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**MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** meeting held on  
**MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL, 2019, at 7pm, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr. Ian Meyers, Vice-Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Richard Blackwell, Cllr. John Carr, Cllr. Denise Meyers, Cllr. Merlin Redding, Cllr. Russell Tillson.

**PRAYERS:**

**APOLOGIES:**

None received.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllr. Wilkins informed he is a director of Oportunitas and Vice-Chair of Licensing and Planning at District Council.

Cllr. Tillson informed he is Chairman of Oportunitas.

Cllr. Carr declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Day of Syn.

Cllr. Denise Meyers and Cllr. Richard Blackwell declared non pecuniary interest in any matter relating to Martello Tower 24.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the meeting be adjourned for public session. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7.03 pm.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No formal questions submitted.

**Reports from the public:**

Mr. Dudley asked why councillors are now declaring interest in Oportunitas.

Mr Young reiterated a similar question.

Chairman informed that councillors now volunteer their involvement in Oportunitas for clarity purposes as the matter appeared to be confusing to some members of the public.

Chairman read the report on dispensation Resolved by District Council.

Mr. Williams enquired when the marker buoys will be installed.

Chairman informed District Council is responsible for the installation that normally takes place just prior to Easter.

Mr. Young enquired why a councillor's resignation was not minuted and suggested the previous explanation he was given was misleading.

Chairman informed minutes are intended to be formal records of official acts and decisions.

Meeting resumed at 7.15pm

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

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 be approved. Agreed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Folkestone-Hythe District Council:**

Report on High Street regeneration is available on district council's web-site and a copy had been circulated to parish councillors for information and discussion under Item 12.

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Notification received that a licence application has been submitted for a microbrewery at 30 High St.

### **NALC:**

NALC's own parliament, National Assembly, has expressed strong concern that local parish councils are not eligible to apply for government funding such as high streets and parks. Also raised is the exemption of public conveniences from business rates and this is awaiting parliamentary time.

A diary date of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020, VE Day 75, will see the nation participate in an international celebration in commemoration of 75 years of peace.

### **Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner:**

Newsletter states another 180 Police Officers are to be recruited to Kent Police and confirmation that Police Officers and PCSO posts are being protected.

### **JAM on the Marsh:**

Request received to hold a beach sculpture event from 4<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July on Dymchurch beach. Site currently identified is the stretch of beach opposite Sycamore Gardens. Council unanimously agreed to grant permission for the beach to be used for the event.

### **KALC/NALC:**

Annual subscription due for renewal.

### **Action with Communities in Rural Kent:**

Parish Council has in the past been a member; the organisation provides support to rural communities to run local facilities and services. Annual membership fee is accounted for in accounts for payment.

### **Keep Britain Tidy - Litter Picking Watch – Romney Marsh**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April a team of volunteers will be litter picking Dymchurch Beach. Organiser has requested free parking for volunteers. Matter discussed under Reports from Working Parties.

### **PKL Littlejohn:**

Annual Audit to be carried out during mid-April to mid-May; office may be closed to facilitate the audit.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Y18/1406/FH**            Change of use to dwelling house.  
Former Compressor    Refused by District Council  
Station, Marshlands.

**Y19/0233/FH**            Reduction to height and crowning of trees subject to TPO.  
Land adjoining        Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers,  
24 Hythe Road        No Objection be raised.    Voting: Unanimous.

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**ACCOUNTS:**

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the monthly accounts be accepted. Agreed. Monthly expenditure: £14,320.81

**DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Cllr. Tillson attended Full Council and Scrutiny and Planning. No matters relating to Dymchurch were raised.

Cllr. Wilkins attend Full Council and Scrutiny and Planning.

Cllr. Meyers attended Overview and Scrutiny and Full Council. Nothing relating to Dymchurch was raised.

Cllr. Blackwell inquired if any decision had been made regarding a nuclear waste site on Romney Marsh. Cllr. Wilkins informed there is no interest within the current district council, to pursue the matter.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

Cllr. Denise Meyers informed she has met with representatives from Click2cycle bike hire and briefed council on an opportunity to install a bike station in Dymchurch. A business plan and further information will be available shortly. It was agreed this should be an Agenda item in May 2019.

Cllr. Denise Meyers and Cllr. Richard Blackwell informed English Heritage is out for tender for works to stop water ingress and drainage issues at Martello Tower No.24. It may be that works will need to commence during July. Ongoing.

Cllr. Redding raised a personnel matter and the chairman informed this was not the appropriate time or place to discuss such matters.

**REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES:**

Cllr. Tillson briefed council on a recent meeting and proposed recommendations to council.

Resolved: Keep Britain Tidy Volunteers to be reimbursed for parking. Voting unanimous.

Resolved: Clerk to arrange termination of utilities and demolition of pavilion if no feasible business plan is approved by 31 August 2019. Voting: For: 5 Against: 2

Resolved: Click2cycle to be an Agenda item in May 2019. Voting: Unanimous.

Resolved: Liaise with masonic lodge regarding CCTV installation at burial ground due to anti-social behaviour. Voting: For: 3 Against: 2 Abstentions: 2

Resolved: Council agrees longer term amenities to be further researched. Voting: Unanimous

**HIGH STREET RE-GENERATION:**

After discussion it was suggested the new council should formulate a list of priorities for high street regeneration with the surfacing of Bull's Field car park a priority, in preparation to submit a bid to district council at the appropriate time.

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**CHAPEL ROAD:**

Clerk informed a resident has requested the parish council to address the problem of pedestrian safety at the newly tarmacked area in Chapel Road.

Resolved: Clerk requested to write to district councillors and officers, after May, and KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow to request a site meeting to address the issues. Voting Unanimous.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY 13th MAY, 2019** at 7.00pm at the Parish Council Offices, 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch.

**AGENDA:**

1. APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:
4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:
5. TREASURER'S REPORT:
6. STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & CODE OF CONDUCT:
7. AUTHORISE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE:
8. APPOINT VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:
9. APPOINT MARSH FORUM REPRESENTATIVE:
10. APPOINT TWINNING ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE:
11. APPOINT KALC SHEPWAY AREA & PLANNING USER GROUP REPRESENTATIVE:
14. APPOINT LOCAL TRADER/ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTATIVE:
15. WORKING GROUPS: Chairpersons and representatives:
16. AGREE DATES AND TIMES OF ORDINARY MEETINGS OF FULL COUNCIL:

*Gillian H. Smith*

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2019**, immediately following the AGM at 7pm, 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) Reports from Working Parties
- 12) Click2cycle

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