

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at River Methodist Church

PRESENT: Cllr. Taylor (in the Chair), Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Deal, Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Keningale, Cllr. Nicholas

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk)

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Cooper, County Cllr. Collor, Dist./County Cllr. Beresford

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

50. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2018 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Buhlman proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Deal and all agreed.

51. MATTERS ARISING / UPDATES

Item 35/PQT(iii) - A response has been received from the Community Safety Unit regarding speeding traffic.

Item 36 - An email has been sent to Dover District Council in support of the renewal of Public Space Protection Orders.

Item 37 - Dover District Council's for changes have been submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission. The proposal is that River be represented by one District Councillor in a ward based on the parish boundary.

Item 41 - The new Recreation Ground cleaning and locking contracts have now been signed.

52. REPORTS:

a) District and County Councillors

The St.James' development in Dover is slowly progressing. Nothing else to report.

b) Parish Councillors

Cllr. Deal reported on attendance at the Lord Lieutenant of Kent's annual civic service.

Public Question Time

i) Query as to why the opening of the new play area was delayed. Cllr. Dixon said that there had been problems with the boundary fencing but they are now resolved and the temporary Heras fencing should be removed tomorrow.

ii) Query as to the cost of the new facilities at the Recreation Ground. Clerk will provide the full figures.

53. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) Financial Reports

Financial reports for March 2018 were circulated at the meeting. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and agreed.

b) Requests for financial support from local organisations

A request has been received from River School PTFA for financial support towards their forest school project. Some funding has already been received and the project is in progress. Further support would allow the project to develop more quickly for the benefit of the children.

A request has been received from Crabble Corn Mill for financial support towards the cost of the annual beer festival. The parish council has previously provided support to cover the cost of event security.

Chairman proposed that a grant of £1,000 be made to the PTFA for the Forest School Project and that £250 be made to Crabble Corn Mill for event security. This was seconded by Cllr. Dixon and all agreed.

c) Renewal of the Insurance Policy

Clerk has met with insurance brokers Came and Company who have provided three quotations for the renewal of the insurance policy. A fourth quote has also been received from Zurich Insurance. Details of the cover were circulated at the meeting and discussed. Cllr, Dixon proposed that the parish council accept the quote from Inspire (as recommended by the broker) on the basis of a three year long term agreement. This was seconded by Cllr. Keningale and all agreed. This represents a saving of £414 on the previous year.

54. PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR IN RIVER RECREATION GROUND

After discussion, Cllr. Dixon proposed that the parish council purchase and install a public access defibrillator in River Recreation Ground at a cost of £1,494 plus fitting. This was seconded by Cllr. Nicholas and all agreed. Cllr. Dixon reported that River Bowling Club have agreed to contribute £500 towards the cost and that River Originals Tennis Club will also be asked to contribute. It was noted that there have been recent reports of an increase in thefts. Cllr. Dixon said that if it were stolen then consideration would have to be given to siting any replacement inside.

55. RESIGNATION OF SUSAN BRALEE

Chairman announced the resignation of Susan Bralee as a member of the parish council. The vacancy will now be advertised as required.

56. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Chairman said that attendance at the Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting had previously been low. Cllr. Deal suggested asking the Thanet Community Transport Association to provide a presentation. It was agreed that she do so. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson will also ask the PCSO if he is available to attend.

57. PROMOTION OF NEW FACILITIES AND PUBLICITY FOR OPENING OF THE NEW PLAY AREA

Cllr. Nicholas reported that he has put together a framework to co-ordinate and record contacts to potential funders or sponsors for parish council projects. He will circulate by email and will meet to discuss with Cllr. Atkins and Cllr. Cooper. It was noted that new requirements in the 2018 General Data Protection Regulations will need to be complied with. Clerk was asked to send a copy of the official letterhead to Cllr. Nicholas.

Chairman reported that there will be an official opening of the new Play Area on the morning of Saturday 21st April 2018 (time to be finalised). Chairman of Dover District Council, Cllr. Sue Chandler, has agreed to perform the opening. Cllr. Atkins says she has some ideas for activities on the day.

58. NOMINATION FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018/19

Chairman asked for any nominations for the posts of Chairman or Vice-Chairman for the year beginning May 2018. None were received.

Chairman asked about any nominations for committee members or officers. Cllr. Atkins was nominated to join the Events Committee. Cllr. Deal was nominated to join the Recreation Ground Management Committee. Cllr. Deal was also nominated to be the parish council's representative to KALC. The new committees and officers will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

59. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) KALC Dover Area Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the KALC Area Committee is due to be held on 25th April 2018 at Sandwich. Details were passed to Cllr. Deal.

60. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Chairman reported that there had been non-compliance with the enforcement notice served on Belle Vue, Minnis Lane and that Dover District Council are to hold a further meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm