

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 7.30pm in River Methodist Church

PRESENT: Cllr. Dixon (in the Chair), Cllr. Brand, Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Keningale

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk), County Cllr. Collor

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Horobin, Cllr. Mrs. Horobin, Cllr. Nicholas, Cllr. Taylor, Dist. Cllr. Beresford

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

68. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Brand proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

69. MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

a) Planning Committee 12/05/2017

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12th May 2017 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

b) Planning Committee 02/06/2017

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2nd June 2017 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

c) Recreation Ground Management Committee

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Management Committee held on 8th June 2017 were circulated at the meeting.

70. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES

All matters covered by the agenda.

71. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

County Cllr. Collor reported that training and induction had taken a lot of time following the KCC elections and that the general election campaign had followed straight after. Both he and Cllr. Beresford were each on two of the county council's committees.

Highways England were currently cutting the trench for cables ready for the installation of signage on the A20. Works should be completed by the end of the month and this will be followed by a month of testing before the TAP can be removed.

The Operation Stack lorry holding area is currently on hold. There is a question as to whether the area is necessary as Operation Stack has not been used since 2015.

It has been announced that the Marks & Spencer Food Hall will be opening in the St.James' development during February 2017.

72. INITIAL RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION INTO A LOWER ROAD 20MPH ZONE

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson has collected the forms from the 6 outlets. They comprise a total of 160 signatures who are all in favour of a 20mph zone. Cllr. Collor suggested contacting Kent Highways.

73. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Chairman reported that following an incident at the weekend when two girls were locked in the Recreation Ground, there will now be a bell which will be rung when the gates are locked.

74. EVENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr. Brand reported that arrangements for the Country Fayre are progressing.

75. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial Reports for April and May

Financial reports for April and May 2017 were circulated at the meeting. Cllr. Keningale proposed that the reports be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

b) Request for grant from River Bowling Club

A request has been from River Bowling Club for a contribution towards the £500 cost of laminate floor covering in the kitchen area. Clerk confirmed that the repair costs covered by the parish council's insurance policy had already been received and that this laminate flooring was not covered by the policy. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that a grant of £250 be made. This was seconded by Cllr. Keningale and all agreed.

c) Review of the budget for the junior play area

There is a further VAT claim to be made, totalling £6,600. The budget available from reserves towards the new Junior Play Area can then be reviewed. However, the initial budget for the toddler play area had to increase by £6,265 to cover the cost of fencing.

d) Proposal to confirm the order for the Recreation Ground Fitness Equipment

Clerk confirmed that the parish council had received a grant of £3,962 from the Kent Capital Sport Fund towards the total cost of £10,038. An application for a grant from the Port of Dover Community Fund had been rejected. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that the additional £6,077 be taken from reserves and that the installation of seven items of outdoor fitness equipment proceed. This was seconded by Cllr. Keningale and all agreed.

76. ADOPTION OF POLICY AND CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CCTV

The draft Policy and Code of Practice for the operation of CCTV in River Recreation Ground had previously been circulated. The policy has been drafted following research into similar parish council policies. Advice has been received from the Community Safety Unit at Dover District Council. An access form will accompany the policy allowing members of the public to request access to the images. The parish council is now registered under the Data Protection Act and the CCTV scheme registered with the Information Commissioner. Cllr. Brand proposed that the policy be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

77. REPLACEMENT OF THE HISTORIC VILLAGE INTERPRETATION PANEL

The artwork for the replacement 'Historic Village' interpretation panel was circulated at the meeting. This was approved and the Clerk will contact DDC to go ahead with production and installation of the panel.

78. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) Stagecoach Bus Consultation

A consultation document was received this late this afternoon detailing proposed reductions in local bus services. As a result, it has not been possible to fully understand the proposals. To this end, Cllr. Brand will go through the document. It was agreed that a letter be written to Stagecoach querying the short consultation period and the detrimental effect of these changes to the local community.

79. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Some residents of Dourside have expressed concern about noise from the new play area when installed.

Chairman confirmed that the Recreation Ground Management Committee had decided to lock the old Play Area, at the Crabble Lane, end of the ground, at 6.30pm to deter older youths from causing a nuisance in an area not designed for their use.

Chairman felt that the local community were unaware of the problems being faced by the parish council with vandalism and antisocial behaviour in the grounds.

Public Question Time

- Query about whether the bus shelter in Lewisham Road opposite the vicarage could be painted. Chairman said that the current project on the railings by the river needs to be finished before other projects are considered. But it will be considered. Cllr. Collor suggested confirming ownership of the shelter.
- Query about maintenance of the football pitches. Chairman confirmed that maintenance plans are in place but time is short between the football tournament and Country Fayre in July and the start of the new season.
- Complaint about potholes near Lydden railway bridge. Cllr. Collor said he would email Cllr. Geoff Lymer as this was his area.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm