

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

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 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), Dist. Cllr. Beaney, Jane Dixon, Carol King and 1 member of the public

**95. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Dist. Cllr. Rose

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

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

### **98. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES**

Item 88a(iii) – Recreation Ground PSPQ: Cllr. Beresford reported that the Public Space Protection Order in the Recreation Ground cannot be altered to exclude the road between the car park and Lower Road gate until the next consultation in 2022. However, DDC Enforcement Officers have been informed and provided with a map and will be lenient in appropriate circumstances.

Item 88a(iv) - Recreation Ground Trees: Cllr. Dixon reported that GW Landscaping have yet to examine the trees along the border with Lewisham Road but will do so. A check will also be made to make sure that the trees meet the required highway height clearance. Chairman reported that our tree consultant had recommended pollarding only if necessary as any work done could make the trees more prone to disease. It was noted that any works would be subject to planning consent as it is within the conservation area.

Item 88c – Parishes Meeting: The meeting between the Parish Councils in Dover Downs and River ward (organised by Dist. Cllr. Beaney) has been confirmed for 10am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Alkham Village Hall.

Item 88c – River School Film: No answer.

Item 90d: Enquiry about River cleanups: Still pending.

Item 92 Recreation Ground Waste Disposal: There is no additional cost for bin.

Item 93c – Crabble Lane Weight Restriction: no response yet.

### **99. EVENTS COMMITTEE**

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were circulated at the meeting and their contents were noted. Chairman expressed his appreciation for the hard work by Cllr. Atkins towards the recent Scarecrow Trail event.

#### **b) Art Competition**

Cllr. Dixon will obtain the template for the Play Area horse head from John Hill so that it can be distributed.

### **100. REPORTS**

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

i) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson suggested that a PCSO report now return to the agenda as the new PCSO is active within River. This was agreed.

ii) Cllr. Atkins reported that River School had sent out a letter to parents following incidents of some children jumping out in front of traffic in Lewisham Road.

iii) Cllr. Dixon reported there will be a draft of an agreement between the Parish Council and John Hill regarding the Recreation Ground coffee shop available for discussion at the next meeting.

iv) Cllr. Dixon also reported that there is a need to consider locking arrangements at the Recreation Ground when events are taking place at Crabble Corn Mill as there is potential for someone to be locked in. Cllr. Dixon will contact Crabble Corn Mill as they are keyholders. Cllr. Beresford will check with Dover District Council about the terms agreed regarding access to this public car park. It was agreed that the item be on the agenda for the next meeting.

v) Cllr. Jones reported on concerns about the speed and increasing volume of traffic on London Road. Also concerns about what effect there will be on traffic when the works at Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens is completed.

vi) Cllr. Buhlman reported that a new higher resolution camera has been installed at the Recreation Ground. The location has also been changed to avoid burn out when sun is low in the sky. It was noted that some of the cameras will need to be relocated when the coffee shop opens as there will be dead-spots. A means of monitoring the area by the table tennis table is still to be resolved. No response yet received from the clips of vandalism sent to DDC.

### **b) County Councillors**

i) County Cllr. Beresford reported that Roger Gough has been elected as the new leader of Kent County Council.

ii) She asked for any complaints received about school transport arrangements. Cllr. Atkins said she has received complaints that the school bus is sometimes full by the time it reaches Crabble Avenue. Cllr. Beresford said that recently more people have applied for travel permits. All problems should be reported to KCC and to Stagecoach.

iii) Works are due to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> October at Folkestone Road. Diversions will be in place.

iv) A query was received as to why the area of yellow fencing remained near the entrance to the St. James' Shopping Centre on Woolcomber Road. Cllr. Beresford will enquire.

v) She has reported a number of blocked drains in the parish.

### **c) District Councillors**

i) Dist. Cllr. Beaney reported that there will now be a charge for overnight parking on Dover Seafront due to the problems caused by some camper van drivers.

ii) He has also received an email from a local resident about the problems with HGVs in River.

### **Public Question Time**

a) Lower Road traffic: a complaint was received into the speed of traffic travelling along Lower Road.

b) Pavement line adjacent to the new 'Dublin Man o War' development: a complaint was received about the alteration of the pavement line outside the new housing development. Chairman has been in contact with DDC Enforcement and is awaiting a response to his queries.

## **101. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **a) Planning Applications**

i) DOV/19/01041 | 6 Coxhill Gardens, River, CT17 0PY | Erection of 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension – *No comments*.

ii) DOV/19/01085 | 10 Wingrove Hill, River, CT17 0NN | Erection of a single storey rear extension, construction of retaining walls, external steps, creation of terraces and insertion of window to ground floor side elevation (existing shed to be demolished) – *No comments*.

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

i) DOV/18/00802 | 105 Lewisham Road, River, CT17 0PA | Erection of detached dwelling, formation of vehicular access, parking area and creation of pedestrian access (existing conservatory to be demolished) (amended plans) – *permission refused*.

ii) DOV/19/00436 | 38 Crabble Lane, River, CT17 0NY | Erection of first floor and two storey rear extensions (amended plans) – *permission granted*.

iii) DOV/19/00788 | River Recreation Ground, Lower Road, River, CT17 0LW | Change of use and conversion to a coffee shop (A3), erection of balcony for outside seating area with balustrade, outside seating area, low retaining wall with railings, deflection of driveway to front and replacement windows and doors – *permission granted*.

### **c) Planning Correspondence:**

i) Notification of Appeal DOV/19/00401 Belle Vue, Minnis Lane, River, CT15 7DN

Notification of an appeal has been received into the refusal of an application for a single storey agricultural building at Belle Vue, Minnis Lane.

## **102. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **a) Financial Report**

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

### **b) Proposal to purchase a Park Bench**

Cllr. Buhlman proposed that an additional park bench be purchased at a cost of £250. This was seconded by Cllr. Beresford and all agreed.

## **103. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a) KCC Highways Parish Seminar**

The annual Kent Highways Parish Seminar is due to be held in Westgate-on-Sea on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

### **b) Alkham Road (Installation of Puffin Crossing) Start of Works Notice**

Notification was received on 25<sup>th</sup> September of the start of works to install a Puffin pedestrian crossing between Kearsney Abbey and Russell Gardens. It was noted that the works are now well advanced.

## **104. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Chairman reported that a bus had crashed into fencing at Chilton Way / Coxhill Gardens. There were several witnesses present and the accident had been reported to Stagecoach.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm