

RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 7.30pm in River Methodist Church

PRESENT: Cllr. Taylor, Cllr. Brand, Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Horobin, Cllr. Mrs. Horobin,

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

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Keningale, Cllr. Nicholas

55. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Brand took the Chair and called for nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr. Taylor was nominated by Cllr. Buhlman and seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson. No other nominations were received. All agreed. Cllr. Taylor was duly elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and signed his declaration of office.

56. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Mrs. Horobin nominated Cllr. Dixon. This was seconded by Cllr. Brand. No other nominations were received. All agreed and Cllr. Dixon was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

57. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES 2017/2018

Chairman read out the nominations for committees for the forthcoming year:

Planning Committee – Cllr. Taylor (Chairman), Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and Cllr. Keningale

Recreation Ground Management Committee – Cllr. Dixon (Chairman), Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Brand, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Mr. Horobin, Cllr. Mrs. Horobin, Cllr. Taylor

Events Committee – Cllr. Brand (Chairman), Cllr. Mr. Horobin, Cllr. Mrs. Horobin, Mrs. Bertelson, Mrs. Pierard, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Taylor

River Dour Partnership –

Kent Association of Local Councils - vacant

Website – Parish Clerk

Tree Warden – vacant

These were approved.

58. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 11th April 2017 had previously been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Brand and that the minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr. Mr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

59. UPDATES ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES

Proposals to install CCTV overlooking the new play area are in hand.

60. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Following the financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2017 presented at the last meeting, Clerk circulated an explanation of the Governance Statement to accompany this year's Annual Return. Cllr. Buhlman proposed that the annual accounts and the annual governance statement be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Brand and all agreed.

61. PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FENCING AROUND THE NEW TODDLER PLAY AREA

Following the budget agreed at the previous meeting, an updated quotation had been provided following discussion with the company. An additional sum of £1265 was required to complete the fencing to the specification required by the parish council. Chairman proposed that this fencing go ahead at a cost of £7265. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm and was followed immediately afterwards by the Annual Parish Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.45pm in River Methodist Church

62. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FOR 2016/2017

Chairman gave his report on the last year. A copy is appended to these minutes.

63. PRESENTATION ON THE KEARSNEY PARKS INITIATIVE

An updated presentation on the Dover District Council Kearsney Parks initiative was given by Anita Sedgewick, the Kearsney Parks Project Community Engagement Officer and answered questions from the floor afterwards.

64. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2016/2017

Clerk gave a presentation of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017. A copy of the statement is appended to these minutes.

65. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

a) Opening hours of the Recreation Ground Toilets

Chairman stated that it is the intention to open the toilets full time as soon as is practicably possible. However, due to the recent spate of vandalism and incidents of antisocial behaviour, this was not possible. The Parish Council is in the process of installing a CCTV system in the immediate area and is liaising with Community Safety Unit at Dover District Council and the PCSO. The grounds have been put on a watch list for antisocial behaviour. Every possible measure is being taken to combat the problem.

b) Lower Road 20mph consultation

A leaflet drop to all houses in River was suggested as some people don't know about the proposal. Chairman said that the resources were not available as there are over 1800 properties in the parish. After the results of this initial consultation are known any full public consultation by Kent Highways would be more comprehensive.

c) Village Hall Committee

A request was received for volunteers to join the Village Hall Committee.

Thanks were received for the works being undertaken by the Parish Council to repaint the railings along the River Dour.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm