

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at River Methodist Church

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

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

121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Buhlman, County Cllr. Collor

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

123. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Allen and all agreed.

124. UPDATES ON ONGOING ITEMS

Item 115: The letter to Roger Walton regarding the Lower Road gate to Kearsney Abbey has been submitted.

Item 118: The meeting with River Originals Tennis Club is still to be arranged.

125. REPORTS:

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr. Beresford reported that Dover Town Council have submitted an application for a Neighbourhood Plan. The new Leisure Centre at Whitfield is on course to open in mid-February 2018.

b) Parish Councillors

i) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported on attending the defibrillator information session held at the Village Hall.

ii) Cllr. Allen reported on attending the Kent Highways Parish Seminar. The possible scenario for controlling lorries following 'brexit' was discussed at the meeting. The M20 and Manston would be used as holding areas. The meeting avoided discussing the option of using the M26. It was reported that the conversion to LED streetlighting has meant a reduction of 60% in running costs. A further £10.1m is to be spent on repairing potholes. It is unsure if any of the additional money promised by central government will be made available to repair local roads.

iii) Recreation Ground

Cllr. Dixon reported that John Hill has been asked to quote on the installation of a firebrake in the ceiling between the Changing Rooms and the Clubroom. He has also been asked to quote for the installation of a sensor light at the Lower Road gate to the Recreation Ground. He has been liaising with DDC regarding the clearing and turfing of verges around, and entrance to, the Recreation Ground car park. There has been a request from a neighbouring property for a section of the boundary hedge to be cut. One cut has already been completed by GW Landscaping since they took over the contract. They will be asked to tidy up only. In future, the two annual cuts will be in July and November. A new chain and padlock has been purchased for the Lower Road gate as the previous one was removed and lost.

Public Question Time

There were none.

126. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Planning Applications

- i. DOV/18/01117 | Erection of a detached dwelling, associated parking and landscaping | Derwent, Common Lane, River, CT17 0PN – *The Parish Council cannot support this application as it is out of keeping with the surroundings and too close to neighbouring buildings.*
- ii. DOV/18/00802 | Erection of a detached dwelling, formation of vehicular access, parking area and creation of pedestrian access (existing conservatory to be demolished) (amended plans) | 105 Lewisham Road, River, CT17 0PA – *The Parish Council maintains the objections to this amended plan as previously submitted to the original application.*

- iii. DOV/18/01170 | Fell three beech trees | 12 Riverdale, River, CT17 0QX – *The Parish Council would like to see a further inspection carried out by DDC to verify the substance of the report provided with the application and the necessity to fell the trees. We would suggest that annual inspections could be made to check the structural stability of the trees as an alternative to felling at this time.*
- iv. DOV/18/01173 | Erection of a single storey side and rear extension with decking and balustrade (existing garage to be demolished) | Rosaline Villa, Byllan Road, River, CT17 0QL - *no comments.*

b) Decisions by Dover District Council

- i. DOV/18/00493 | Creation of a door opening between kitchen and dining room | 33 Valley Road, River, CT17 0QP – *permission granted*
- ii. DOV/18/00860 | Alice

127. UPDATE FROM THE EVENTS COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

The Community Grant Scheme will be going ahead this year. The next River Fete is to be held on Sunday 14th July 2019. Booking Forms for stallholders will be going out shortly.

The suggestion to have a Christmas Tree was discussed. Potential locations were discussed. A vote was held on whether to take the idea further. It was agreed not to progress the idea on a majority of four to three votes.

128. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2018

Financial reports for October 2018 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Allen and all agreed.

129. UPDATE ON COSTS RELATING TO THE RECREATION GROUND CCTV UPGRADE

Item 102b(i): Further to previous discussions, it is now felt that a system with a better night-time capability would be more suitable for requirements and that this would be a higher cost than previously approved. Chairman proposed a maximum budget of £600 for the new system. This was seconded by Cllr. Dixon and all agreed.

130.UPDATE ON THE KEARSNEY PARKS FORUM & ISSUES RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BETWEEN THE PARKS

Chairman and Cllrs. Allen and Eyre-Jackson attended the last meeting of the Kearsney Parks Forum. The new building and car park are due for completion in Summer 2019. Kent Highways have proposed that a 'Puffin' style pedestrian crossing be installed on Alkham Valley Road between the two parks. This would include cameras to control the length of time available for pedestrians to cross. KCC will submit a bid for funding from the 2019/20 budget. It could take up to 18 months for the crossing to be installed. The Parish Council should be prepared to lobby KCC, in conjunction with Temple Ewell Parish Council, to ensure a satisfactory outcome.

Kent Highways undertook a traffic survey from the 2nd to 8th October 2018. Eastbound traffic speed is above the level required for a zebra crossing to be considered. The mean speed of traffic is above 30mph in both directions. A form of chicane installation to slow traffic on the Alkham Road by the Kearsney Parks was discussed. County Cllr. Lymer is supportive of this idea.

131. APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman asked for any volunteers to join himself and Cllr. Dixon for the annual Finance Sub-Committee meeting. Cllr. Deal offered to attend. The meeting date is to be arranged.

132. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DATE OF THE MEETING

Nothing to add.

133. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No Items.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm