

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

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in River Methodist Church

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk), Dist. Cllr. Beaney, County Cllr. Richardson, PCSO McGuinness and Dist. Cllr. Rose (via zoom). No members of the public present (meeting live-streamed on social media).

### **96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Taylor and County Cllr. Collor

### **97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **98. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **a) Parish Council Meeting 14.09.2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Beresford proposed that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

#### **b) To note minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee 01.10.2021**

The minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

### **99. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES (NOT OTHERWISE LISTED ON THE AGENDA)**

Item 89b(ii) – Parish Councillors’ Reports: Cllr. Buhlman asked if any response had been received from DDC regarding the CCTV footage of dogs on the Recreation Ground provided. None received.

Item 90a – Public Questions: Cllr. Beresford confirmed that she has responded to the residents on their question about planning enforcement at the September meeting.

Item 89b(v) - RecreationGround trees: Chairman reported on advice received from DDC regarding trees overhanging other properties. They can be cut back by householders, at their own expense, subject to permission being received from DDC as the Recreation Ground is in a conservation area. He confirmed that all trees in the Recreation Ground are continuing to be surveyed every three years.

Item 93 – Highway Improvement Plan: It was agreed to ask Kent Highways what contribution they require for the two additional items on the Highway Improvement Plan.

Item 95a – Lower Road Phone Box: acknowledgement of the transfer of ownership has been received from BT and the telephony is to be removed in due course. Cllr. Gunzi suggested a village competition to decide the future use. It was agreed to consider when renovation work is complete.

### **100. REPORTS:**

#### **a) District and County Councillors**

i) Dist. Cllr. Beaney reported that: the green waste collection service had restarted (the form of rebate for customers affected is being discussed); the Railway Bell planning application is going to committee on Thursday; works on the new London Road crossing begin on 25<sup>th</sup> October; Christmas Markets are to be held in Dover 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December (a joint project between DDC and Dover Town Council); additional dog enforcement officers will now be patrolling the District; a report on infrastructure and investment is being prepared by MP Natalie Elphicke.

ii) Dist. Cllr. Rose reported that: he was glad to see the garden service restored. This cancelled service will now return week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. A joint meeting is to be held with Veolia and Shepway District Council to discuss the problems. Please do support our MP Natalie Elphicke with her plans, and our wishes, for the duelling of the A2 as part of our wider regeneration in the area along with the approved Rapid Bus Transport system and the New Inland Border force local approved investment and jobs now secured.

iii) County Cllr. Richardson reported that: the Dover ‘parklets’ are to be moved from the town centre to more appropriate locations; schools, clubs etc invited to apply for Reconnect funding towards post covid activities (open until 24<sup>th</sup> Oct); the adult social care strategy is still in consultation; a decision on whether to retain a booking system for Household Waste Recycling Centres is expected shortly; the KCC ‘Vison Zero’ initiative is aiming for road improvements etc meaning that there will be no road deaths by 2050. He also drew attention to issues with so called private fostering, for example where

children might stay overnight with friends because of the distance needed to travel to school. Anyone involved with private fostering should contact social services to register so that any help available can be offered.

**b) Parish Councillors**

i) Cllr. Gunzi reported that a car in Lower Road had been 'keyed'.

ii) Cllr. Jones reported that the tree struck by lightning in London Road has been removed.

*Cllr. Rose left the meeting at this point*

iii) Cllr. Atkins reported parking on bends and corners of roads in the Ridgeway area is getting worse.

iv) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that Meadowdene has been tidied up. Speedwatch has been trialling a new speed indicator device on loan. There has been minor vandalism in the Recreation Ground.

**c) PCSO/Policing**

PCSO McGuinness reported: on patrols around the Rugby Ground; problems with cars racing around the town; fewer complaints recently about parking around the school; criminal damage and obstruction in London Road and Lower Road. In response to a query regarding any problems locally with motorised scooters, she responded not a problem currently in Dover more so Canterbury.

*Cllr. Beaney left the meeting at this point.*

**101. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

a) Question on condition of the path between Ash Close and Luckhurst Road and its importance as a connection between areas of the village. It was confirmed that the path is unadopted and is not an official footpath. No one has legal responsibility to maintain the path. It was agreed that Cllr. Dixon plus others will walk the route to consider what could be done.

b) Request for the introduction of a residents parking scheme for part of Lewisham Road including exclusive parking for residents in the area. It was confirmed that exclusivity is not possible as taxed vehicles have a right to park on the public highway subject to any time restriction. Any residents parking scheme would be subject to public consultation.

**102. PLANNING MATTERS:**

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

- i. DOV/21/01401 | Erection of two storey side extension with glazed balustrades, alterations to roof, steps, raised terrace area (existing steps and chimneys to be demolished) | Derwent Common Lane, River, CT17 0PN – No comments.
- ii. DOV/21/01478 | G1 – 4no. Sycamore to remove – too large for area and in close proximity to house G2 – Crown reduce 3no. trees by approximately 2-3 meters in height from 15-12m and balance sides to match | 32 River Court, Lewisham Road, River CT17 0QJ – No comments.

**b) To note any decisions made by Dover District Council:**

- a) DOV/21/01118 | Erection of a single storey rear extension with 2no. rooflights in rear roofslope | 87 Lower Road, River, CT17 0QY – permission granted
- b) DOV/21/01110 | T1 – Pine – target prune lateral growth T2 – Wych Elm – Fell to ground level | Crabble Athletic Ground, Crabble Road, River, CT17 0QE – permission granted
- c) DOV/21/01077 | Erection of two storey front extension and alterations to roof | 56 Minnis Lane, River, CT17 0PT – permission granted
- d) DOV/21/00814 | Erection of single storey side and rear extensions (existing outbuildings to be demolished and trees removed) | 26A Lower Road, River, CT17 0QU – permission granted
- e) DOV/21/00813 | Creation of a vehicular access and associated parking area (existing wall to be demolished) | 184 Lewisham Road, River, CT17 0PP – permission granted
- f) DOV/21/01027 | Erection of rear dormer roof extension to facilitate loft conversion with Juliet balcony | 51 London Road, River, CT17 0SG – permission granted
- g) DOV/21/01018 | Erection of single storey rear extension (existing conservatory to be demolished) | 9 Cowper Road, River, CT17 0PF – permission granted
- h) DOV/21/00857 | Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions, porch, store, rear terrace with wall, rear patio, retaining wall and steps (existing garage, link, retaining wall and steps to be demolished) | 69 Deanwood Road, River, CT17 0NU – permission granted

- i) DOV/21/00873 | Creation of a dropped kerb for vehicle access | 11 London Road, River, CT17 0SF – permission granted
- j) DOV/21/00790 | Erection of a first floor side extension, insertion of side window to first floor and 2no. rooflights to front and rear to facilitate loft conversion | 5 Hawthorne Close, River, CT17 0NG – permission granted
- k) DOV/21/00800 | Erection of two storey side and rear extensions with 1no. rooflight, extension to first floor rear balcony and balustrade, alteration to windows and doors, increase height of boundary wall to 2m high, landscaping, and extended driveway for additional parking (existing side and rear extension to be demolished, existing tree to be removed) | 73 London Road, River, CT17 0SQ
- l) DOV/21/00734 | Erection of a two storey side extension to include integral garage with new roof to front porch (existing garage demolished) | 11 Crabble Lane, River, CT17 0LP – permission granted.
- m) DOV/21/00822 | Erection of a single storey rear extension with 2no. roof lanterns and replacement first floor balcony with window (part retrospective) | Fairfield, 47 Cowper Road, River, CT17 0PJ – permission granted.

### **c) Other Planning Matters**

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson asked if we had received details of a planning application for 26 River Street. This was not known.

Also, a planning application for the land next to the bungalow on the corner of Crabble Avenue. It was agreed that this application is outside the Parish boundary.

### **103. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The financial report for September 2021 was circulated at the meeting. Balances were not included this month due to a £15 unresolved discrepancy.

*PCSO McGuinness left the meeting at this point.*

### **104. EVENTS UPDATE**

#### **a) Wellbeing Roadshow**

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that 26 stalls are booked for the DDC Wellbeing Roadshow. DDC has delivered promotional leaflets around River. She requested that the toilets be cleaned before the event.

#### **b) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Chairman reported that the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were discussed after the last Recreation Ground Management Meeting and it was suggested that they be combined with the Summer Fete into one all day event. A request has been received from Crabble Corn Mill to run a Cider Stall at the event. Chairman suggested that it would be good to support the mill.

### **105. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Formal notification of London Road crossing works has been received and has already been circulated to Councillors.

### **106. ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Works on refurbishing the Market Square in Dover will begin on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Meeting ended at 8.40pm

NOTE: This meeting of River Parish Council was the first to be held as a hybrid meeting with District Councillor Rose attending virtually via a web link.