

A MEETING OF DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL was held on **MONDAY, 9th JANUARY, 2012**, in the Parish Council Chamber.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr. Roger Wilkins, Cllr. Tom Gibbs, Cllr. I. Meyers, Cllr. Terry Mullard, Cllr. Russell Tillson, Cllr. Diane Wilson.

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Joyce Cockerill – poorly

Cllr. Alan Davis – working

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllrs Tillson and Wilkins declared prejudicial interest in planning application Y11/1198/SH as both are members of Shepway District Council's Development Control Committee.

MINUTES:

Proposed by Cllr. Tillson, seconded by Cllr. Mullard , that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December, 2011, be approved. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING.

None.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Proposed by Cllr. Gibbs, seconded by Cllr. Tillson, that the meeting be adjourned to provide discussion with members of the public. Meeting adjourned at 19.33

Don Covus, Community Warden, informed that December had been a nice and peaceful month. A group of youths that had been causing problems in the village, have been spoken to and are now behaving impeccably. Car park meters at Martello 25 car park were vandalised prior to Christmas and the garage shop has recently been broken into. PSCO Lee Stokes asked Don to mention that Police presence was increased over the Christmas period.

Richard Blackwell requested:-

1. DPC to offer support to the Retro Café who are in discussion with SDC over requirements of a public convenience on the premises.
2. Informed a tourist map is in poor condition on a notice board.
3. Gave his view on the reorganisation of Local Government in 1972 and asked if DPC would liaise with KALC to make improvements at local level.

Meeting resumed at 19.38

CONSIDER MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC SESSION:

Council agreed to send a letter to SDC and Damian Collins MP, offering support to the Retro Café.

Cllr. Tillson responded to Mr. Blackwell informing that the Localism Act will enable new initiatives to take place and will include improvements to local democracy.

Cllr. Meyers said he did not feel the Localism Act will make improvements.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

RECEIVE REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

None.

RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS:

Cllr. Tillson informed that the Strategic Planning working group will meet soon and Beach Advisory will meet on 25th January. The EA Plater Hall working group accepted a bid for the lease of the building, finer details are still to be agreed. Ongoing.

CONSIDER STRATEGY FOR PERSONAL WATER CRAFT:

Cllr. Tillson suggested signage be ordered to direct personal water craft (pwc) users to the second slipway (at the top of Martello 25 car park).

Cllr. Meyers said the item should not be discussed without Cllr. Davis present. The chairman supported the second slipway being used for pwc and stated that council should not defer making a decision on the matter because Cllr. Davis was not present. In view of the timescale required for design, making and erecting signs, councillors who supported pwc users at Dymchurch should be contributing to establishing a management process, not just one councillor.

Cllr. Wilson did not wish to discuss the matter without a report from Cllr. Davis, as she wished to establish if she agrees with his proposals.

Cllr. Meyers repeated that Cllr. Davis views should not be discussed without him being present.

Cllr. Tillson informed that Cllr. Davis had asked for his views to be expressed. These being that the strategy consider; a single site, signage, registration scheme (may need to be a club membership), annual fee, registration and launch, possible day ticket, proof of competence, third party insurance, advertising. Possible on-the-spot management for monitoring and issuing of permits and employing someone for this purpose.

Cllr. Meyers requested that if Cllr. Davis does have a draft report that it be distributed to councillors in advance of the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS (at Chairman's discretion)

Cllr. Wilson requested to take on the Christmas window competition.

Cllr. Meyers informed that the integrated risk management plan for Kent Fire and Rescue Service is to be debated live on February 22nd.

Meeting closed at 20.50

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next meeting of **DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL** will be held on **MONDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 2012** at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Chamber.

AGENDA

- 1) Receive apologies for absence
- 2) Declaration of Interest (*Councillors should disclose personal or prejudicial interest/s in any item/s on this agenda. Councillors with a personal interest must describe and give details of the interest. Unless the personal interest amounts to a prejudicial interest, he/she may participate fully in the meeting.*)
- 3) Approve the Minutes of the last meeting and discuss matters arising
- 4) Public Session
- 5) Consider matters raised in Public Session
- 6) Read Correspondence
- 7) Consider Planning Applications
- 8) Consider Payment of Accounts
- 9) District Council Report
- 10) Clerk's Report
- 11) Chairman's Report
- 12) To receive reports on meetings attended
- 13) To received reports from Working Groups
- 14) Debate and decide strategy for Personal Water Craft
- 15) Use of Information Technology
- 16) Publicising Dymchurch Tourist Attractions
- 17) Any other business (at Chairman's discretion)

Clerk to Dymchurch Parish Council.