

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

Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in River Methodist Church

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Taylor (in the Chair), Cllr. Allen, Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson

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

**97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Deal, County Cllr. Collor

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

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Allen and all agreed.

### **100. MINUTES OF THE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Management Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

### **101. MATTERS ARISING/UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES**

**Item 89** DOV/18/00399: The applicant has until the end of November to make an appeal. Cllr. Beresford said the matter would be discussed at a meeting of the DDC Planning Committee

**Item 90a** Town Centre Pavements: Cllr. Collor has a meeting with Kent Highways on Friday to discuss the issue. A number of falls have been reported recently. Cllr. Beresford said that any such incidents should be reported to KCC.

**Item 90b(iv)** Cllr. Dixon said that he has lobbied the authorities about a pedestrian crossing linking Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens. Cllr. Beresford said that Temple Ewell parish council should also be involved along with County Cllr. Lymer. The matter has been referred to Kent Highways but the process will be a long one.

**Item 92** Proposed DDC Boundary Changes: The majority view of the parish council was in favour of a single District Councillor with boundaries the same as the parish. This was the initial recommendation put forward by DDC. This view was submitted to the Boundary Commission.

**Item 95a** Parish Council Vacancy: The notice period has now ended and there is no requirement to fill the vacant position through a by-election.

### **102. REPORTS:**

#### **a) District and County Councillors**

Cllr. Beresford reported that grants up to £10,000 were now available from Dover District Council for improvement works on High Street shops. The new Leisure Centre at Whitfield is on target to open in February 2019. Planning permission has been granted on the application to increase the size of the lorry park at Menzies Road, Whitfield.

Cllr. Beresford is serving on a KCC sub-committee looking at loneliness and social isolation. She made a request for any views on the subject.

KCC is consulting on a proposal to start charging to accept certain types of non-household waste at their Waste Recycling Centres. The Parish Council felt that imposing charges would lead to an increase in fly-tipping. Chairman asked Cllr. Allen to draft a response from the parish council.

#### **b) Parish Councillors**

##### **i) Recreation Ground CCTV System**

Cllr. Allen reported on information put together by Cllr. Buhlman on proposed changes to the CCTV system in the Recreation Ground. The three options are: increase the size of the hard drive in the existing system to improve the recording time (£115); purchase an additional 4 camera Wi-Fi system and run two systems in tandem to improve coverage (£410); or purchase a new 8 camera Wi-Fi system as the primary system (£305). Additional costs would be installation and possible extra signage.

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson said that there had recently been six minor incidents of antisocial behaviour. Also that DDC enforcement officers do visit the grounds on a casual basis approximately once a week. They issued a penalty notice to a person with a dog on their last visit.

Cllr. Dixon proposed that the parish council purchase a new 8 camera Wi-Fi CCTV system and upgrade the hard drive on the existing system if required. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed. Chairman thanked Cllrs Allen and Buhlman for their work.

ii) Cllr. Atkins reported on problems with the bus services at the beginning of the new school term with some children not being picked up by the school bus. Also concerns about arrangements for buses when Minnis Lane is closed for drainage renewal works. Cllr. Beresford said that this is still unknown.

iii) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that, following concerns voiced by London Road residents, a new site for speedwatch monitoring has been approved by Kent Police on London Road, River.

iv) Chairman reported that the new bench commemorating the centenary of the end of World War One will be installed shortly in the small garden opposite Meadowdene. The Vicar will dedicate the bench after the annual Service of Remembrance. The existing bench will be moved to the Recreation Ground.

Chairman hopes that the area of dead hedging can be replaced by fence panels before the commemoration.

Also that the parish council quiz evening will be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Public Question Time

i) Problems with school bus services were reported.

ii) Difficulties with crossing the road by the London Road/Alkham Road junction were reported.

### **103. PLANNING MATTERS:**

#### **a) Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

#### **b) Planning applications for consideration**

i) DOV/18/00860 | Erection of a multi-functional timber structure | Kearsney Abbey, Alkham Road, Temple Ewell, CT16 3DZ – It was agreed that River Parish Council cannot support this application as the proposed location is isolated, without any natural supervision, possibly resulting in antisocial behaviour. In addition, the materials proposed will be prone to algae leading to rot and slippery surfaces if a proper maintenance plan is not put in place.

ii) DOV/18 00923 | Erection of a first-floor side extension and two storey front extension | 35 Coxhill Gardens, River, CT17 0PX – no comments.

#### **c) Any planning applications received before the date of the meeting**

A revised planning application for 96 Lewisham road has been seen by the Chairman and circulated at the meeting. Details were not received by the Clerk, who was asked to check why. It was agreed that, though the size of the extension had been decreased, it was still too large and that the Parish Council's previous comments still apply.

#### **d) Decisions made by Dover District Council**

There were none.

### **104. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

#### **a) Financial reports for July and August 2018**

The financial reports for July and August 2018 had previously been circulated. Clerk apologised that the expenditure for Parish and Recreation Ground had been transposed on the supplied July account sheet. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the reports be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all agreed.

#### **b) Request for financial support from Crabble Corn Mill for the 2018 Cider Festival**

It was agreed that the Parish Council make a grant of £250 to Crabble Corn Mill to assist with the cost of administration and security at the 2018 Cider Festival event in October.

#### **c) River Fete Financial Report**

The financial statement for the 2018 River Fete was circulated by the Clerk at the meeting. The event made an overall profit of £700.

## **105. MATTERS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUND:**

### **a) Clubroom Booking**

Yoga classes are due to begin in the Clubroom on Sundays. The Kearsney Parks forum meetings will be held in the Clubroom now that Kearsney Tearoom is set to close. A charge of £15 per hour or part thereof (including refreshments) was agreed.

### **b) Vendors**

Dough Dough Pizza and the ice cream van will take a break over winter. A waffle seller will be at the Recreation Ground from October.

### **c) To receive a proposal to renew flush systems in the Recreation Ground toilets**

Following problems with the old toilet systems in the Recreation Ground, Cllr. Dixon proposed that three new syphen push button toilet cisterns be installed at a cost of £210 each. This was seconded by the Chairman and all agreed.

### **d) Recreation Ground Management Meeting**

Cllr. Dixon reported that the maintenance jobs identified at the Recreation Ground Management meeting are now all being actioned. Meetings with the bowling club and tennis club will be held to discuss the future maintenance arrangements for their facilities.

## **106. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a) Invitation to a seminar on the new Community Transport Service in Dover**

A seminar on the new Community Transport Service is due to be held shortly. No one will attend, as this will be the same as the presentation given to the parish council by Jayne Cribben from TCTA.

### **b) River School PTFA**

A letter of thanks has been received from the PTFA following the recent grant towards the Forest School development.

## **107. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were none.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm