

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

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in River Methodist Church

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Taylor (in the Chair), Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Beresford, Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Deal, Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Jones

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk), County Cllr. Collor

**70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** All present

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

### **72. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

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

Item 64 CCTV: Cllr. Dixon is following up the CCTV offer to River Bowling Club.

PQT (j) 11.06.19 Emergency Plan: the update to the Emergency Plan is still pending.

PQT Pedestrian Crossing (London Road): Chairman has written to Kent County Council. No response yet received.

Item 67a Pedestrian Crossing between the Kearsney Parks: The Parish Council has made representations in support of the Kearsney Abbey pedestrian crossing.

### **74. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting will be circulated to those Councillors not in attendance shortly.

### **75. REPORTS:**

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

i) Cllr. Buhlman reported that CCTV of dogs in the Recreation Ground had been handed over to DDC Environmental Enforcement. No response as yet. It was noted that Environmental Enforcement Officers make regular visits to the Recreation Ground.

ii) With reference to recent discussions regarding a pedestrian crossing over London Road by the Alkham Road junction, Cllr. Jones said that the volume of traffic has increased over the years. He has witnessed many young people staying at Kearsney Campsite trying to cross the road as well as many schoolchildren. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson said that 616 vehicles had been recorded in 1 hour during the last speedwatch session.

iii) Cllr. Atkins reported that a letter had been sent home to parents following reports of antisocial behaviour by Year 5 and 6 children in the Recreation Ground.

iv) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that she has invited the new PCSO to attend a meeting. Also a new food vendor will be starting in the Recreation Ground on Friday.

v) Chairman reported that he, Cllr. Atkins and Cllr. Beresford attended at River School to view the new Forest School development.

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

County Cllr. Collor reported that KCC have active public consultations on domestic abuse, low emission strategy and biodiversity strategy. The first full council meeting of the new session is due to be held on Thursday and the various committees are now becoming active.

County Cllr. Beresford reported that the charges introduced for certain types of waste at KCC Recycling Centres will be reviewed after 6 months. Prosecutions for flytipping offences are up. Cllr. Collor reminded the meeting that individuals are responsible for their own household waste at kerbside until it is collected by DDC.

### Public Question Time

- i) Query regarding planning permission granted to 24 Valley Road. Chairman said that the Parish Council did raise objections regarding the proposed building going over an existing sewer pipe and advised the enquirer that they need to contact the DDC Planning Department over any complaint.
- ii) Query about the Recreation Ground hedge opposite Crabble Corn Mill. Cllr. Dixon responded that the hedge has already been cut back.
- iii) Query regarding the bus service to River. Chairman said that requests for support (published in the Rivall) had been disappointingly low. However, he has written to Stagecoach about the service. Any information received will be published on the Parish Council website.
- iv) Query about the planning application for housing on the End's Nursery site in Temple Ewell and any affect on River. The Parish Council have not been consulted on the application.
- v) Query as to whether any conditions placed on the planning permission granted to the development on the former Dublin Man of War site have been met. Particularly with regard to loss of on-street parking.
- vi) Query about parking on Lower Road opposite the gate to Kearsney Abbey. Chairman replied that the Parish Council had met with DDC to discuss the problems and the possible use of parking bays as a way to alleviate problems at peak times.
- vii) It was suggested that an updated village appraisal be produced. However, the value of such an exercise was unclear.
- viii) Enquiry about the latest information about future use of the Recreation Ground cottage.
- ix) Request for support for a river clean on National River Clean Day, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Chairman advised the enquirer to contact the Environment Agency about permission and that the Parish Council would consider support.
- x) Concern was expressed over delayed progress to the Kearsney Parks project.

### **76. PLANNING MATTERS:**

#### **a) Planning Applications:**

- i) DOV/19/00636 | Fell one flowering cherry tree | 1 Dour Side, River, CT17 0UX – *the Parish Council agrees that the condition of this tree and the damage caused to surrounding surfaces warrants its immediate removal.*

#### **b) Any decisions by Dover District Council**

- i. DOV/17/00859 | Erection of a single storey front extension (amended plans) | Brook House. 49 Lower Road, River, CT17 0QU – *permission granted.*
- ii. DOV/19/00275 | Erection of a porch, first floor extension, two storey rear extension and installation of flue (existing rear extension, conservatory and porch to be demolished) | 11 Deanwood Road, River, CT17 0NT – *permission granted.*
- iii. DOV/19/00401 | Erection of a single storey agricultural building | Belle Vue, Minnis Lane, River, CT15 7DN – *permission refused.*
- iv. DOV/19/00473 | Erection of front porch, single storey rear extension and parking area | 26 Crabble Lane, River, CT17 0LS – *permission granted.*
- v. DOV/19/00509 | Replacement conservatory roof | 116 Lewisham Road, River, CT17 0PB – *permission granted.*
- vi. DOV/19/00596 | Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) to allow design changes of planning permission DOV/19/00278 (application under Section 73) | 53 Cowper Road, River, CT17 0PL – *permission granted.*

### **77. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

#### **a) Financial Reports**

An updated financial report was presented at the meeting.

#### **b) Approval of the Governance Statement**

The Annual Governance Statement was discussed and approved.

#### **c) Approval of Annual Accounts**

The figures for the annual accounts (as presented at the AGM) were approved for the annual return.

#### **78. CHILDRENS ART COMPETITION WITH THE RENOVATED PLAY AREA HORSES**

As replacements for the vandalised spring horse head in the Lower Road Play Area were expensive, John Hill has provided new, more durable, heads made from marine plywood at half the cost. It was proposed that the Childrens Art Competition be held, in conjunction with River School, for a new design. Templates can be provided for the school and the winning design will be painted onto the new horse head. It was agreed to go ahead later in the year.

#### **79. TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING RIVER SUMMER FETE**

Rosters of volunteers for the Summer Fete were discussed. Cllr. Dixon and Cllr. Jones will, unfortunately, be away.

#### **80. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DATE OF THE MEETING, INCLUDING:**

##### **a) Dover District Local Plan – Town & Parish Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Representatives from the Parish Council are invited to attend a presentation on the next stage of preparing a new local plan for Dover District. Cllr. Beresford and Cllr. Jones offered to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **81. TO DISCUSS AN INCREASE IN THE CLERK'S WORKING HOURS TO 18 PER WEEK**

After discussion, the increase in working hours for the Parish Clerk to 18 per week was approved.

#### **82. ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a) Chairman thanked Cllr. Atkins for arranging the visit to River School.
- b) Cllr. Dixon said there will be a fireworks display at the new Dover Harbour marina pier on Wednesday night for anyone interested in attending.
- c) Cllr. Atkins reminded the meeting of the date for the Scarecrow Trail event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm