

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at River Methodist Church

PRESENT: Cllr. Taylor (in the Chair), Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Gunzi, Cllr. Underhill

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk) and County Cllr. Richardson

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Beresford, Cllr. Jones and District Cllr. Beaney

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

40. NOTICES OF VACANCY

Notices of Vacancy have been posted following the resignations of Roger Buhlman and Mary Eyre-Jackson as members of the Parish Council.

41. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Parish Council Meeting 8.03.2022

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Underhill proposed that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Dixon and all agreed.

b) Events Committee 23.03.2022

Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

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

Item 23 - Lower Road Phone Box: No update.

Item 30a(i) - KCC Plan Tree: This KCC initiative has yet to be confirmed. County Cllr. Richardson confirmed that he has received details of the potential sites in River from Mrs Eyre-Jackson.

Item – Recreation Ground Outdoor Electrical Socket: This is going to be boxed in so that the wire does not need to be removed.

Item 32c - Gorse Hill: County Cllr. Richardson asked for the correspondence to be sent on to him.

Item 36b - PSPO: The new Public Space Protection Order will come into place in July. Cllr. Dixon said that clear signage is needed to indicate the change.

43. REPORTS

a) PCSO/Policing

No report

b) District and County Councillors

County Cllr. Richardson reported that:

- i) Children and school have been invited to take part in the Kent Big Writing Challenge
- ii) The Leaders of DDC and KCC have had a meeting with the Roads Minister to discuss the problems with congestion affecting Dover. All routes into town are controlled by central Government. Two farmers have offered land for lorry parks in the past week. Unfortunately, they were both in the wrong position.
- iii) The local scheduled resurfacing works had to be delayed due to a previous job overrun. They are now scheduled for the middle of June. There will be disruption to bus services. Cllr. Atkins asked that good notice be given as children will need to be at school on time for GCSE exams.

County Cllr. Richardson left the meeting at this point.

c) Parish Councillors

- i) Cllr. Atkins reported that she has been processing booking forms for the Platinum Jubilee Event.
- ii) Cllr. Dixon has received a request from District Cllr. Beaney to discuss astro turf football pitches with the Parish Council. He has been asked to find a site somewhere in the District and there is a shortage of this kind of pitch in this part of Kent. It is understood that any scheme would have no install cost for the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council will receive a presentation of the full details of the scheme at a later meeting.

44. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

45. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Applications

- i. DOV/22/00328 | Erection of single storey side and rear extension | 54 Cowper Road, River, CT17 0PL – No comments.
- ii. DOV/22/00313 | Erection of single storey rear extension, raise pitch of existing roof to facilitate loft conversion, installation of 3no. rooflights and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation | 21 Deanwood Road, River, CT17 0NT – No comments.
- iii. DOV/22/00345 | Sycamore (T1) reduce by approximately 40%; Ash (T2 and T3) pollard at 5-6 metres, all subject of Tree Preservation Order 1977/3 | Land Between Hazeldown Close And, Cowper Road, River - As Tree Preservation Orders are involved with this application, it should be subject to the approval of the District Council's Tree and Horticultural Officer and the recommendations of a qualified tree surgeon.
- iv. DOV/22/00336 | Replacement Cladding to front and rear elevations | 2 Kingston Close, River, CT17 0NQ – No comments.
- v. DOV/22/00196 | Erection of an outbuilding under existing car port for use as a dog grooming business (retrospective) | 30 Minnis Lane, River, CT17 0PR – No comments.
- vi. DOV/22/00417 | Erection of a single storey rear extension and rear dormer | 51 Valley Road, River, CT17 0QW – No comments.

b) Decisions made by Dover District Council

- i. DOV/22/00127 | Erection of a detached annexe for dependent relative | River Minnis Farm, Minnis Lane, River, CT15 7DN – permission granted
- ii. DOV/22/00074 | Change of use of ground floor from offices to self-contained flat, erection of 1.8m fencing, alterations to windows and doors and installation of 2no. cycle racks | 7-9 Chilton Way, River, CT17 0QB – permission granted

46. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Financial Reports

The Financial Report for March 2022 had previously been circulated and was considered.

b) Quotation for replacement Aerial Runway Cable (Lower Road Play Area)

A quotation of £465 has been received from Safeplay Playground Services for the replacement of the cable on the Aerial Runway. A second quote included a £150 charge to quote, which would be returned if the job was in excess of £500. A third company declined to quote. As the manufacturers are based in Cumbria, the Safeplay quotation would be best value. Cllr. Atkins proposed that the Safeplay quote be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Underhill and all agreed.

47. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AGM

The Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the next meeting. It was decided that no additional speakers will be invited.

48. ANY GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE DATE OF THE MEETING

a) KALC Dover Area Committee AGM

Notice has been received of the AGM of the KALC Dover Committee to be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at Guston Village Hall.

b) Temporary Road Closure – Alkham Road/London Road

Notification has been received of temporary closure of Alkham Road, Temple Ewell and London Road, River has been received. The roads are scheduled to be closed overnight (1930 hours to 0500 hours) for three nights beginning on 10th May 2022. This is to enable carriageway resurfacing.

49. ANY ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Nothing further.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm