

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL**

Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm in River Methodist Church

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

Before the meeting, Councillors Mr. and Mrs. Horobin announced that they would be resigning as members of the parish council. Chairman thanked them for their time on the council and acknowledged all the hard work they had put in, particularly on events, over many years.

**80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. Taylor

**81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none.

### **82. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Buhlman proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

### **83. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

### **84. MATTERS ARISING/UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES (NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA)**

Item 72: Consultation into proposed 20mph speed zone

No report. Additional signatures were collected at the Country Fayre

Item 75d: Fitness Equipment

The equipment is scheduled to be installed on 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> August.

Item 76: CCTV

The CCTV equipment is due to be installed in the Recreation Ground during the coming week.

Item 77: Historic Village Interpretation Panel

The new panel is in place, the parish council handyman has repainted the lectern and the title and logo will be freshly signwritten in the next week.

Public Question Time: Lewisham Road Bus Shelter

Chairman reported that Dover District Council have offered to pay for or provide materials. An application will be made to the KCC Parish Bus Shelter Grant scheme for the cost of works.

### **85. PLANNING MATTERS:**

#### **a) Planning Applications**

DOV/17/00713 | Display of 2 no. internally illuminated fascia signs, 5 no. non-illuminated wall-mounted panels and 1 no. non-illuminated vinyl lettering | Co-op, Lower Road, River, CT17 0RD – no comments

#### **b) Decisions by Dover District Council**

DOV/17/00497 | Erection of a single storey rear extension and a summerhouse to rear garden (existing conservatory to be demolished) | 30 Deanwood Road, River, CT17 0NT – permission granted

### **86. UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO STAGECOACH BUS SERVICES**

Chairman confirmed that the parish council has written to Stagecoach with objections to the reduction in services. County Cllr. Collor was unable to attend this meeting as he was in meetings with Stagecoach. Cllr. Beresford said that she and Cllr. Collor had been petitioning Stagecoach for one of the Number 15 service buses remain as a 15b.

## **87. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Beresford reported that DDC have just announced their Community Grants Scheme; the Land Allocation Plan is out now; a planning application has been submitted for a 300-vehicle lorry park at Whitfield; variable speed signs are being erected on the A20. There is to be a Kent County Council meeting on Thursday.

## **88. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that she has received an alternative quote from Playdale Ltd for the Junior Play Area. This offers substantial savings and will be considered by the Recreation Ground Management Committee.

## **89. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Brand reported that the Country Fayre had been a success. She thanked the volunteers who had helped on the day especially Pete Thomas and friends, Corinne Pierard and family and Pauline Beresford for arranging the disposal of rubbish after the event. Chairman congratulated the members of the Events Committee and thanked them for their efforts.

## **90. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

### **a) Financial Reports for June 2017**

The financial reports for June 2017 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted,

### **b) Tree replacement in Lewisham Road**

A quote of £290 has been received from Kent Highways for the replacement of the tree at (location). Cllr. Mrs. Horobin proposed that the quote be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed. Clerk will instruct Kent Highways to go ahead when the next planting season begins in September.

## **91. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **a) Kent Police**

A reply has been received from Kent Police to the Chairman's letter of thanks for prompt attendance at the Recreation Ground required because of problems with a group of youths.

### **b) Lower Road traffic**

A letter has been received following the informal consultation into a possible 20mph speed zone along Lower Road regarding a car that recently crashed into a bollard close to a property and querying size of vehicles delivering to the Co-op store.

### **c) Daytime Closures – Lower Road, Temple Ewell**

Temporary daytime closure of part of Lower Road, Temple Ewell is due to take place from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July to enable carriageway patching work to take place.

### **d) KCC – Amendment to Alkham Valley speed limits**

Kent County Council are to amend the speed limits from 50mph to 40mph on a section of the Alkham Valley Road.

## **92. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

The latest copy of the Dover & Thanet Rights of Way newsletter and walks schedule has been received.

### Public question time

- a) Query regarding a bollard outside 12 Orchard Villas, knocked down by a vehicle. The hole had been filled but no replacement bollard provided.
- b) Comment that a lot of HGVs had recently been attempting to get through River. Cllr. Nicholas said that the situation should improve when the TAP has been removed from the A20.
- c) Mrs. S. Nicholas wished to congratulate Cllrs. Mr and Mrs Horobin, from the floor, on their work with trees and flowers in the community over the years.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm