

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at The Clubhouse, River Recreation Ground

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk), PCSO Sarah McGuiness

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Cllr. Collor

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

65. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a) Annual General Meeting / Annual Parish Meeting 06.05.2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2021 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Beresford proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

b) Planning Committee Meeting 30.04.2021

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Friday 30th April 2021 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

c) Recreation Ground Management Committee 20.05.2021

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

66. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES

None.

67. REPORTS:

a) District and County Councillors

No reports.

b) Parish Councillors

i) Chairman said he was pleased with the official dedication of the paving slab art display at the old bus terminus and thanked everyone involved.

ii) Cllr. Gunzi has been working to obtain a dingy for Crabble Corn Mill. Cllr. Dixon reported that all the craft used by cross-channel migrants were too large and not suitable. Cllr. Jones may be able to source an old mirror dingy. Harry Reid, Chairman Crabble Corn Mill Trust, is due to come back with the specification required.

ii) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported community speedwatch statistics and that sessions have restarted in River. The double yellow lines outside the school have been repainted today. 2 electric car charging points have been installed at the Royal Oak pub. Chairman added that 2 car charging points are due to be installed by DDC at the old bus terminus.

c) PCSO/Policing

PCSO Sarah McGuiness reported that her current area includes 12 parishes. She has been begun working on the traffic problems outside the school and will be attending with enforcement officers in the next couple of weeks.

Another operation targeting nuisance motorbikes on Scotland Common will be taking place soon. PCSO left the meeting at this point as she has additional parish meetings to attend.

68. ANY QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A query has been received about whether River Post Office could have longer opening hours. Cllr. Dixon has spoken to them and longer opening hours are simply not financially viable.

69. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Planning Applications with expiry dates before the next meeting

i) DOV/21/00683 | T1 Yew – crown lift to 5.2m (roadside only), T2 Yew – crown reduce by 3m to reshape and re-balance canopy, G1 Holly trees – to cut back overhanging canopy from above parking area up to 5m and back to fence line | 24 Riverdale, River, CT17 0QX – no comments.

ii) DOV/21/00796 | Erection of a single storey front extension with 2no. rooflights | 16 The Ridgeway, River CT17 0NS – no comments.

Clerk reported 4 additional Planning Applications which arrived too late for inclusion and will require a Planning Committee Meeting in the next few weeks.

b) Decisions made by Dover District Council

i) DOV/21/00217 | Part change of use and erection of a building for child minding business (Use Class E) | 45 Valley Road, River, CT17 0QP – permission granted

ii) DOV/21/00454 | Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of a single storey rear extension with roof lanterns and render finish. Replace existing first floor balcony door with a window | Fairfield, 47 Cowper Road, River, CT17 0PJ – certificate proposed refused

70. BT PHONE BOX (LOWER ROAD, RIVER)

After discussion at previous meetings, and the resolution of queries, it was agreed to go ahead with the adoption of the BT phone box in Lower Road.

71. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) To approve the Annual Governance Statement

The Annual Governance Statement had previously been circulated. Clerk provided a brief summary of the statements. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the Annual Governance Statement be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Beresford and all agreed.

b) To approve the Annual Accounts 2020/2021

The Annual Accounts, following internal audit and as prepared for submission with the annual return, had previously been circulated. Clerk confirmed that the figures are the same as those presented to the Annual General Meeting. Chairman proposed that the Annual Accounts be approved. This was seconded by Cllr. Dixon and all agreed.

c) Financial reports for April and May 2021

The financial reports for April and May had previously been circulated. These were approved.

72. DRAFT HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Chairman reported on a meeting with the Headteacher of River Primary School regarding traffic issues. This is an ongoing issue. The problems seem as bad now as ever. A further meeting will take place in due course.

A video conference call has taken place between Chairman, Clerk and Kent Highways to discuss the draft Highways Improvement Plan. Following these discussions, updates have been made and the resulting draft has been circulated to Councillors. After discussion of the items included, it was agreed that this Highway Improvement Plan be adopted.

73. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DATE OF THE MEETING

a) KALC Website

KALC have invited all Councillors to obtain a login password to their website to access all the information. Clerk is to circulate to all Councillors.

b) KALC Events

Notification has been received of a Chairmanship Networking Day on 17th June and a Councillors Networking Day on 10th July.

c) Kent Highways Prohibition of Waiting HGV's 5 Tonnes and over

Notification has been received of an Order prohibiting HGV parking on various roads including around Dover. This came into force in January for an experimental period of 18 months.

74. ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Clerk was asked to contact the recipient of this year's KALC Community Award and ask if she wishes to attend the next meeting and receive her award.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm