

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th July 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)

KALC Community Award

Before the start of the meeting, Parish Council Chairman, Clive Taylor, presented the 2021 KALC Community Award for the Parish of River to Judith Betts. The award was made in recognition of many years' service to the Guiding movement and volunteering for the benefit of the community.

75. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Cllr. Collor, District Councillor Rose

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

77. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

a) Parish Council Meeting 08.06.2021

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Beresford proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all agreed.

b) Planning Committee Meeting 29.06.2021

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

c) Recreation Ground Management Committee 10.06.2021

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10th June 2021 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

78. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES

All items on the agenda.

79. REPORTS:

a) District and County Councillors

A written report has been received by email from District Councillor Rose:

I am pleased to note the HMRC have confirmed Dover investment, jobs and the new inland border force (IBF) managed site locally. We have all worked hard to secure this including our MP and both DDC and KCC leaders. I am also pleased to hear about the investment for the A2 and the rapid bus transport (RBT) system being progressed, this will be a great use of funding for residents and Dover locally.

Veolia have repeatedly apologised several times for the recent logistics mess in Dover and Folkestone. The current managerial issues have nothing to do with the bin men, who are being moved from their usual routes and sent all over the place, creating even more confusion. We have already called in the team at Veolia for clear public apology on record. I understand our DDC leader team and officers and the cabinet portfolio holder are keeping an eye on this matter as things return to normal.

Please report any refuse missed collections and photographs to us both in email and also send to DDCwasteservices@dover.gov.uk

A DDC food poverty report and review has been conducted to further support the community needs and frontline services.

We have recently unearthed more planning abuse locally in support of local resident complaints and evidence sent in, and we thank the planning enforcement team for their support on these matters.

We also thank the Police again locally for another recent operation in Scotland Common, in prevention of bike 4x4 and ASBO abuses. DDC with the MOD and the Police will not tolerate this trespass farm land abuse and these people are not welcome in the AONB area.

b) Parish Councillors

- i) Cllr. Dixon said that a further meeting of the Recreation Ground Management Committee was needed. After discussion, it was agreed to hold a meeting at 2pm on Tuesday 20th July 2021.
- ii) Cllr. Atkins reported that Crabble Corn Mill are organising a Halloween themed Scarecrow Trail and plan to make it an annual event. This year would normally be when the Events Committee organised its biennial Scarecrow event. In view of this, it was agreed that the Parish Council will not organise a similar event. Cllr. Atkins suggested the possibility of organising a 'fun run' event as an alternative. Chairman asked Councillors to bring ideas to the Recreation Ground Meeting on the 20th.
- iii) Cllr. Jones reported the return of unlicensed car sales in laybys on London Road. Also drains overflowing on the road. Cllr. Jones queried whether speedwatch sessions could be held on the London Road and offered to assist with these. It was agreed that he liaise with Cllr. Eyre-Jackson over possibilities when Covid restrictions on sessions end after 19th June.
- iv) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that the proposed funfair visit to the Recreation Ground has been cancelled. The company have cancelled all bookings for this year because of doubts over Covid regulations. Also that she has registered complaints about the regularity of street wastebin emptying. Although, daily emptying now appears to have resumed.
- v) Cllr. Buhlman reported that Kent Cables are upgrading two of the CCTV cameras in the Recreation Ground free of charge as a contribution to the community.
- vi) Chairman reported that the tearoom at Kearsney Abbey has now reopened but is currently receiving a lot of complaints.
- vii) There was a general query about the situation with the former Meadowdene Nursing Home which is visibly deteriorating. No information is currently available.

c) PCSO/Policing

No report. It was noted that all PCSOs are currently deployed at The Open golf in Sandwich. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that CCTV of the last incident of antisocial behaviour are now with the police.

80. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Question: regarding the condition of the footpath between Ash Close and Luckhurst Road and requesting that something be done about overgrown vegetation as the path provides much used access between the Ridgeway area to the rest of the village and the school.

Response: The footpath is a private road and is not registered as a Public Right of Way. The Parish Handyman has twice done work to clear access over the couple of years. Cllr. Atkins offered to keep an eye on the condition of the path.

81. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Any Planning Applications with expiry dates before the next meeting

- i. DOV/21/00814 | Creation of a vehicular access and associated parking area (existing wall to be demolished) | 184 Lewisham Road, River, CT17 0PP – No comments.
- ii. DOV/21/01018 | Erection of single storey rear extension (existing conservatory to be demolished) | 9 Cowper Road, River, CT17 0PF – No comments.
- iii. DOV/20/00038 | Erection of 6 dwellings, change of use and conversion of existing public house into 6 self-contained flats, amendment to existing Kearsney Avenue vehicular access, formation of parking, creation of pedestrian accesses to London Road, closure of two existing vehicular accesses to London Road and Kearsney Avenue (readvertisement, amended description, amended drawings showing proposed pedestrian crossing on London Road west of the junction with Alkham Road) | Railway Bell PH, 120 London Road, River, CT16 3AD – A comment will not be made but Cllr. Beresford will continue to correspond directly about the application.
- iv. DOV/21/01027 | Erection of rear dormer roof extension to facilitate loft conversion with Juliet balcony | 51 London Road, River, CT17 0SG – No comments.
- v. DOV/21/01059 | T1 – Cedar tree fell | Mourina Cottage, 47 London Road, River, CT17 0SG – No comments.

b) To note any decisions made by Dover District Council

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

82. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial reports for June 2021

Financial reports for June 2021 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Dixon proposed that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Beresford and all agreed.

b) To discuss quotes for Play Area Maintenance

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that three companies have been asked to quote for repairs to the surfacing in both play areas. One of them had not visited the site. The works include: replacing damaged wetpour in the Crabble Lane Play Area; new matting under some areas and installation of rubber mulch surfacing in some areas of the Lower Road Play Area; also repairs to gates and signage. After review, Cllr. Dixon proposed that the quote from Safeplay for £9,434 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Beresford and all agreed. The work is to be carried out after the school summer holidays.

83. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

a) DDC - Extension of Public Space Protection Order

The current Dover District Council Public Spaces Protection Order has been extended.

b) KALC Dover Area Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the KALC Area committee is due to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 21st July in Guston Village Hall.

84. ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Nothing further.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm