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**MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on  
**MONDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2018**, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Ian Meyers, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Merlin Redding, Cllr. Thomas Quaye.  
Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

**PRAYERS:**

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Russell Tillson – away  
Cllr. John Carr – delayed in traffic  
Cllr. Arran Harvey - working

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Quaye declared non pecuniary interest in planning applications submitted by his father.  
Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Denise Meyers declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Martello Tower 24.

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

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No formal questions submitted.

**Reports from the public:**

Mr. Young thanked Council for reporting the condition of grass, resulting in it being cut. Grass at Country's Field has not been attended to. Council agreed to contact Orbit Housing again. A man was taken poorly at the beach at the weekend and suggested a sign be erected identifying the nearest defibrillator. Also, a sign at the outfall has yet to be repaired by EA. The chairman informed there is an App for directions to the nearest defibrillators and suggested Asset and Amenities consider a defibrillator at the seawall.  
Mr. Daburn enquired if the skate ramp will be replaced. Chairman informed it is unlikely as far greater facilities are being installed at Folkestone and are in situ at New Romney.  
Meeting resumed at 7.15pm

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING.**

Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Redding that the minutes be approved.  
Voting: For: 3 Against: 0 Abstentions: 3 Interest declared: 0  
Three councillors were not present at the last meeting and abstained from voting

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Kent County Council:**

The parish council has been copied into correspondence between KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow, Dymchurch Primary School and officers at KCC regarding a crossing near the school. KCC has conducted a count on the number of people crossing the road and this has resulted in very few actual numbers. There is an offer by KCC to pay for a patrol for a trial period of one-term at the site. Ongoing.

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KCC is undertaking a Big Conversation Programme that will develop a new delivery model for rural transport. A number of seminars are being held and public meetings. The nearest public meeting will be held at St. Mary's Bay village hall on 12<sup>th</sup> July from 7-9pm.

### **Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance:**

A letter of thanks has been received for a donation from the parish council.

### **Day of Syn Committee:**

Clerk read an e-mail from the Committee requesting funding towards their planned event. Council determined that requests for funding should be made to District Councillors for assistance from Ward Councillor grant budgets.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- Y18/0212/SH** First floor extensions to side and rear elevations.  
6 St. Marys Rd Approved by District Council  
& Mill House Stores.
- Y18/0525/FH** Roof extension over garage and side extension to rear  
17 Redoubt Way Refused by District Council
- Y18/0778/FH** Erection of a first floor side extension, porch and pitched roof.  
61 Tritton Gdns. Proposed by Cllr. Quaye, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that  
No objection be raised.  
Voting: Unanimous.
- Y18/0606/FH** Erection of single storey rear extension, dormer and balcony.  
1 Lower Sands Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that  
No objection be raised.  
Voting: Unanimous.
- Y18/0722/FH** Erection of a pair of semi-detached houses  
17 Mill Road Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell that  
Objection be raised on the grounds of poor access and the  
Proposed development is in a conservation area.  
Voting: For: 4 Against:0 Abstentions: 1 Interest Declared:1
- Y18/0106/SH** Sub-division of existing dwelling  
97 Hythe Rd. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers that  
No objections be raised.  
Voting: Unanimous.
- Y18/0505/FH** External alterations to existing holiday let.  
106/108 High St. Council requested further clarification from Planning as Council is  
of the view that planning permission for a holiday let had been  
refused due to parking issues and over-intensive development of the  
site.

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**ACCOUNTS:**

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the monthly accounts be accepted. All agreed.

Total monthly expenditure: £5256.38. Includes £1074 for controlled entry system and trading rights at £754.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Cllr. Wilkins met with Sir Roger de Haan and attended a public relations event at the Civic Centre.

Cllr. Meyers attended the same meeting and highlighted the number of activities and developments the De Haan Charitable Trust has supported. Cllr. Meyers also attended an Overview and Scrutiny Meeting and a peer review meeting of the district council being conducted by the Local Government Association. A meeting has been held with FH&DC communication officer to discuss engagement with the public via social media.

Cllr. Blackwell inquired if there has been any development regarding the Nuclear Waste site on Romney Marsh. Cllr. Wilkins informed there has not.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Cllr. Meyers and Cllr. Denise Meyers have planted flowers in the planters at Orgarswick Road and purchased a trolley, hose and connectors for the council's grounds man to facilitate the watering. Brambles on the path at the corner of Mill Road have been cut back by members of the community.

**RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Cllr. Quaye attended a village hall committee meeting in May where changes to the charitable status were discussed.

Cllr. Blackwell reported Martello Tower 24 has received 2457 visitors this season and is looking at expanding its exhibits. English Heritage is looking at repointing the gun deck to help with the ingress of water. Re-enactment soldiers have been engaged to add authenticity to the attraction and worksheets have been produced to engage with children.

**RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES:**

Asset and Amenities Working Party notes had been previously sent to councillors and a report from Cllr. Tillson was tabled in his absence. Cllr. Quaye read and presented the report.

1. The first proposal *'that Council agrees to uphold the results of the public survey and act on the public's view in all case's* was debated and it was agreed the proposal should be considered at the end of the report.

2. Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that Council agrees to an Agenda item to consider a budget for a detailed report on works required for drainage and surfacing of the grass area at Bull's Field car park. All Agreed.

3. Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that Council agrees to an Agenda item in August to consider a budget for architects and work associated with building an extension to office premises. All Agreed and clerk to terminate change of deeds.

4. Proposed by Cllr. Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that Council agrees to an Agenda item in September to consider the demolition of the pavilion. All Agreed.

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- 5. Proposed by Cllr. Denise Meyers, seconded by Cllr. Quaye that when play equipment requires maintenance, an item is placed on a forthcoming council agenda for council to consider the viability in each individual case. All Agreed.
- 6. Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Redding, that Council agrees to an Agenda item in September to consider new car parking charges for 2019 season.
- 7. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the suggestion of a National Park Designation for Romney Marsh be referred to the Romney Marsh Forum for consideration. All Agreed Cllr. Blackwell should raise and discuss this matter at the Forum.
- 8. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Quaye, that a letter be sent to Mr. Woolls thanking him for taking on the maintenance of the Millennium clock.

Council debated at some length whether to uphold the results of the public survey and act on the public’s view in all cases. Cllr. Blackwell stated he and Cllr. Tillson gave their word at the annual parish meeting in 2017 that the council would uphold the public’s wishes. Cllr. Blackwell proposed that the council agrees to uphold the results of the public survey and act on the public’s view in all cases. This was seconded by Cllr. Wilkins. The chairman said he could not support the proposal and three other councillors agreed with the chairman.

An Amendment was proposed by Cllr. Blackwell that Council agrees to uphold the results of the public survey as in Questions 1-4 and act upon the public’s view in each and every case and to consider Question 5 at full council meeting in September. Seconded by Cllr. Wilkins. Recorded vote was requested: For: 4, Cllrs: Ian Meyers, Denise Meyers, Roger Wilkins, Richard Blackwell. Against: 2, Cllrs. Merlin Redding, Thomas Quaye. Council agreed and accepted the report from Asset and Amenities Working Party.

**CARERS SUPPORT:**

Letter received requesting a donation to support carers in Ashford, Swale and Shepway. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Quaye that no action be taken. Unanimous.

**NEW STANDING ORDERS:**

NALC has produced new model standing orders that incorporate recent changes in Law. Clerk merged new and current Standing Orders to form a draft for consideration. Cllr. Quaye and Cllr. Redding addressed many issues in the draft document. Proposed by Cllr. Quaye, seconded by Cllr. Redding that amendment to page 14, item 7a, read 3 councillors and not 5. Voting: For: 4 Against: 2  
 Proposed by Cllr. Redding, seconded by Cllr. Quaye that amendment to page 15, item 9d, to read 14 days. Voting: Unanimous.  
 Proposed by Cllr. Redding, seconded by Cllr. Quaye that amendment to page 27, item 25b, to read 3 councillors and not 5. Voting: For: 5 Against: 1.  
 A couple of numbering issues were also raised.  
 Proposed by the chairman that subject to the amendments, New Standing Orders be adopted. Voting: Unanimous.

Meeting closed at: 9.50pm

Signed:..... Date:.....

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2018**, at the Parish Council offices, 13 Orgarswick Avenue.

Members of the Council: You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council on the date and time and place shown above.

## **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) Questions from the Public:
- 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) Working Parties
- 12) Council office extension
- 13) Grass area bull's field

*Gillian H. Smith*

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.

