

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7.30pm in River Methodist Church

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

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

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Nicholas and PCSO White

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

55. PCSO REPORT

A written report has been received from PCSO. There has been a burglary in Lower Road where entry was gained via an insecure window. There have been reports of a nuisance vehicle (motorbike) in the village. The vehicle was located by patrols and dealt with. There have been no further issues.

56. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2016 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

57. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 had previously been circulated and were duly noted.

58. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Kent Speedwatch Scheme

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson confirmed that the training course has been completed and she has taken delivery of the equipment, on loan until 29th April. In response to a query, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson confirmed that Kent Police have to deliver the training themselves. Chairman said that additional trained people were needed. We will seek to arrange another training session. Cllr. Dixon said that he would be available on Fridays.

b) Community Day

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson has identified groups willing to take part. Set up will take place from 8am. Posters and publicity are due to go out. Chairman asked if Councillors could come along for at least part of the day.

c) Recreation Ground Cleaning and Unlocking Contract

Cllr. Dixon confirmed that he has spoken to John Wright who has been offered a six-month contract which he has accepted. Discussions will take place as to the most cost effective method of dealing with cleaning and unlocking including the possibility of splitting the role. Cllr. Mrs. Horobin asked whether a CCTV system might allow the grounds to remain unlocked.

59. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Planning Applications

DOV/16/00331 | 1 Ash Close, River, CT17 0NA | Erection of a two storey side extension (existing garage to be demolished) – no comments but wish to express concerns about the loss of off-road parking.

It was reported that the application for Belle Vue, Minnis Lane, has gone to appeal on several grounds.

b) Decisions made by Dover District Council

DOV/16/00130 | 6 The Ridgeway, River, CT17 0NX | Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor side extension – permission granted.

DOV/16/00174 | 25 Deanwood Road, River, CT17 0NT | Change from a hipped roof to a gable end and to facilitate a loft conversion – permission granted.

60. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Cllr. Lymer reported that some residents of Temple Ewell are seeking to get the route of the 15b bus changed due to access problems caused by parked vehicles. However, this route is both financially lucrative (as reported by Stagecoach) and important to local communities linking the Doctor's Surgery in Lydden and the pharmacy in River. Cllr. Lymer is hoping to fund a two-way mirror at Watersend Bridge on Lower Road, Temple Ewell from his highways budget to alleviate the blindspot problem. Chairman said that the parish council would be against any withdrawal of the service.

Cllr. Lymer also reported that most of the existing potholes in roads were due to be filled in the next few months.

Dist. Cllr. Dixon reported that £44.5 million is being spent by Network Rail to refurbish the Dover to Folkestone railway line and that works should be completed by the end of the year. Fifteen objections have been received for the planning application regarding 21 Kingston Close, River and the application has now been called into the DDC Planning Committee.

Dist. Cllrs. Dixon and Beresford have discussed the 15b bus route with other District Councillors involved in seeking changes. Lydden Parish Council are also opposed to alterations. Chairman confirmed that River Parish Council is opposed to any removal of the 15b bus service route.

Following a query from Cllr. Eyre-Jackson regarding repair or replacement of bus shelters, District Councillors confirmed that all bus shelters have been surveyed and that no new shelters will be considered.

61. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

a) Queen's 90th Birthday Event

Chairman reported the final arrangements for the birthday beacon and firework event. A drawing competition has been arranged with River School with the winning children lighting the beacon and setting off the firework display. Set up will be from 4pm on the day.

b) Any other report

No other report

62. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports for March 2016 were circulated at the meeting. Cllr. Brand proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Dixon and all agreed.

63. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk has been in correspondence with DDC regarding dispensation from Public Space Protection Orders in the Recreation Ground on Sunday 10th July to allow the dog show to take place during the Country Fayre. The details have been noted by DDC and CEO's will be informed. Chairman said that when the event opens it should be pointed out that dogs must be on leads.

64. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 'PARKRUN' INITIATIVE

Following discussions at the previous meeting, Clerk has received a response from DDC regarding the costs of the proposed 'parkrun' initiative. There is no specific breakdown of the costs. The funding helps to support the start-up of the event including equipment, insurance, administration and webpages. Clerk was asked to confirm with DDC that the costs related only to a proposed event at Kearsney Abbey and was not supporting events anywhere else in the District.

65. PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) Annual Town and Parish Meeting

Item deferred as Cllr. Buhlman is unable to attend.

b) Review of the Emergency Plan

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c) Any other reports

No other reports

66. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Cllr. Dixon confirmed that the Port of Dover will provide a presentation on the current and future regeneration plans for the port. Chairman said that posters should be produced to advertise the meeting and hopefully attract more attendees.

67. NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2016/17

The list of current committee members had previously been circulated. Anne Bertelsen is to step down from the Events Committee due to health problems. All other committee members were prepared to be nominated for 2016/17. The nominations will be confirmed at the annual general meeting.

68. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Chairman reported that the new notice boards should be erected in the next couple of weeks.
- Cllr. Dixon reported that one of the flowering cherry trees in the Recreation Ground had been cut down as it was leaning dangerously over a neighbouring fence.
- Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that a faulty streetlight in Chilton Way which had previously been reported to KCC had not been fixed and that she would follow this up.
- Cllr. Mrs. Horobin reported that she would shortly be purchasing plants for the 'River in Bloom' initiative. It was noted that funding for these purchases had previously been approved.

Public Question Time

A question was received regarding the maximum age of children allowed to use the Recreation Ground Play Area. Cllr. Dixon will check and arrange for notices to be made clearer.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm