

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: PCSO White

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

98. PCSO REPORT

A written report has been received from PCSO.

Crime

There has been a burglary where patio doors were left open during the day for pet dogs to access the garden- the victim was in but didn't see or hear anything they just noticed their hand bag was missing.

Anti-social behaviour

Parking in Lower Road, River seems to have been an issue over the last couple of weeks, over different events. I believe the first was a football tournament on the 25th June, followed by a large wedding on Saturday 9th July at the Corn Mill and lastly the village Fayre on Sunday caused a few issues. I have spoken to the Mill who said they were sorry but the Wedding was much larger than they normally have and due to there being no lighting to the Recreation car park, people will not use it as they don't like walking back to their cars in the pitch black. Whilst on the subject of the car park, I have received several reports of it being coned off and left empty when events are on.

Regarding the parking problems at the Recreation Ground, Cllr. Dixon said he will be discussing these with Dover Rangers. Cllr. Mrs Horobin asked if the section of Lower Road between Byllan Road and Crabble Corn Mill could be pedestrianised. County Cllr. Lymer said that permission to use the section may go back before highways legislation and that pedestrianisation would be complex and expensive to achieve. Cllr. Dixon added that if double yellow lines were sought for the section they would only be effective if enforcement took place.

The streetlight in the Recreation Ground requires replacement of underground wiring.

99. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Brand and all agreed.

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

Item 89 – £500 (approx.) remains of the 'River in Bloom' budget including the funds raised towards repair of vandalism in the 'Just Giving' account.

Item 92 – Cllr. Eyre-Jackson is seeking volunteers for the Kent Speedwatch Scheme and will be distributing leaflets along Lewisham Road.

Item 95 – Costs for a new goal enclosure at the Recreation Ground are awaiting cost of the steel.

Item 95 – Expressions of interest for the Recreation Ground and 'handyperson' contracts will be discussed at the next Recreation Ground Management Committee meeting. Following an enquiry from Cllr. Keningale, it was confirmed that final decisions will be made at a meeting of the full parish council.

101. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Planning Applications

i) DOV/06/00710 | Erection of a single storey side extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation | 7 River Meadow, River, CT17 0XA – no comments.

ii) DOV/06/00726 | Variation of condition 2 of permission DOV/15/00300 to allow changes to approved drawings (application under Section 73) | Dover Athletic Football Club, Crabble Road, River, CT17 0QE – no comments.

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

DOV/16/00767 | Erection of a single storey front extension and conversion of garage to a habitable room (existing porch to be demolished) | 3 Wingrove Hil, River, Dover, CT17 0NN - No objection in principle but the parish council would suggest that a part of the front garden could be set aside to compensate for the loss of a parking space in the light of the lack of on-road parking availability in the road generally.

c) Planning correspondence

Dover District Council have informed the parish council that the provisional date for the public enquiry into the Belle Vue site has been set back to 21st/22nd February 2017.

d) Decisions by Dover District Council

i) DOV/16/00446 | Kentfield, Common Lane, River, CT17 0PN | Erection of two storey side extension and roof extension incorporating dormers – permission granted

ii) DOV/16/00466 | 2 Ash Close, River, CT17 0NA | Conversion of garage to a habitable room and erection of a porch extension – permission granted

iii) DOV/16/00563 | 1 Dourside, River, CT17 0UX | Works to one Sycamore tree – permission granted

102. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

a) District and County Councillors

County Cllr. Lymer reported that central government has approved the construction of a lorry park at Stanford. KCC have agreed that the lamp standards should remain on Whitfield Hill.

Dist. Cllr. Dixon reported that a government decision to have a lorry park at Stanford to deal with 'Operation Stack' was being appealed by many parties. The repairs to the dover to Folkestone railway line are on target for completion.

Dist. Cllr. Beresford reported that she has spoken to the PCSO about the problem with over-age children playing in the Play Area. PCSO is going to attend at the times when incidents are known to take place. She will also make enquiries to Kent County Council about the possibility of one-way traffic along the section of Lower Road by Crabble Corn Mill.

b) Parish Councillors

No other reports.

103. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr. Brand that despite the weather it was expected that the country fayre made a small profit.

Chairman praised the acts in the arena that continued to perform despite the rain. The scarecrow trail is due to take place in September. Locations are needed where people can collect forms to participate.

104. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) To receive financial reports for June 2016

The financial report for June 2016 was circulated at the meeting. Cllr. Brand proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Keningale and all agreed.

b) Updates to the bank mandate

It was agreed to update the bank mandate to include Cllr. Buhlman and Cllr. Eyre-Jackson as account signatories.

105. REQUEST FROM DDC FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE 'PARKRUN' INITIATIVE

Chairman reported on a meeting with Joanne Stirland from Your Leisure, the organisers of the event.

The Parkrun initiative will be a junior event held on a weekly basis. Chairman proposed that the parish council contribute five hundred pounds to the overall setup costs of six thousand pounds. All agreed.

106. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) Notification of Tree work

The parish council has received notification of works to be carried out by Kent Highways on a conifer tree at the junction of Minnis Lane and Lower Road. Chairman will contact Kent Highways for clarification.

107. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE START TIMES FOR MEETINGS

Cllr. Keningale asked about having an earlier start time of 7pm. After discussion, some Councillors would be unable to attend on time because of work commitments, it was agreed that the time remain the same.

108. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- Cllr. Dixon reported that a piece of play equipment at the Recreation Ground had been broken by youths jumping on it. Cllr. Nicholas said he could have a new part machine cut if replacements are no longer available.
- Cllr. Dixon reported that the hedges bordering Crabble Lane were due to be cut after roadworks had been completed.
- A request has been received from the River Dour Partnership to put up posters discouraging trout fishing in the river.
- A member of Des Barwick's family (one of the original parish councillors) had enquired about siting a memorial bench at the bus terminus. Cllr. Beresford was asked to enquire about the site, which is owned by DDC.
- River Gardeners Association have installed a new planter outside the Village Hall as their contribution to the 'River in Bloom' project.
- It is understood that local young people have been cleaning some of the road signs.
- Chairman reminded councillors that, the vacancy on the Parish Council has yet to be filled.

Public question time

Regarding the parking problems at the Recreation Ground, a parishioner said that, on one Sunday, parked cars stretched right back to the grit bin opposite Meadowdene.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm