

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7.30pm in River Methodist Church

PRESENT: Cllr. Taylor (in the Chair), Cllr. Brand, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Horobin, Cllr. Mrs. Horobin and Cllr. Keningale

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk), Dist. Cllr. Beresford

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Nicholas

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

22. PCSO REPORT

During the last month, a couple of reports of thefts from motor vehicles and complaints about parking on match days at Crabble Athletic Ground had been received.

Chairman reminded the meeting that a letter had previously been sent to Dover Athletic F.C. asking if the number and positions of traffic cones could be increased on match days. D.A.F.C. had responded that cones could only be placed with the approval of Kent Police. Cllr. Beresford said that CEOs have attended in the past and issued fixed penalty notices but this did not seem to act as a deterrent. PCSO said that Kent Highways might also be able to give permission for traffic cones. Chairman asked Cllr. Beresford to check.

23. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Brand proposed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

24. MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 19th January 2016 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

25. MATTERS ARISING/UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES (NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA)

Item 11a 10/11/2015 - Community Engagement Day

The most likely date for the event to be held is Saturday 30th April if there is a good response from local organisations wishing to attend.

Item 17 10/11/2015 – Review of the parish emergency plan

Held over to the next meeting as Cllr. Buhlman is not present.

26. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Planning Applications

i) DOV/16/00070 | Erection of single storey side and rear extensions (existing outbuildings to be demolished) | 1 Minnis Lane, River, CT17 0RF – no comments.

ii) DOV/15/01273 | Erection of single storey side and rear extensions to Billiards Room to create visitor facilities and extension to cafe; replacement gates to boundary wall; construction of new boundary walls; extension to existing parking facilities; new pedestrian bridge over weir (existing toilet block to be demolished) | Location: Kearsney Abbey, Alkham Road, River, CT16 3DZ – no comments.

b) Any other planning applications received by the date of the meeting

There were none

c) Decisions by Dover District Council

i) DOV//01096 | Outline application for the erection of one dwelling, associated vehicular access and parking and formation of access, parking and turning area for Lodestone | Site to the rear of Lodestone, Pavilion Meadow, River, CT17 0RJ – permission refused

ii) DOV/1501155 | Erection of a single storey extension to incorporate garage (existing garage and rear conservatory to be demolished) | 13 Chilton Way, River, CT17 0QB – permission granted

27. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The parish council has been awarded a grant from the Neighbourhood Forum towards the cost of two additional benches for the Recreation Ground. The drain at the corner of Lower Road and Crabble Road has sunk and requires attention. The District Council will be finalising the budget at the next council meeting.

28. ARRANGEMENTS AND QUOTES FOR THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY EVENT

It was agreed that a beacon will be lit and a firework display held in the Recreation Ground. Arrangements will be made for a bar and catering to be available. The item will be discussed at the Recreation Ground Management Committee meeting on Friday.

29. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

A meeting is due to be held on Monday 15th February. Nothing else to report.

30. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2016

Financial reports for January 2016 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Brand proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Horobin and all agreed.

31. KENT POLICE 'SPEEDWATCH' SCHEME

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that she had approached four councils with a view to collaborating on a 'speedwatch' scheme. Two of them, Whitfield and Capel, had already borrowed equipment but found a problem with lack of volunteers. There are two machines available in the district for loan. A short training course is provided by Kent Police. Following this, volunteers log vehicles travelling over thirty-five miles per hour and report the details to Kent Police who then send out advice letters to the drivers. According to police statistics 89.4% of drivers receiving an advice letter are not detected again by any 'speedwatch' scheme in the rest of Kent during the next twelve months. Any progress will be reported at the next meeting.

32. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Kent Police re. Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras

An email has been received from Kent Police stating that an ANPR camera is due to be installed at an unnamed location within the parish and the police wished to know if the parish council has any objection or comments. After discussion, it was agreed that there was no objection.

b) KALC – Good Councillors Guide

Notification has been received that the latest edition of the Good Councillors' Guide had been published. It was agreed to purchase ten copies at a cost of £2.50 each.

c) Letter from Mike Webb

Chairman reported on an email from Mike Webb. On behalf of the parish council, Chairman offered best wishes to him and his family from all.

d) KALC – Chairmanship Conference

Notification has been received regarding the forthcoming Chairmanship Conference. Chairman will be attending on behalf of the parish council.

33. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

a) Annual Town and Parish Meeting

Held over to the next meeting as Cllr. Buhlman is unable to attend.

b) Any other reports

None received.

34. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Two new notice boards will be delivered on Wednesday and will be erected in due course.

Public Question Time

- A complaint was received from a parishioner regarding parking on match days around Crabble Athletic Ground as discussed in Item 3.
- Query about the hedge around the electrical sub-station at the corner of the Recreation Ground. This still needs to be cut. Responsibility for the hedge will need to be confirmed.
- Query about the hedge in the strip of land in Lower Road opposite Kingston Close growing over onto the pavement. Cllr. Beresford said that the land does not belong to anyone but will see if she can arrange to have it cut back.
- Enquiry about the position of village 'handyperson' as discussed at previous meetings. This is pending until current tenders have been resolved.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm