

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 16th April 2018 at 8pm
Belle Friday Centre, London Road, Teynham

Present: Cllrs Delaney (Vice-Chair), Morgan, Miller, Dawes, Speed; Bowles (KCC) Bowen (SBC) & M Mulley (Clerk)
Members of the public present Peter Gomm & Alison Fox

Meeting commenced at 8.00pm
Cllr Delaney chaired the meeting

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Powell, Prescott & Whiting (SBC)

2. Declaration of Interest – Cllr Dawes ref item 8-Declaration of interest form completed and given to Clerk.

3. Time for members of the public to address the Council

Mr. Peter Gomm of The George Inn, Lynsted addressed the members asking why they had objected to his planning application on the grounds of reduced parking facilities. Mr. Gomm explained what the proposed parking facilities would be for his application (The existing pub car park could accommodate approx. 15 parking spaces and an additional 3 spaces would be created for the new B & B facility) he had also made some minor changes to his original application. Mr. Gomm stated that the heritage Society had approved the plans because the building was built in 1652 and this would preserve the building for the future. Mr. Gomm left the meeting at 8.15pm. **Action point** Clerk to contact the planning dept. at SBC asking them to clarify the parking situation with an exact diagram of the proposed existing parking and proposed new parking with the amendments to the application then the application could be reconsidered.

Cllr Miller joined the meeting

Alison Fox-Amethyst Horticulture.

By invitation Ms. Fox presented some various options for planters that Amethyst could supply. As they were located in the village Amethyst would supply the planters at cost and offered to plant them up free of charge (Ms. Fox offered to water the planter situated on the triangle by the village sign post herself at no extra charge) Ms. Fox left the meeting at 8.25pm. In the first instance after discussion it was decided to order 1 planter (2 half barrels) to be situated and secured either side of the village signpost at a cost of £126 plus VAT. 3 more planters to be ordered once suitable sites/people to water them had been located (Members to seek out 3 other sites within the parish where it would be safe to site the planters and have an allocated person to water them) Cllr Bowles offered to get a KCC highways representative to check out any proposed sites that were located. Proposed LM seconded JM **Action Point** Clerk to order the first planter **Agenda item**
May meeting

Cllr Bowen informed the members that Lynsted School had put in a claim with their insurers for the stolen defibrillator. They were £250 short of funds to buy a replacement which Cllr Bowen offered to fund out of his members grant. Cllr Bowen informed the members there was a possibility he might be able to help towards funding the cost of the new planters.

It was anticipated that the work for speed management along London Road from Lynsted Lane to Cellar Hill would start at the end of April. It was planned to put a speed buffer zone on the approach to Cellar Hill and a Yellow Box junction at the junction of A2/Lynsted Lane.

New SE train timetable was coming into effect in May and the number of trains stopping at Teynham station in the evening had been reduced by one. Cllr Bowen would lobby for this to be reinstated.

Cllr Bowen left the meeting at 8.35pm

4. To confirm minutes of meeting on Monday 26th March 2018

Minutes agreed as correct proposed CD Seconded JM

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

The Clerk had contacted KCC with a view to erecting ‘Tractor’ signs at Kingsdown and had received a reply from the traffic schemes department ‘*KCC would only look at making changes to the highway, including minor schemes such as new traffic signs, if there is evidence of an injury crash problem that could be addressed by the measure proposed. If there is a particular location or entrance where the PC considers there is a problem then we can look at this but, at present, there are no injury crashes showing in the last three years anywhere along Kingsdown Road so it is unlikely that we would support any changes of the highway*’

Design Statement

Cllrs Delaney, Morgan, Powell & Miller had attended a presentation at SBC about local planning regulations and Alan Best of SBC advised them to put the updating of the Village Design Statement on hold until the new local planning regulations had been agreed, and he would assist LKPC to update the plan.

