

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7.30pm in River Methodist Church

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

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

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Keningale and Cllr. Nicholas

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

16. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Brand proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Horobin and all agreed.

17. MINUTES OF THE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT MEETING

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Management Meeting held on 2nd February 2017 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

18. MATTERS ARISING / UPDATES ON ONGOING ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES

Item 6b Cllr. Dixon has spoken to 2 residents of Hawthorne Close regarding problems with the annual charity Christmas lights display last year. They will make sure that proper signage is available this year. The residents have been informed that they may borrow the parking cones owned by the Parish Council if required.

Item 12g Dist. Cllr. Beresford has been in touch with County Cllr. Lymer regarding possible measures against speeding vehicles. He has said that speed humps would not be considered and that a 20mph zone along Lower Road is unlikely. He has asked for Kent Highways to conduct a site visit. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson said that Kent Community Speedwatch may offer their support. Also that she has received permission to conduct speedwatch sessions at 2 sites on Lower Road. This may provide evidence of speeding in the area.

19. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24th January 2017 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

b) Planning Applications

i) DOV/17/00086 | Erection of a roof extension incorporating dormer extensions to front roof slope and installation of roof lights to front and rear (amended description) | 11 Deanwood Road, River, CT17 ONT – no comments.

ii) DOV/16/01325 | Erection of a single storey side extension, increase in height of boundary fence, front porch extension and creation of a parking space (amended plans) | 15 Hawthorne Close, River, CT17 ONG – no comments.

c) To note any decisions by Dover District Council

i) DOV/16/01132 | Erection of a 2m high boundary fence (amended details) | 8 Riverdale, River, CT17 OQX – permission granted

ii) DOV/15/01277 | Whitfield Phase 2 Urban Extension incorporating Parsonage Whitfield and Shepherd's Cross – this application is to be considered at the next meeting of the DDC Planning Committee on 23/02/2017.

20. REPORTS:

a) District Councillors

Dist. Cllr. Dixon reported that the A20 York Street/Limekiln Street road works were now complete. However, Union Street is closed from the swing bridge to the clock tower for other works. The start of the variable TAP on the A20 will now be June at the earliest as implementation is subject to the installation of the sign gantries.

Dist. Cllr. Beresford reported on progress with the DTiZ development: The concrete for the hotel has been poured and measurements for the shops are in progress; The steel framework for the cinema is being rapidly erected. Also, a wall in Minnis Lane damaged by an HGV has been taken down and made safe. She has been informed that the unfenced strip of land along Lower Road opposite Kingston Close belongs to the Parish Council. She is awaiting written confirmation.

b) Parish Councillors

- The Chairman will amend the Councillors' Areas of Responsibility and circulate new copies.
- Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported on the recent Fire Hydrant Review Meeting: KFRS will be visiting all hydrant sites over the next few months to make sure they are marked and visible. She is awaiting an A3 size copy of the map to more closely identify fire hydrant sites. KFRS are happy to provide a presentation to parish councils. The supply of mains water is to be open to independent competition.
- Cllr. Eyre-Jackson had attended the KALC Dover Area Committee Meeting where the KCC Volunteer Community Warden Scheme and 20mph traffic zones were discussed.
- Cllr. Dixon enquired whether anything could be done about large trees growing from one bank of the river Dour right across to the other. It is known that County Cllr. Lymer had previously looked into this and discovered Kent Highways have no powers to compel property owners to cut back trees unless there is a highway safety issue. Chairman said he would write to the Environment Agency and make a further enquiry.

c) PCSO / Policing

Kent Police have provided publicity information about opportunities for voluntary roles and requested that they are distributed in the community.

21. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

a) 2017 Country Fayre

The arrangements for the Fayre are continuing. There was a query about access to the lower field after the installation of the new play facilities. Chairman said that he was meeting a representative from SECAMB the next day to discuss any access requirements for ambulances. Clerk is to ask Atlantis Entertainments about access required for the Country Fayre.

b) 2018 Century Commemoration of the end of the First World War

Chairman proposed that Cllr. Buhlman and Cllr. Eyre-Jackson investigate the possibilities of taking part in the commemoration events next year and report back to a future Parish Council meeting with recommendations.

22. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Financial Reports

The financial reports for January 2017 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Brand proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Dixon and all agreed.

b) Request from River Church for assistance to refurbish the church organ

River Church has requested financial assistance towards the cost of refurbishment of the church organ. After discussion, Chairman proposed that the sum of £1,000 be granted to the Church. This was seconded by Cllr. Brand and all agreed.

c) Request from Crabble Corn Mill Trust for assistance with costs of the Beer Festival

After discussion, it was agreed to grant £240 to the Crabble Corn Mill Trust towards the security costs of the 2017 Beer Festival. This being the same amount as the grant given for the 2016 Festival.

d) Annual grant to 'Rivall' Village Magazine

After discussion, it was agreed to contribute £250 towards the annual costs of publishing the village magazine.

23. TO ADOPT THE UPDATED EMERGENCY PLAN

Chairman asked that the minutes record his thanks to Cllr. Keningale for reviewing the Emergency Plan. The contact names have now been updated and the Parish Council agreed to adopt the plan. It was also agreed to review the plan in two years' time. Clerk will distribute the plan to those people on the distribution list.

24. RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT KCC FREIGHT ACTION

After discussion, it was agreed to offer the support of the Parish Council to Kent County Council regarding their draft Freight Action Plan and the effort to get a change in the law to make lorries park in designated areas. Clerk is to write to KCC.

25. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Display at the National Mills Day Event, Crabble Corn Mill

The Crabble Corn Mill Trust have offered display space to the Parish Council at their National Mills Day Event on Sunday 14th May 2017 to promote the activities of the council. It was agreed that the offer be accepted. The manning of the stall will be discussed at the meeting in April.

b) Joint KALC/Kent Federation of Amenity Societies Information Event

An information event is taking place regarding the changes in local government organisation being considered across Kent. This will take place on Tuesday 28th February in Maidstone. No representative is available to attend.

c) Great British Spring Clean

Keep Britain Tidy are running a campaign called the Great British Spring Clean in March 2017. Posters will be put up on the notice boards and on the website. KCC are providing litter pickers to be made available to borrow via local authorities. It was agreed that if any groups of local people wish to participate then the Parish Council will offer help to organise and provide support activities.

26. TO DISCUSS TOPICS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following a discussion about the annual general meeting, it was agreed that Chairman ask the Kearsney Parks Project if they can provide an update for the AGM and the Clerk will ask Eibe to provide a presentation on the new play facilities.

27. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

An offer has been received from DDC to replace the information panels on the Historic Village interpretation lecterns. Clerk is clarifying costs and arrangements, and will report to next month's meeting.

Public question time

- A large pothole has opened in Common Lane by the Methodist Church.
- Recently, Valley Road flooded with water outside Meadowdene Nursing Home, possible due to a blocked drain.
- Two queries were received at the last Mini Market about provision of defibrillators in River. There is one in the Clubhouse belonging to Dover Rangers. The cost of defibrillators is in the region of £1,000.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm