

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 1pm on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at River Methodist Church

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk)

118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All present.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

120. PLANNING MATTERS

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

- i. DOV/21/01651 | erection of a two storey rear extension, a first floor front extension and side steps (existing rear steps to be demolished) | 53 Crabble Lane, River, CT17 0NY – No comments.
- ii. DOV/ 21/01681 | Formation of a recessed amenity deck to second floor, conversion of existing garage into ancillary accommodation and erection of a new detached double garage | Minnis Mount, Minnis Lane, River, CT17 0PT – No comments.
- iii. DOV/21/01703 | Erection of a two bay garage | 16 Mannering Close, River, CT17 0UD – No comments.

b) To note any decisions made by Dover District Council

None

121. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) To consider a request from River Pre School for grant funding

Cllrs. Buhlman and Dixon have met with Katy Tuck, Chair of River Pre-School, to discuss the background to the application for funding and the current financial situation. This was reported to the Parish Council. After discussion, Cllr. Dixon proposed that the Parish Council make a grant of £1,140 to River Pre-School to cover the cost of a change in status from registered charity to Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This being the request made by River Pre-School. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed. Councillors requested that River Pre-School keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

b) To receive and consider a proposal to change banking arrangements

With full information not available, it was agreed to hold this item over until the next meeting.

c) Proposal to fund 50% of a Traffic Regulation Order relating to parking restrictions at River School

Kent Highways have asked that the Parish Council fund 50% of the Traffic Regulation Order for the extension of the double yellow lines around the corner of upper Common Lane, next to the School and also undertake public consultation. Chairman and Clerk have met with Mr. Brincombe, Head of School, who has agreed that the School will circulate pupils and local households with details of this scheme which has been progressed at their request to improve road safety outside the school. After discussion, Chairman proposed that the Parish Council pay Kent County Council £1,250 being 50% of the cost of the traffic regulation order for this highway scheme. This was seconded by Cllr. Beresford and all agreed.

122. FLINT HOUSE

a) Update on present situation

Chairman gave a summary of the current situation. Both planning applications had been withdrawn following an objection from Sport England. The applications were set to be refused despite prior assurance from Dover District Council that there was no problem with either. In accordance with further advice from DDC, new applications are ready to proceed. Chairman confirmed that there is no additional cost.

Cllr. Dixon has been liaising with Sport England over their objections which are based on outdated information and assumptions.

b) To receive and consider tenders for works to the Lower Floor

Three tenders have been received by the Parish Council and were considered. It was agreed to formally decline the most expensive tender and keep the other two available. Both tenders will then be asked for an updated/adjusted figure once planning permission has been received.

123. FUTURE BROADCAST ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS

The matter of whether or not to continue live streaming of meetings was discussed. The Clerk confirmed that there is no legal requirement to do so. After discussion, it was agreed, by a majority of six to two, to continue live streaming of the monthly Parish Council meetings.

124. FUTURE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

It was agreed that a meeting of the Events Committee be arranged in January.

125. ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a) It was reported that the cutting back of the hedging on the western boundary of the Recreation Ground was due to take place on Monday.

b) Proper notices have now been put up by Dover District Council next to the two electric vehicle charging points at the bus terminus in Lewisham Road.

Meeting closed at 3pm