned at: 7.05pm

**PUBLIC SESSION:**

Three residents from Seabourne Way expressed concerns about parking. An e-mail has been sent to Mr. Lampard informing that an amendment to SDC's Traffic Regulations Order is being proposed. There is no indication what amendment is being proposed and the parish council has not been made aware of the proposal. The issue of speeding on St. Mary's Road was also raised together with the condition of the pavement outside 23 and 24 Seabourne Way. The parish council agreed to contact SDC regarding the issues and will report the parking problem to SDC's Community and Safety Unit and Police.

Meeting resumed at: 7.25pm

**CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:**

Councillors interviewed candidates prior to the meeting. Council voted for Denise Meyers and Richard Blackwell to be co-opted. Declaration forms were signed. Chairman welcomed the new councillors.

**MINUTES:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May, 2015, be approved. Carried.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**BT:**

Notification received that BT bills will be raised by an average of 5%.

**CARM:**

Letter of thanks received from CARM for the cheque towards Dymchurch Meeting point. CARM has advised it informed Dymchurch Meeting point that the parish council has made a contribution towards their annual allocation.

**Ashford Borough Council:**

Their CCTV dept has informed it is available to monitor any CCTV system the parish council may wish to consider installing in the village.

**Trip Advisor:**

Certificate of Excellence has been awarded to Dymchurch Beach. This is based on ratings by guests on Trip Advisor. It was agreed that the certificate be displayed on a notice board and on Dymchurch & Romney Marsh web-sites.

**New Romney Town Council:**

Invitation received for the chairman to attend Town Civic Service on 12 July, at 10.20am. Chairman agreed to attend.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- Y14/1362/SH** Former Compressor Station at Marshlands,  
SDC approved the application.
- Y15/0275/SH** New Beach Holiday Village  
SDC approved the application for additional static caravans.
- Y15/0382/SH** 2 Lyndurst Road  
SDC approved installation of windows to roof space.
- Y15/0555/SH** Erection of a two storey side extension  
47 Kingsway Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that  
No objection be made.  
Voting: For:8 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0
- Y15/0532/SH** Erection of first floor side extension & garage.  
108 High St. Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that  
Objection be raised on the grounds of over intensive  
development of site.  
Voting: For: 8 Against:0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0
- Y15/0500/SH** Erection of an outbuilding.  
24 Lower Sands Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that  
No objection be raised.  
Voting: For: 8 Against:0 Abstentions:0 Interest declared:0
- Y15/0552/SH** To allow the use of land for holiday occupation.  
The Neptune Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that  
Objection be raised on the grounds of over intensive  
development of site, the application is against Planning Policy BE8,  
will create congestion on A259, restricting the flow of traffic.  
The parish council would like to attach to any future development at  
the site that landscaping, flow of traffic and impact on the location's  
amenities be addressed.  
Voting: Unanimous.
- Y15/0568/SH** Two storey side extension following demolition of garage  
2 Eastbridge Rod. Proposed by Cllr. Mullard, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that  
No objection be raised.  
Voting: For:7 Against:0 Abstentions:1 Interest declared:0

## **ACCOUNTS:**

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

Salaries	1988.34
HMR&C	458.08
M. Wood	715.00
Guy Ashby Ltd.	82.00
Contract Security	294.46
M. Coleman	156.00
SDC	265.70
Peter Goddard	266.00
Keith Rouse	79.00

## **DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:**

Cllr. Wilkins reported that SDC councillors are currently being allocated to committees. Cllr. Tillson informed there is a debate being conducted via the press between SDC's chief executive and Cllr. Mullard. The information quoted by the chief executive is completely incorrect.

## **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. Cllrs. Brownscombe, Redding and Meyers agreed to attend.

The kiosk by The Ocean Inn was vandalised a couple of weeks ago. Future use and security of the kiosk should be addressed by the appropriate working group.

The charity event at Piper's on 2<sup>nd</sup> August will use the recreation ground for parking as the cricket club are scheduled to play away on that date.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman informed he approached the proprietor of an ice-cream van at the weekend that was trading in Dymchurch without a licence. The van's details have been passed to SDC licensing dept and the Police. Chairman requested a letter be sent to SDC requesting the water quality at Dymchurch Beach be displayed at the beach and to seek the district council's intentions for looking after the foreshore area. The letter should include a request for a schedule of dog warden patrols in the area. The chairman thanked Cllr. Tillson for organising the maintenance and repairs to the pavilion and reported it looks much improved.

## **TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Chairman attended and represented the parish council at Mayor Making in New Romney.

Cllr. Tillson has attended Planning and New Romney Town Council meetings.

Cllr. Mullard attended the Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

## **WORKING GROUPS:**

Council agreed the Terms of Reference for Asset and Amenities Working Group and Strategy and Planning Working Group.

**Asset and Amenities Working Group** will undertake the responsibilities for; Recreation ground, pavilion, car park, burial ground, beach and beach advisory, council office and buildings, asset register and insurance, signage, memorial seating trader liaison, hanging baskets and Christmas decoration.

Members of the group: Cllr. Tillson (co-ordinator), Cllr. Redding, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Ian Meyers.

The first meeting of Asset and Amenities Working Group will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July at 10am in the council office.

**Strategy and Planning Working Group** will undertake the responsibilities for:

Planning, parish plan, skate park, funding opportunities for special projects, Marsh Million liaison, recreation and leisure opportunities, emergency plan, promotional activity/material.

Members of the group: Cllr. Harvey (co-ordinator), Cllr. Brownscombe, Cllr. Blackwell, Cllr. Mullard.

The first meeting of the Strategy and Planning Working Group will be on 29<sup>th</sup> July at 10am in the council office.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Brownscombe that the working group structure be approved. Unanimous.

### **LGBC ELECTORAL REVIEW OF KENT:**

Council discussed the proposals and requested the clerk to inform the LGBC of its view.

Discussion addressed that Dymchurch, Burmarsh, Newchurch and St. Mary in the Marsh has just been subject to a review by the Board that resulting in a new Romney Marsh Ward being introduced. The draft proposal now categorises these parishes in Hythe West and not Romney Marsh, which is totally confusing to the electorate and makes a mockery of the recent review. It was suggested that Romney Marsh needs a person from the Marsh to represent it, who has knowledge of its unique issues and will represent the area well at county level. It was considered that one member has served the Romney Marsh area very and successfully in the past, and the change is unwelcome.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that the parish council does not support the draft recommendation. Voting: Unanimous.

### **PENSION REGULATOR:**

Clerk informed that as of 1st January 2016, The law on workplace pensions changes and every employer with at least one member of staff must automatically enrol those who are eligible into a workplace pension scheme and contribute towards it. Employees can opt-out. The parish council will need to have a pension provider for future employee's or contribute to an employees chosen pension provider. Noted.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

The chairman informed he would like to see the appropriate working group organise a mock-up emergency in the summer that will test the resilience of the parish council's emergency plan.

No further issues were raised.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**Signed..... Date.....**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 13 JULY, 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) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

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Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.