6. Finance

a) Receipts - None

b) Payments £60.00 1086 KALC

7) Passing Place-Lynsted

Cllr Prescott wanted to explore the possibility of creating a Passing Place outside Lynsted School as was discussed at traffic meeting many years ago. As Cllr Prescott was not present at this meeting item postponed for next meeting **Agenda item for May meeting**

7a) Parking Byelaw

The Clerk had circulated the 2016 No 165 Local Government the Byelaws (Alternative Procedure) (England) Regulations 2016. The Clerk had contacted Framlingham Town Council to ask how they went about getting a byelaw to enable them to put flyers on windscreens warning of a £30 fine for bad parking. Framlingham Town Clerk informed her that a byelaw was never sought and their local PCSO agreed to put the flyers on windscreens and enforce the tickets where necessary. **Action point** The Clerk to contact

the legal advisor at KALC for advice on how to either create a byelaw or piggyback on an existing byelaw. **Agenda item next meeting.**

7b) Insurance review

The Clerk had obtained 3 quotations for the insurance renewal. NFU did not give an actual figure but said it would be more than twice what the PC were already paying. Zurich came in at £511.48 and Came & Company came in at £611.48 **Action point** Clerk to contact our existing insurers Came & Company and ask if they could price match the Zurich charge. **Agenda item next meeting**

7c) Litter Bin-Lynsted Lane by Bench seat

The Clerk had contacted SBC regarding the missing bin by the bench seat on Lynsted Lane. SBC reported that in March the bin had been vandalised beyond repair and was therefore removed. A new bin would cost £250 + VAT. It was agreed to purchase a new bin. Proposed JM seconded LM **Action point** Clerk to order replacement bin

7d) Swale Area Committee proposed meeting

The meeting regarding parishes affected by Gypsy and Traveler issues will take place on Friday 11th May at 7.30pm at Hartlip Village Hall. **Action point** Chairman to be asked if he could attend.

8. Planning.

18/501540/TPO/PAHEG-TPO application to remove Yew tree. Trim back yew tree to give a 2 metre clearance. Trim overhanging branched from two Sycamore trees back to boundary. Remove small ash tree from back garden. Leyland trees surrounding property to be reduced to 20ft. Remove Leyland by entrance to driveway.

The Old Stables, The Vallance. Lynsted. Sittingbourne. Kent **No adverse comments**

18/501040/FULL-Erection of a fence (retrospective)

24 St Pauls Court. Lynsted. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 0RE **No adverse comments**

9. Correspondence None

10. Consultations None

11. Complaints – None

12. AOB

LKPC Web Site The picture on the LKPC web site to be changed to one that was relevant to Lynsted Village **Action point** Clerk to replace picture.

Cllr Morgan reported that the large pothole and damaged verge (caused by contractors) on Lynsted Lane opposite The Old Vicarage was in a dangerous condition **Action point** Clerk to report to KCC Highways

Cllr Morgan reported that the ‘SLOW’ sign painted on the road as you approach Lynsted Village from the Doddington end by the village name sign had been worn away. **Action point** Clerk to report to KCC Highways.

Local plan briefing Cllr Bowles gave a summary of the local plan briefing where the government have said that SBC have to build an extra 1600 houses in the area in the next 10 years, which was a 36% increase in the Swale area. In Cllr Bowles opinion there were 3 options SBC could take 1) To say no to the proposals which could mean that KCC could take control of planning applications in Swale (Such as has happened in Thanet) 2) Allow lots of smaller developments to takes place throughout the Swale Borough, 3) Have one or two major developments which would have the benefit of attracting funding for major infrastructure in those areas (i.e. Schools; Doctors Surgeries & updated road systems) Parishioners views/comments should be given to SBC, the final decision will not be made until after May 2019

Litter Picking. The litter pick that took place in April was very successful with over 15 bags of litter being collected. Cllr Prescott requested via The Clerk that another event be organised with date/time to be advised. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Prescott for organising such a successful event.

13. Date of next meetings

Monday 14th May 2018-AGM; Annual Parish & Monthly Parish meeting

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