

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March 2020 in River Methodist Church

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk), County Cllr. Collor and 9 members of the public

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Deal, Dist. Cllr. Rose and Dist. Cllr. Beaney

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

25. MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE 11.02.2020

a) Parish Council Meeting 11.02.20

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2020 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Beresford proposed that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

b) Planning Committee Meeting 25.02.2020

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25th February 2020 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

c) Events Committee Meeting 03.03.20

The minutes of the Events Committee held on 3rd March 2020 were circulated at the meeting and their contents were noted.

26. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES

Item 16a(vi) PCSO Surgery: the next surgery is due to be held on 3rd April with venue to be announced.

27. LONDON ROAD, RIVER - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

a) Update on the feasibility of a pedestrian crossing on London Road in the vicinity of the Railway Bell Pub.

Chairman reported that further to the previously agreed decision, under Item 114b (2019), not to take any further action on a pedestrian crossing over the London Road until the outcome of a scheme proposed by Temple Ewell Parish Council was known, it is now felt that the Parish Council should now take the first steps to investigate the matter.

b) To receive a proposal to authorise Kent Highways to carry out relevant traffic surveys on London Road, River at a cost of £1,150 to be funded by River Parish Council

Chairman proposed that Kent Highways be requested to carry out traffic surveys on London Road, River in the vicinity of the Alkham Valley junction. This being to provide data to support the need for a pedestrian crossing. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

28. REPORTS

a) PCSO / Policing

The following crimes were reported during the previous month:

7/2/20: RTC - London Road

7/2/20: Bad Driving - Lyndhurst Road

27/2/20: Vehicle Crime - Lower Road

b) Parish Councillors

i) Cllr. Atkins reported that the deadline for the Art competition has been extended until the end of the week to allow time for any further entries. She will collect all the entries and judges will then be needed to choose a winner.

ii) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that food vendors will be returning to the Recreation Ground at the end of the month. Also, that a shopping trolley had been dumped in the river. The Speedwatch Conference due to be held in April has now been cancelled.

iii) Cllr. Beresford reported on attending a meeting for Parish Councils on the new DDC Land Allocation Plan. There are no planned developments in River, Temple Ewell and Lydden. The former proposal to develop land above the Crabble Athletic Ground is no longer viable because of access

arrangements. The new draft plan will be published online at the beginning of April when there will also be public consultations.

iv) Cllr. Jones reported that another road traffic accident had taken place outside Redlands on London Road. This had been reported to the police. The light on 'The Cut', previously reported as not working, had still not been fixed.

c) County Councillors

County Cllr. Collor reported that the Kent Highways 'Pothole Blitz' was continuing so please report any potholes to KCC. The KCC Economic Development Committee has agreed £61.5 million business investment across the county. From this total, £14.4 million will be invested in Dover District.

The scheme to bring unused/empty residential properties back into use has now been extended to include commercial properties.

The Kent Resilience Forum held a meeting this afternoon to decide how best to help people in need with regard to the coronavirus.

County Cllr. Beresford reported services at Buckland Hospital are to be enhanced including longer opening hours.

Cllr. Atkins asked whether School Bus Pass costs will go up. These will be looked into at KCC next month and it is probable that there will be an increase.

d) District Councillors

No report.

Public Question Time:

- i) Statement, that there was local support for a pedestrian crossing on the London Road. Chairman said that a traffic survey was the first step but that results would not be available for several months.
- ii) Query as to whether the local Stagecoach Manager is to attend a Parish Council meeting. In response, Chairman said that it is hoped that he will attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May. However, this has yet to be confirmed.
- iii) Query as to when the rest of Common Lane will be resurfaced (half of it has been completed so far). Cllr. Beresford will enquire.
- iv) Complaint about potholes on the road leading into Lydden. Cllr. Beresford will ask County Cllr. Lymer to enquire, as this is his area.
- v) Query about the permissions granted to extend the double yellow lines in Lower Road. Parishioner feels that proper consultation did not take place and that the lines should be removed. Cllr. Beresford will ask DDC Planning about the variation in permission and report at the next meeting.
- vi) Complaint about standing water/mud outside Meadowdene in Valley Road. Cllr. Beresford will enquire into what could be done as there is no drain at that point.
- vii) Query about whether double yellow lines could be installed by the pedestrian gate into Kearsney Abbey on the bend along Lower Road. Chairman outlined the steps previously taken to alleviate the problem and that these were rejected. The possibility of having 'parking bays' had been discussed at a meeting with Dover District Council, but no further action has been taken.
- viii) Complaint about dog fouling in Beresford Road and suggestion that larger notices be put up. The Parish Council will inform DDC enforcement and look into the possibility of new notices.

29. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Planning Applications:

DOV/20/00201 | Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking and landscaping | 64 Valley Road, River, CT17 0QW – No comments

b) Decisions by Dover District Council

DOV/19/01537 | Erection of two-storey side and single-storey rear extensions with balcony and balustrade (existing summer house, lean-to and rear porch to be demolished) | 89 London Road, River, CT16 3AA – permission granted

30. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To receive financial reports for February 2020

Financial reports for February 2020 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Beresford proposed that the reports be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

b) Proposal to purchase an additional waste bin for the Recreation Ground

As there is now a spare concrete base in the Recreation Ground, Cllr. Buhlman proposed that a further waste bin be purchased at a cost of £165. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

c) To receive recommendations for the 2020 Community Grant Scheme

The following recommendations were received from the Events Committee for Community Grants from applications made. These recommendations were approved by the Parish Council and the following grants will be made:

- i) River Primary School (Recycle Garden Project) £250
- ii) Kearsney Parks Volunteers Group (tabards for volunteers and volunteer training) £405.60
- iii) River School P.T.F.A. (flag and t-shirts for children representing the school at events) £325
- iv) 1st River Rainbows (Pack Flag with carrying poles and badges) £181

d) To receive a request for funding towards the 2020 Crabble Corn Mill Beer Festival

Further to a request received from the Crabble Corn Mill Trust for funding towards the 2020 Beer Festival, Cllr. Buhlman proposed that £250 be granted towards the cost of security and administration. This was seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all agreed.

e) Dover, Deal and District Citizens Advice Bureau Request for Funding

Further to a letter received with a request for Funding, Chairman proposed that £250 be granted to Dover, Deal and District Citizens Advice Bureau to support their work locally. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

31. GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2020 (20TH MARCH TO 13TH APRIL)

Possible ways to participate in the Great British Spring Clean were discussed. Cllr. Atkins suggested promoting online to get local residents to clean something local to them, take a picture and then post it to social media with a hashtag. A poster can also be produced to display.

32. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) DDC Town and Parish Council Event 25.03.2020

Invitation for two representatives to attend an event for Town and Parish Councils covering the Local Plan and Community Safety on Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 6pm.

b) Kent Highways - Lower Road Extension of Double Yellow Lines

Notification of a consultation has been received from Kent Highways of a scheme to extend double yellow lines in Lower Road. However, due to a delay in administration at KCC, these lines are already in place.

c) Lower Thames Crossing Consultation

An invitation has been received to attend presentations on the Lower Thames Crossing consultation on Friday 20th March 2020 at 10am in Cruise Terminal 2. Clerk is to circulate details to all Councillors.

d) Dover District Council 'No Dogs' Stencils

Following a request for 'No Dogs' signs to be painted on the entrances to the Recreation Ground, details of the proposed stencils have been received. These were approved.

33. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Next Events Committee Meeting 2pm 7th April

Meeting closed at 9.10pm