

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL held on
MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 2016, 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
Cllr. T. Mullard – away

Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

PUBLIC SESSION:

No members of the public present.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell , that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December, 2015 be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING:

None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Parkeon Services:

A new one pound coin will be released early 2017 by the Royal Mint and all car park pay and display meters will need reprogramming. Clerk to make arrangements.

The Office of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Kent:

Invitation for the chairman to attend the annual Civic Service at All Saints Church in Maidstone on Tuesday 15 March 2016 commencing at 11 am. Chairman will attend.

Tony Hopkins Circus:

Enquiry received for a non-animal circus to appear in Dymchurch around week commencing 25 July. An area of land, about the size of a football pitch is required. Council to offer recreation ground, providing ground is suitable to accommodate vehicles and equipment.

Post Office Ltd:

Response received from Laura Tarling, Public Affairs Manager. Clerk read letter under Post Office item on the agenda.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y15/1260/SH

29 Lower Sands

Alterations and extensions to roof to create additional living accommodation and increase roof height.

Proposed by Cllr. D. Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that No Objection be raised.

Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared:0

Y15/1261/SH First and second floor extensions.
117 Hythe Road Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that
No objection be raised.
Voting: For: 7 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0 Interest declared: 0

Y16/0011/SH Erection of single storey rear extension and rooms in roof space.
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

ACCOUNTS:

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

Salaries:	1780.34
HMR&C:	406.08
Keith Rouse	90.00
D. Morris	125.00
Peter Goddard	260.00
Crown Estate	130.00
BT	76.62

The Chairman commented that the grass at the recreation ground is very long and should be cut as soon as practical.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:

Consultation over a lorry park at Junction 11 is taking up officer time. A review of Committees is taking place; Scrutiny Committees will be condensed and Licensing will merge with Planning. A Ward Plan is being developed and a public meeting will be organised to seek views of local residents.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Information received from Dr. Cullen regarding the premises at 11 Orgarswick Avenue. Council agreed to meet to discuss options.
English Heritage has suggested dates be identified to meet and discuss the proposition for opening Martello No, 24. Council suggested a date in February would be preferable.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Winner of the Christmas Competition was The Pet Shop. Chairman thanked Cllrs. Denise and Ian Meyers for providing a bottle of Champagne to go with the cup and £50 prize money. The competition will be run each year.

Chairman has spoken to Damian Collins MP, regarding the Post Office and Eastbridge Road. Councillors discussed this issue and requested a letter be sent to Damian expressing concern over KCC's lack of maintenance to Eastbridge Road. Council highlighted that this is the wettest December on record and the only escape route from the village is in poor condition. Dymchurch does not want to be another community that gets let down. A copy of the letter should be sent to KCC Cllr. Carole Waters and she be invited to attend the next parish council meeting to address highway issues.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

None.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Coastal Community Group:

Meeting held on 16th December provided useful data on Dymchurch and the consultancy is to arrange artist impression of improvements to the village, looked at re-branding and green tourism possibilities. Next meeting to be held on 20th January at 10am.

Planning and Strategy Working Group: next meeting 13 January, at 10am.

Beach Advisory: next meeting 17 February, at 9.30am.

Asset and Amenities Working Group: 23 February, at 9.30am

SDC PARISH CHARTER:

Council wished to make representation regarding point 4, page 6, that the consultation process be 6 weeks. It can be 4-5 weeks before parish councils formally meet to vote on an application.

POST OFFICE:

Clerk read a letter from Laura Tarling. Council's view is that the response was a standard letter and whilst some points raised are interesting they have no relevance to Dymchurch. Cllr. Wilkins informed Damian Collins MP is making contact with relevant Ministers in the House of Commons, and the postmaster has received no further communication to date. It was agreed that the council not respond to the letter at this stage but if any additional information is received an extraordinary meeting of the parish council will be called.

EXPENDITURE STRATEGIES:

Council discussed general expenditure.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr. Denise Meyers informed shingle and sand has moved onto the seawall making it difficult to walk and cycle on. Cllr. Wilkins has reported this to the EA, but there will not be any clearing of the shingle until after the high tides.

Cllr. Redding informed several good comments have been received via the council's Facebook page.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 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) Highway Issues
- 14) Post Office
- 15) Capital Reserves Account:
- 16) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.

