

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 14th May 2018 after AGM/APM
Belle Friday Centre, London Road, Teynham

Present: Cllrs Powell (Chair) Morgan, Miller, Prescott; Speed; & M Mulley (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 8.30pm

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Delaney; Dawes; Bowles (KCC) Bowen (SBC) & Whiting (SBC)

2. Declaration of Interest – None

3. Time for members of the public to address the Council – Mrs. Melanie Clews from Artisan on London Road & Mrs. Elaine Ali a resident of London Road, Lynsted.

Mrs. Clews addressed the members asking if the PC could do anything about the number of vehicles that mounted the pavement whilst driving along London Road. Mrs. Clews had complained several times to KCC highways who would monitor the situation and had advised her to contact her local parish council. She showed members several photographs of incidents that had happened in the last few months. This illegal driving seemed to be on the increase and she felt that it would only be a matter of time before another serious accident happened. Mrs. Clews asked the PC to help her campaign for bollards to be erected along London Road, Lynsted side from The George public house to the hobby shop. The members agreed something had to be done as this was a serious problem and agreed to write to Cllr Bowles (KCC) Cllrs Bowen & Whiting (SBC) and KCC Highways to see what action could be taken **Action point** Clerk to contact KCC & SBC Cllrs requesting their help with this matter.

4. To confirm minutes of meeting on Monday 16th April 2018

Minutes agreed as correct proposed LM Seconded JS

5. Matters arising from previous minutes None

6. Finance

a) Receipts 1st Instalment of precept & lighting grant of £10,019.50; Vat refund £972.89

b) Payments	£60.00	1086	KALC
	£185.10	1087	Streetlights-Lighting repairs
	£69.60	1088	Millennium Hedge Cutting
	£258.30	1089	Streetlights – Lighting repairs
	£494.08	1090	Streetlights – Lighting maintenance contract
	£163.20	1091	Amethyst-Floral Planter
	£300.00	1092	Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance
		1093	Void cheque
	£488.41	1094	Came & Company Insurance renewal

The Clerk informed the members that Streetlights were putting their rates up by 3.3% per year bringing the quarterly maintenance fee world rise from £411.73 to £425.32

The Clerk read out a letter received from Kent Air Ambulance requesting a £300 donation. The Air Ambulance service had been used several times within the parish recently which highlighted what a valuable and essential resource it was to rural areas. It was agreed to grant this donation and a cheque for £300 was raised. Pro DP seconded KP

c) Annual return-Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

The internal audit had taken place on 10/5/18 and the auditor had completed the Annual Internal Audit Report. The Chairman read out the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 and completed the form. Agreed as correct Proposed KP Seconded JM

d) Annual return- Section 2 Accounting Statements 2017/18

The figures on the form were checked and agreed as correct and signed off by the Chairman. Proposed DP Seconded LM

e) Insurance renewal

The Clerk had contacted Came & Company explaining that LKPC had received a quotation from Zurich which was £100 cheaper than Came & Company quote. As we are loyal customers Came & Company agreed to match the Zurich quotation at £511.48 or £488.41 for a 3 year lock in period. It was agreed to stay with Came & Company under the 3 year lock in period and a cheque was raised and signed-see above. Proposed JS Seconded LM

7) Projects-Planters in parish locations

The Clerk had spoken to a resident of Kingsdown and emailed Neil Anderson asking if they had any suggestion for a location of a planter in Kingsdown. As yet no reply had been received. Cllr Dawes had contacted the Clerk to say Tom English would be prepared to water a planter in Cellar Hill if a suitable location could be found. Other areas where it might be suitable for a planter were where the old telephone box is/was situated on Lynsted Lane (Cllr Prescott agreed to water if situated there) on the grass triangle at Erriott Wood corner if a candidate could be found to water it, and at the junction of Batteries Close/Lynsted Lane (Cllr Prescott agreed to water if situated there)

Action point Cllrs Prescott & Powell agreed to visit the suggested sites and confirm to the Clerk if any of these sites were suitable areas for the planters to be situated and had a local volunteer to water them. **Agenda item next meeting**

a) Passing Place-Lynsted

Cllr Prescott had spoken to the Head teacher of Lynsted School (Miss Stevens) and located a suitable position for a pull-in passing place to be created outside Lynsted School (Gap between the Swedish houses and the corner of the school) **Action point** Cllr Prescott to email The Clerk pictures of the exact location. Clerk to contact KCC highways asking them if it were possible to have a passing place at this location and if so how much would it cost to paint the area marking it as a passing zone.

8. Planning.

The following application was received too late to go on the agenda. After circulating via email it was decided that no special planning meeting was required and it could be left to the planning officer.

18/502054/FULL-Proposed conversion of existing detached garage to annexe accommodation.

Loxley House, Land Adjacent to The Old Vicarage. The Street. Lynsted

9. Correspondence

After the first response from Teynham Parish Council stating that LKPC request for an ad hoc chat about mutual areas of concern within both parishes (Air quality; traffic on A2) had to be an official meeting with an agenda item and minutes taken, Cllr Powell had again contacted The Chairman of TPC asking if the two Chairmen could meet for an informal chat. Much to members' disappointment Cllr Powell had not received a reply and it was agreed not to pursue this matter any further.

10. Consultations –SBC New Local Plan to 2038

The Bearing Fruits 2031 Local Plan was adopted in July 2017 however SBC were proposing that this plan be extended to 2038 and would have to be finalised by summer 2022. Anyone wishing to comment on the plan can complete the questionnaire at <https://swale-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/>) The consultation runs from 27/04/18 to 8/06/18 and comments can also be submitted by email at planningpolicy@swale.gov.uk or by mail to Planning Policy. SBC. Swale House. East Street. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME10 3HT **Action point** After discussion it was agreed Cllrs Powell & Morgan would draft an LKPC response and email out to other Councillors for approval. Once agreed the Clerk to send to SBC.

11. Complaints – None

12. AOB

Litter Picking. Another litter pick had taken place on Saturday 5th May where Lynsted Lane from A2 to Lynsted School including Batteries Close were covered. Cllr Prescott will purchase some litter tongs & hoops from the £50 budget allocation for LKPC to keep for future use.

G & T Meeting Cllr Speed had attended the KALC Swale area committee on Gypsy & Traveler issues on 17th April 2018. Cllr Speed reported that a total of 13 parishes had attended this meeting with parishes having varying degrees of problems with this issue. It had been agreed that SBC had a duty of care to provide adequate legal pitches however they should also robustly enforce against illegal pitches. Those present at the meeting agreed a small working party should be set up to create a document highlighting the problems to make SBC aware of the issues affecting the parishes as there should be more interaction between SBC and local parishes.

New Bin –The new litter bin had been installed unfortunately it had been situated by the bus stop and not next to the bench seat. It was agreed this was a good position for a litter bin however another one was needed by the bench seat. As this involved expenditure it was agreed to discuss at next meeting. **Agenda item next meeting**

Millennium Hedge KP to talk to the land owner (Malcolm) with ref to getting a quotation to relay the Millennium Hedge if he deemed necessary.

13. Date of next meetings

Monday 25th June 2018

Monday 30th July 2018

Monday 24th September 2018

Monday 29th October 2018-Budget/precept meeting

Monday 26th November 2018-Budget/precept meeting

Monday 17th December 2018

14. Standards meeting – As standards were regularly monitored it was agreed no meeting was necessary.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley