

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held on at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th January 2018 in River Methodist Church

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Buhlman, County Cllr. Collor, PCSO Daley

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

3. QUESTIONS TO THE PCSO

PCSO Daley was unable to attend due to another commitment. He will be invited to attend a future meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th November 2018 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Allen proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Dixon and all agreed.

5. MATTERS ARISING / UPDATES ON ONGOING ITEMS

Item 54 A public defibrillator has been donated by KFRS and is due to be collected on Saturday. The exterior installation and security measures (dedicated CCTV camera and 'smartwater' technology) are to be investigated.

Item 103b(i) [DOV/18/00860] Query as to whether the conditions placed on the planning permission for the structure in Kearsney Abbey (i.e. maintenance plan) have been met as preparations for construction seem to have begun.

Item 115 A response has been received to the letter to DDC regarding the Lower Road gate to Kearsney Abbey. A draft reply was considered and agreed.

Item 118 The meeting with River Originals Tennis Club has now taken place and the new agreement for use has been signed.

Item 125iii Cllr. Dixon has received a quote of £6,000 for the firebrake between the Clubhouse floors. He is now seeking other quotes.

The sensor light near the Lower Road gate to the Recreation Ground is being fitted this week.

Item 129 The upgrade to the CCTV system requires further investigation to confirm best value is being achieved.

Item 130 [Item 90b(iv)] It was agreed that the Parish Council must maintain pressure on KCC to fulfil their commitment to move bollards outside Kearsney Abbey closer together to discourage parking on Alkham Rd.

6. REPORTS

a) District and County Councillors

Cllr. Dixon reported that 87 trucks had taken part in a test run from the lorry park at Manston to the Port of Dover to see how the convoy would integrate with local traffic in the event of 'no deal' Brexit. The test had been officially described as successful. However, the test had been previously announced and the roads were quieter than normal as local traffic chose to avoid the area; also, for the purposes of the test, the route was manned by the police on junctions and roundabouts.

Cllr. Dixon also pointed out that many HGV drivers have open tickets allowing them to choose whether to travel via ferry or Eurotunnel at any point during the journey. Cllr. Beresford said that DDC are not being consulted about the arrangements and the matter is being dealt with by the Department of Transport, Highways England and Kent Highways. In any case, no authority has

powers to force drivers to follow the prescribed route. The funds previously set aside for a new lorry park are no longer being mentioned.

The new leisure centre is scheduled to open on schedule around 18th to 20th February 2019.

b) Parish Councillors

i) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson has spoken to 2 dog owners using the Recreation Ground. They responded aggressively and have been reported to DDC enforcement team.

ii) Cllr. Atkins reported that the community Christmas Tree erected in the Recreation Ground had been successful and hoped that the idea could be considered for Parish Council support for next Christmas.

Cllr. Atkins asked whether the Clubroom could be used to hold Parish Council meetings instead of the Methodist Church to save money. Chairman responded that, due to the staircase, the access arrangements may be considered unsuitable.

iii) Cllr. Cooper reported that there had been no problems with the Hawthorne Close lights display over Christmas. The only problem had been with bus access on New Year's Eve. It was felt that bad weather before Christmas may have kept numbers lower than in previous years.

Public Question Time: There were none.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Applications:

i.) DOV/18/01238 | Reserved matters application for the approval of part of Phase 1C, for 248 residential units, substation, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in pursuant to outline application DOV/10/01010 for the development of 1,400 units, 66 bed care home and supported living units, vehicular access off the A256, primary school, energy centre and local centre with 250sqm of retail space (Class A1-A3) along with all associated access and car parking | Whitfield Urban Extension Phase 1C, Whitfield, CT16 3HX – The Parish Council have concerns over whether the existing, already busy, road infrastructure can cope with the increase.

ii.) DOV/18/01261 | Erection of a single storey rear extension, insertion of rooflights to front and rear roofslopes and construction of raised decking to rear | 68 Lewisham Road, River, CT17 0QQ – no comments.

iii.) DOV/18/01297 | Erection of a timber veranda (existing veranda to be demolished) | 18 Lyndhurst Road, River, CT17 0LY – no comments.

iv.) DOV/18/01319 | Erection of a detached dwelling with associated vehicular access and parking (retrospective) | 3 London Road, River, CT17 0SF – noted.

b) Decisions by Dover District Council:

i.) DOV/18/01117 | Erection of a detached dwelling, associated parking and landscaping | Derwent, Common Lane, River, CT17 0PN – permission granted

ii.) 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 – permission granted

iii.) DOV/18/01170 | Fell three beech trees | 12 Riverdale, River, CT17 0QX – permission granted

iv.) DOV/18/01191 | Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for the insertion of 3no. rooflights and French doors and balustrade to the rear elevation (chimney to be removed) | 25 London Road, River, CT17 0SF – permission granted

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2018

The financial reports for November and December had previously been circulated. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Deal and all agreed.

9. PRECEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2019/20

The recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting were circulated and discussed. An increase of 1.98% to maintain budgets from any erosion by inflation was recommended. It was noted that despite this increase, the proportion of Band D Council Tax due to the Parish Council would be only 33p higher than in 2012/13.

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that the recommendation for a 1.98% increase be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Allen and all agreed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

a) KALC Dynamic Councillor Training Course, Herne, 26th January 2019

A councillor training course is due to be held in Herne during January. Councillors Allen, Atkins and Deal will attend subject to full details and availability.

b) KALC Dover Area Committee Meeting

The next KALC Area Committee Meeting is on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at the Phoenix Centre, Sandwich.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The KALC Community Awards Scheme was discussed and Chairman asked Councillors to bring any ideas for future nominees for community recognition to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm