

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th November 2021 in River Methodist Church, Lewisham Road, River

PRESENT: Cllr. Taylor (in the Chair), Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Beresford, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and Cllr. Jones
IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk), County Cllr. Collor and County Cllr. Richardson. No members of the public present (meeting live-streamed on social media)

107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Gunzi, District Cllr. Beaney and Dist. Cllr. Rose

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

109. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Beresford and all agreed.

110. UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES (NOT OTHERWISE LISTED ON THE AGENDA)

Item 93 - Highway Improvement Plan: Kent County Council are requesting a contribution of £1,250 (50% of the cost of the Traffic Regulation Order) towards completion of the final two items on the HIP, outside River School. Clerk suggested that the item be on the agenda for an additional meeting so that it can be decided before the end of the calendar year as required by Kent Highways.

Item 95a – Lower Road Phone Box: Cllr. Jones has seen an article on the BBC website regarding Ofcom asking BT to slow down their plans to close phone boxes. However, it was noted that the adoption of the phone box by the Parish Council has already been completed.

Item 101a - Railway Bell Planning Application: It was reported that the latest revision to plans for the Railway Bell pub have been approved by the DDC Planning Committee.

111. REPORTS

a) District and County Councillors

County Cllr. Collor reported that:

- i) Dover TAP on the A20 has been implemented on 9 occasions since 19th October;
- ii) the KCC 'green agenda' has been highlighted in the past month with the aim of planting a tree for each resident in the county;
- iii) the Dover Fast Track Bus Service will be fully electric;
- iv) problems with the school buses have been reported.

Question: Chairman asked if the EV charging points at the bus terminus are now fully operational as they do not have the same notices as other points in Dover and regular petrol cars have been seen parking there. Cllr. Collor will check.

Question: Cllr. Beresford said that there have been an increasing number of school bus cancellations. Cllr. Collor said that Stagecoach have been having Covid-related staff shortages as others have.

County Cllr. Richardson reported that:

- v) a countywide consultation over the Kent Design Guide is open until 17th January;
- vi) (from DDC) Free Christmas parking dates have been announced;
- vii) 231 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued by the new company dealing with litter enforcement, no dogs mess FPNs have been issued as they need more reported incidents;
- viii) £119,000 in Community Grants have been given;
- ix) Refuse collection is currently working but is still operationally fragile. A new plan is being introduced for 3,000 narrow access and communal households in the District to improve the service. Very few properties in River will be affected. Drivers from other areas are still being called in to keep the service going. It is Veolia's problem to solve.

County Cllr. Richardson left the meeting at this point to attend another engagement.

b) Parish Councillors

i) Cllr. Atkins has been collecting Christmas decorations to reuse on the Recreation Ground Community Tree.

ii) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that:

- Parking Enforcement Officers have attended River School during the last month.
- The diseased tree at the Bus Terminus has been dealt with.
- The memorial bench is now ready to be installed in the Recreation Ground.
- Two gazebos were broken at the Wellbeing Roadshow on the Recreation Ground. These will need to be replaced before the 2022 events.
- Community Wardens at the Wellbeing Roadshow offered to give a talk on avoiding scams and this information has been passed on to the village hall.

iii) Chairman reminded the meeting that there are still two vacancies on the Parish Council. This is especially important as there will be extra tasks connected with the events of 2022. He also reported that two new volunteers have joined the Community Speedwatch Scheme.

c) PCSO/Policing

A report has been received from PCSO McGuinness which will be appended to the minutes.

112. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Three letters have been received regarding construction works on Gorse Hill (also known as Coombe Down). It was confirmed that there is no current planning application for the site. One resident has reported the matter to Dover District Council Planning Enforcement who are looking into this.

113. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- DOV/21/01521 | Erection of a single storey rear extension (existing conservatory to be demolished) | 26 River Street, River, CT17 0RB – No comments.
- DOV/21/01538 | Replacement cladding to partial areas of front, side and rear elevations | 24 Kingston Close, River, CT17 0NQ – No comments.
- DOV/21/01504 | Alterations and replacement to windows and doors | 23 Kingston Close, River, CT17 0NQ – No comments.
- DOV/21/01553 | Erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension | 6 Luckhurst Road, River, CT17 0PE – No comments.
- DOV/21/01636 | Erection of side garage and external steps to rear (existing detached garage to be demolished) | 9 Meadway, River, CT17 0PS – No comments.
- DOV/21/01676 | Fell two Ash (B12 and B13 (both subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 1969/1) | Amenity Land Fronting 1 to 15 Kingston Close, River – No comments.

b) To note any decisions made by Dover District Council

There were none.

114. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) To receive financial reports for October 2021

The financial report was circulated to Councillors and accepted.

b) To receive a proposal to purchase a Traffic Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The current Speed Indicator Device has been having causing problems during Community Speedwatch Sessions. A new model has been on loan to the Parish for sessions since they resumed after the Covid pandemic restrictions, which will need to be returned. Therefore, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that a replacement Speed Indicator Device be purchased at a cost of £446. This was seconded by Cllr. Atkins and all agreed.

c) To receive a recommendation for future banking services

This item has been held over until the next meeting.

d) To receive a request for grant funding from River Pre-School

A Recovery Plan has been received from River Pre-School. It was agreed that questions still needed to be asked. Cllr. Dixon and Cllr. Buhlman were asked to contact River Pre-School, meet with representatives as necessary and report back to the next meeting.

115. EVENTS UPDATE

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson reported that a band that played at the Wellbeing Roadshow has been identified as a possible performer for the Fete. The funfair has been booked for the Fete and for the Summer Holidays. Cllr. Atkins reported that an email has been sent to previous stallholders and 23 have been pencilled in for the 2022 Fete. Clerk was asked to check which stalls from last year did not have a refund. Also, details of an initiative have been received called "The Queen's Green Canopy" with the aim of planting trees throughout the country in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

116. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from KALC regarding their AGM and training events etc.

117. ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

An additional meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 1pm in River Methodist Church.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

PCSO REPORT OCTOBER 2022

- 10th October Crabble Lane Criminal Damage Garden Wall Damaged.
- 15th October London Road Crabble concern for welfare the person was all in order.
- 16th October Badgers Rise Burglary male seen on Driveway and entered Garage
- 17th October Crabble Lane nuisance youths knocking and ringing doorbells
- 18th October Member of public reporting harassment
- 22nd October Abbey Road Dog out of control
- 22nd October Minnis Lane RTC
- 28th October Cowper Rd Fraud
- 29th October London Rd Trailer stolen
- 2nd November Woodland Close Fraud
- 5th November Lyndhurst Rd member of public reporting a male keeps using his wheelchair in the middle of the roads Vehicles having to swerve around him.
- 5th November Badgers Rise Obstruction

*poppies broken & thrown in river - Mill
car damage Chilton Way entrance
to Abbey
Sun 7 Nov roadworks sign in old Foddelles
area*

Protect your garden

Maintain hedges and fences to prevent unwanted visitors from entering your garden.

Close your garden gate and lock it from the inside.

Store bins and ladders carefully so they can't be used as climbing aids.