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MINUTES OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on
MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 2019, at 13 Orgarswick Avenue, Dymchurch

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

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Ian Meyers - working

PRAYERS:

Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that Item 13 on the Agenda be brought forward and discussed during public session. All agreed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllr. Wilkins informed he is a director of Oportunitas and Vice-Chair of Licencing 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. Blackwell informed he is a member of SECAM

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

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins that the meeting be adjourned for public session. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 7.02pm.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No formal questions submitted.

Reports from the public:

Grant Peakall, local postmaster, briefed council on the situation he and other postmasters are facing following new rules introduced called 'Network Transformation' by Post Office Ltd. Postmasters who have invested in providing a service to local communities are now being unfairly treated by restricting how a post office operates and how it can be sold. Grant has raised the issue with Damian Collins MP., who appeared less than interested.

Post Office Service: The Chairman informed that the parish council is committed to supporting Grant Peakall, the local post office service and the provision of post office services in general. It will request District and County Councillors to address the future of post offices on KCC and District Council Agendas and Cllr. Tillson offered to discuss the matter directly with Damian Collins MP. Post Office Ltd., is owned by the Government and restraint of business should not be enforced on such provisions of service.

John Williams gave support to the local post office and questioned the operating practices of Post Office Ltd. Mr. Williams also stated he believes the owner of a car sales business in the village is being wrongly treated by the Local Planning Authority and he is dissatisfied with the way the parish council commented on the car sales planning applications in 1986 and

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2011. The Chairman informed any matters relating to planning applications must be directed to the Local Planning Authority. A parish council is a consultee only and has no authority over planning matters.

Meeting resumed at 7.30pm

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING.

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Blackwell, that the Minutes of 7th January, 2019 be approved. Agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Folkestone-Hythe District Council:

The Core Strategy Review Submission Draft 2019 and Heritage Strategy are both out for public consultation. Cllr. Denise Meyers informed the Heritage Strategy does not mention Martello Tower 24, the biggest free Heritage site in the country nor does it include New Hall House. Clerk requested to pass comment to District Council. Friends of Martello Tower 24 will also respond.

A Community Networking Event will be held on 27th February at the Civic Centre. The theme is Working with Young People.

Kent Highways:

Botolphs Bridge Road will be closed for 3 weeks following road subsidence.

Kent County Council:

The Draft Mineral Sites Plan and The Early Partial Review of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan are both out for public consultation. Both are available on <http://consult.kent.gov.uk/portal/> until 8th March.

NHS South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group:

Notification that an engagement meeting will be held at Dover on 13 February, at 2pm. Places are limited to two per organisation.

Barclays Bank

Notification received that the Rye branch will close on 10 May 2019.

Dymchurch 10k Charity Fun Run

The annual fun run will take place on Sunday 17th February at 11am.

James Barrie:

Request received for the MUGA floodlighting to be turned on has been accommodated but the applicant has not attended the recreation ground nor responded to a request for his contact details, organisation or number of people attending. DPC's Grounds man has met with the applicant and use of the MUGA on Monday evenings had been arranged. Council agreed that if the MUGA is not used, as arranged, the lighting is to be turned off.

Clerk informed that pollarding of willows and cutting back of trees at the recreation ground will be taking place during the next few weeks, as part of regular tree maintenance at the ground.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Y18/1444/FH Erection of single storey side extension to conservatory.
Sun Cottage Refused by District Council
The Oval

Y18/1313/FH Part change of use of ground floor to residential.
112 High Street Approved by District Council

Y18/1521/FH Certificate of Lawful Development for an extension
25 High Knocke Approved by District Council

Y18/1406/FH Change of use from Light Industrial to Residential and first floor
Compressor station extension.
Marshlands. Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Denise Meyers that
No Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous

Y18/1589/FH First floor side extension and reconstruction of ground floor.
61 Tritton Gdns Proposed by Cllr. Blackwell, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that
subject to neighbour's views be taken into consideration, no
Objection be raised. Voting: Unanimous.

Y18/1380/FH Ship Inn Field. Miss Latham and Patricia Green informed the parish council that amended plans have been submitted to District Council with a new access route. The parish council has not been notified by the District Council of this change. Clerk tabled sketches from District Council web-site. The parish Council is of the view that any material change to an application should be notified to parish councils. The parish council considered the amended plan and unanimously agreed the new access via an existing 'track' is not acceptable. The 'track' is used by residents of Ship Close who have permanent easement over the route at all times for access to their properties. Additional car usage together with patrons of the public house and existing residents will make this route a dangerous access point. The parish council reiterates its view that the application is over-intensive development of the site and all access routes that have been identified are potentially dangerous.

Car Hand Wash Service. Cllr. Blackwell enquired if a planning application for change of use has been received for a new car hand wash service in the village. He raised concern about drainage of the excessive water.

ACCOUNTS:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Wilkins, that the monthly accounts be accepted. All agreed. Monthly expenditure: £4388.76

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS:

Cllr. Wilkins attended a meeting regarding Otterpool Park.
Cllr. Tillson attended a Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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Cllr. Blackwell raised a question to district councillors enquiring if a nuclear waste plant is still being considered. Cllr. Wilkins informed the district council is not interested in pursuing a site for nuclear waste.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman not present

RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Cllr. Blackwell and Cllr. Tillson attended a meeting at New Romney Library and expressed strongly the council's objection to proposed cuts to the service.

Cllr. Blackwell attended the Marsh Forum and raised the condition of Eastbridge Road. Council agreed to ask KCC Cllr. Martin Whybrow to make enquiries and to give an update at a future meeting. The Marsh Forum also discussed National Park Status for the Marsh and minutes of the Forum are to be available via a link on the Fifth Continent web-site.

REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES:

Beach Advisory Group:

Cllr. Tillson briefed council on the discussions at the meeting and highlighted the work being undertaken by the EA. There is also a potential to develop safe guarding on the beach with a new member of the group from RNLI. Ongoing.

Assets and Amenities Working Group:

Clerk informed that following approval to maintain the tarmac area of the village hall car park and repaint lines, quotes have been received. Council gave approval for the work to go ahead.

BULL'S FIELD CAR PARK:

Following reports of rats and waste being left on parish council-owned land the district council is pursuing with trader/s the removal of bins and fly-tipping.

Proposed by Cllr. Wilkins, seconded by Cllr. Tillson that Council move gates in the service road to the boundary of its land and clear the fly-tipping. Voting: Unanimous.

Meeting closed at 8.37pm

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 4th MARCH, 2019**, 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

Gillian H. Smith

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.