

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

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in River Methodist Church

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

**12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. Dixon, County Cllr. Collor

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

### **14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on January 2019 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Deal and all agreed.

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

Item 54 (2018) Public Defibrillator: the unit has been received and the matter is ongoing.

Item 103b(i) (2018): Construction appears to be taking place. Query whether the conditions of the planning permission have been met.

Item 115 (2018) Lower Road gate to Kearsney Abbey: DDC have responded to the Parish Council correspondence and are not willing to consider the closure of the gate.

### **16. REPORTS:**

#### **a) Parish Councillors**

i) Cllr. Cooper asked whether DDC can be requested to clear up dog mess. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson said a request for a clean up can be made on occasions when reporting incidents. Following recent reports, patrols by Environmental Enforcement Officers had been stepped up over a three-week period. It was noted that new dog mess bag dispensers had been installed by DDC at the entrance gates to Kearsney Abbey.

ii) Cllr. Deal reported that she has been working with Cllr. Dixon on funding applications. A list of projects for funding is being prepared and she asked Councillors to contribute any ideas.

#### **b) District and County Councillors**

i) Cllr. Beresford reported from DDC: there have been a couple of recent prosecutions of dog owners; the contractor for works on the Town Hall has been announced; there is also lottery money for works on St. Edmund's Chapel; the new Leisure Centre opens on 25<sup>th</sup> February with the official opening on 4<sup>th</sup> March; three new businesses have received 'startup' grants from DDC; and the first cruise ships of the year will visit in March.

ii) Cllr. Beresford also reported from KCC: roadworks on the M20 have begun at night for the next three to four weeks; more money is available to repair potholes so please report any; works on renewing the paving in Biggin Street begins next week; KCC has received additional money from central government towards the cost of adult social care. Also, the Ministry of Transport have been discussing routing tourist traffic along the Alkham Valley in the event of 'no deal' Brexit to separate it from lorries on the A20.

#### Public Question Time

a) Query about resurfacing the road through Lydden. County Cllr. Beresford will speak to County Cllr. Lymer as this is in his ward.

b) Query about the siting of the new defibrillator in the Recreation Ground. It will be on the Clubhouse and, therefore, available when the Recreation Ground is open (i.e. approx. dawn to dusk)

## **17. PLANNING MATTERS:**

### **a) Planning Applications**

- i. DOV/18/01387 | Works include to remove & insert new internal partitions & doors to provide B&B accommodation and managers flat at 1st & 2nd floor. New external lime render and new dormer window to south elevation. Replace 3no windows & 2no doors on north elevation. Erection of a single storey side extension. Block up existing opening & replace window & door on east elevation. Fix CCTV cameras to front rear and side elevations. Replacement conservation grade skylight | The Royal Oak, Lower Road, River, CT17 0QU – no comments.
- ii. DOV/18/01386 | Change of use to include Bed and Breakfast and manager's flat, erection of a single storey side extension, dormer window, and no1. roof light, replacement of windows and doors and new fencing and landscaping alterations | The Royal Oak, Lower Road, River, CT17 0QU – no comments.
- iii. DOV/18/01319 | Erection of a detached dwelling with associated vehicular access and parking (retrospective)(revised drawings) | 3 London Road, River, CT17 0SF – the application is noted.

### **b) Decisions by Dover District Council:**

- i. DOV/18/01297 | Erection of a timber veranda (existing veranda to be demolished) | 18 Lyndhurst, Road, River, CT17 0LY – permission granted
- ii. DOV/18/01261 | Erection of a single storey extension, insertion of rooflights to front and rear roofslopes and construction of steps down to rear garden area | 68 Lewisham Road, River, CT17 0QQ – permission granted

## **18. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

### **a) Financial Reports**

The financial report for January 2019 was circulated at the meeting. Cllr. Deal proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

### **b) Grant towards 'Rivall' magazine**

It was noted that no grant had been made towards the cost of printing 'Rival' in the previous financial year. It was, therefore, suggested that the equivalent of two years' grant be made. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that £500 be paid to the Village Hall Trust towards the cost of printing the village magazine. This was seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all agreed.

## **19. REQUEST FOR FUNDING TOWARDS INSTALLATION COSTS OF A DEFIBRILLATOR**

A request has been received for funding towards the cost of installing a public access defibrillator outside the village hall. Chairman proposed that a grant of £200 be made to the Village Hal Trust towards the cost of installing the defibrillator. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

## **20. COMMUNITY AWARDS**

After discussion, it was agreed not to progress the idea of either participating in the KALC community awards or our own version this year. However, it will be considered in good time for next year.

## **21. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DATE OF THE MEETING**

### **a) Invitation to attend The Lord Lieutenant's Annual Civic Service 12<sup>th</sup> March**

This year the Lord Lieutenant's Annual Civic Service will be held in Maidstone. One representative and guest are invited to attend from the Parish Council.

### **b) Invitation to attend NHS South Kent Coast CCG - first Engagement meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Details of the first engagement meeting with the local Clinical Commissioning Group were received.

### **c) DDC Town & Parish Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February**

The agenda for the Town and Parish Council Meeting was circulated and discussed. No Parish Councillors are available to attend.

### **d) DDC Green Infrastructure Strategy**

An invitation has been received to contribute to the DDC Green Infrastructure Strategy via a questionnaire. Chairman and Cllr. Atkins will investigate whether it is appropriate for the parish council to respond.

## **22. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a) Fields in Trust are coordinating a nationwide 'Field Day Picnic' on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Councillors Dixon, Atkins and Deal are interested in the Parish taking part and will investigate. Cllr. Atkins is gauging possible support from local groups and organisations.

b) Cllr. Atkins has also been investigating if there is support from the community for a Scarecrow Trail this year. She has also spoken to the school and pre-school groups. So far she has had a good response for both helping with the trail and attending. This will be discussed at the next Events Committee meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm