

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.30pm in River Methodist Church

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

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

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Nicholas

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

98. MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 had previously been circulated.

99. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

As the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 21st August 2017 were only circulated at the meeting, it was agreed to approve them at the meeting next month.

100. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th August 2017 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

101. ANY UPDATES ON ONGOING ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES

All items covered by the agenda.

102. RESIGNATION OF MRS BERYL BRAND AS MEMBER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND CURRENT VACANCIES

It was noted that Mrs. Beryl Brand had tendered her resignation following the meeting in July. Following the notice period, Dover District Council have informed the parish council that all three current vacancies may be filled by co-option.

103. REPORTS:

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr. Beresford reported that, following a complaint, Kent Highways were coming to look at the tress at the top of Crabble Lane as they are overhanging properties on Deanwood Road

The new leisure centre is going ahead. The required archaeological survey has already been undertaken.

There is still budget available for pothole repairs. Please report any potholes by the end of September.

A representative is needed to attend the Neighbourhood Forum meeting in October.

Cllr. Collor reported that the 40MPH speed limit at Aycliffe is now only in place when the TAP is on. For example, it was only on for a few minutes during the previous week. All signage is due to be in place by 14th October.

b) Parish Councillors

- Cllr. Buhlman reported that the CCTV in the Recreation Ground was working as required and is recording all the time.
- Cllr. Cooper reported that he has been approached by local residents concerned about possible traffic problems resulting from visitors to the annual Christmas lights display at Hawthorne Close. It was noted that the organisers have undertaken to marshal the event this year. Cllr. Cooper will liaise with the organisers when the time comes.
- Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that a new antisocial behaviour charter has been published by Dover District Council and is available on their website. Also the Environment Agency have been doing clean up work in the river today.
- Chairman reported on receiving compliments about the new equipment in the Recreation Ground. The junior equipment is still to be installed along with an additional item in the toddler area. The Crabble Lane play area is closed once again due to vandalism on the surfacing. It is the intention of the parish council to keep this play area all the while that maintenance is viable. Also, volunteers are needed for Sunday 24th September at 10am to help move equipment in the Clubroom.

104. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Planning Applications

i) DOV/17/00933 | Erection of a single storey rear extension and dormer to rear roofslope | 4 Minnis Terrace, Crabble Avenue, Dover, CT17 0JF – *no comments unless neighbouring properties have concerns about overlooking from dormer windows.*

ii) DOV/17/00783 | Change of use for the storage of landscape and gardening equipment Use Class B8 (Storage & Distribution) – *no further comments.*

b) Decisions made by Dover District Council

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

105. TO DISCUSS YOUTH FACILITIES WITHIN THE PARISH

This item will be held over to the next meeting in view of Cllr. Nicholas' absence.

106. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) To receive financial reports for July and August 2017

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

b) To consider a request from Crabble Corn Mill for financial support for the 2017 Cider Festival

A request has been received for financial support towards the 2017 Cider Festival at Crabble Corn Mill. Chairman proposed that a grant of £250 be made towards the cost of security at the festival. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

107. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) KCC – Alkham Road/Lower Road Proposed Pedestrian Improvements

Comments are invited on proposed pedestrian improvements on the Alkham Road.

b) Kent Highways Parish Seminar – 17th October 2017

This year's presentation is to be held at the Ramada Hotel in Whitfield discussing a range of topics including community buses, drainage, road safety, streetworks, KALC, soft landscaping with updates from the Cabinet Member and Director.

c) Kent Highways – Minnis Lane temporary road closure

Notification has been received from KCC that temporary closure of part of Minnis Lane is planned from 25th September to allow gas main replacement to take place.

d) KCC – Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation

There is currently a consultation into the KCC 10 year Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

e) Extraordinary Meeting of KALC Dover Area Committee

An extraordinary meeting is to be held on 21st September for member councils to receive a presentation on the Dover Harbour Board plans to dredge at Goodwin Sands. The group opposing the proposal will also have an opportunity to speak.

f) KCC Rural Bus Shelter Grant Scheme

The sum of £320 has been approved from the KCC Parish Bus Stop Shelter Grant Scheme to cover the cost of labour to repaint the bus stop adjacent to the Recreation Ground in Lewisham Road

108. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Chairman reminded the meeting that the annual parish council Wine and Wisdom evening will be held on Saturday 7th October 2017.

Public Question Time

- Query about having a Youth Club. A poll was held on the River Facebook Forum with 59 responding in favour and 2 against. 6 of those in favour offered to volunteer. Pie Factory Music are interested in helping. A qualified youth worker would be needed. There is a youth club at River Methodist Church every other Friday and the Church are keen for the venue to be used and happy to work with others.
- The change in bus services had left some children unable to get to school on time as the capacity is not enough. There are also problems with the timing.
- Query about cost of the new equipment in the Recreation Ground and lack of football.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm