

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 17th December 2018
Belle Friday Centre, London Road, Teynham

Present: Cllrs Powell (Chair) Dawes; Prescott; Morgan; Bowen (SBC) Bowles (KCC) & M Mulley (Clerk)

Members of the public present - Mr. Bob Baxter

Meeting commenced at 8.00pm

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Miller; Delaney, Speed & Whiting

2. Declaration of Interest Cllr Prescott completed a form ref English Rural Housing Ass

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

Mr. Bob Baxter who was representing CPRE Kent addressed the members expressing objections to the planning application-see item 8 below. The building is of Regency period (1811 to 1820) and lies with-in the Cellar Hill & Green Street Conservation area and as such is a clear heritage asset and warrants special protection as emphasized by Policy DM33 of Swale Borough Council Local Plan 2017. Whilst the building is run down it is by no means dilapidated and is in need of conservation and possibly warrants listing. Mount House is a rare gem of historical architecture and a valuable asset to the parish. CPRE will be objecting to this application on heritage grounds and would urge LKPC to do the same. Mr. Baxter left the meeting at 8.20pm

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

Minutes agreed as correct proposed LM Seconded CD

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

The Clerk had contacted Mrs. Sue Flanagan of Swaleside Veterinary Surgery informing here LKPC would be prepared to pay for the additional items she had purchased for the defibrillator. She thanked the Councillors for the kind offer but declined and thanked LKPC for the covering the cost of the new pads.

6. Finance Receipts None b) Payments None

c) Lynsted School Donation request

The members expressed their appreciation that Mrs. Dyer and Mr. Wood had attended the last meeting, however after discussion it was decided that more information was required on how the scheme works in other schools. The members also wanted to know how the iPads that LKPC had donated were being used and what benefits they were bringing to the school children. It was felt LKPC had already donated £1000 in this financial year for the iPads and the members were mindful of how much public money should be donated to the same recipient in one financial year. **Action point** Clerk to write to Mrs. Dyer and ask for more information of the scheme and how the iPads were being used.

Agenda item for next meeting

Cllr Prescott joined the meeting

d) Lloyds Bank signatory form/Compensation letter

The Clerk informed the members that after her complaint to Lloyds bank regarding the signatory form being lost/misplaced several times, LKPC had received £100 compensation in recompense for the time & stress caused. A copy of the original signatory form had to be signed by DP, KP & JM. Once signed to be sent to Lloyds for processing **Action point** DP took form and would liaise with JM & KP to get form signed

Bank rec and statements presented and signed as correct by Chairman

7a) Blocked drains in parish

DP had inspected all the drains on the maps sent by SBC and would email map showing the blocked drains to The Clerk for submission to Highways faults for clearing.

Action point Clerk to email maps to KCC Highways

Cllr Bowles joined the meeting

7b) Speed Watch-update

So far there had been 6 volunteers for the scheme (Mike Hudson; Liz Spielman; Paul Berry; Clive Dawes; David Powell; & Linda Morgan) it was hoped more volunteers would come forward in the next few months. **Agenda item Jan meeting**

7c) Double Yellow lines Lynsted Lane/Junction of A2

The Clerk read out an email she had received from a concerned member of the public complaining they had not been consulted over the application to extend the yellow lines along Lynsted Lane. The Clerk had responded to the individual explaining that if KCC Highways agreed the work was necessary then a public consultation would take place. The next Joint Transport Board meeting is not till 4th March 2019 therefore **Agenda item January meeting**

7d) Motorists driving on footpath along A2/Railings

The Clerk had sent & emailed a letter to KCC Highways and was awaiting a response **Agenda item January meeting**

7e) Air Quality-Action Plan

A meeting has been arranged between DP, Professor Peckham & Nigel Heritz-Smith on 22/01/19 in Canterbury. DP to report back in January. **Agenda item Jan meeting**

7f) Broadband speed in Lynsted

A discussion took place about the benefits of different internet providers and the broadband speed they delivered. The Clerk had received an email from George Chandler, Broadband Project Manager for KCC who informed her that the Government had changed their policy on public investment and would no longer cover the cost of a new cabinet in Lynsted. A contract extension was being explored but it will not be confirmed if Lynsted are included in the new program until April 2019. **Action points** Clerk to draft

a letter appealing to George Chandler and Gordon Henderson Lynsted local MP asking if they can do anything. Letter to be circulated to members before sending.

8. Planning.

18/505707/FULL demolition of existing dilapidated property and construction of two pairs of semi-detached buildings to provide 4no five bedroom dwellings

8 London Road, Lynsted. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 9QS

It was suggested by both Cllr Bowen & Cllr Bowles that when the application went to the planning committee it would be prudent for an LKPC Councillor to attend to voice the PC's views

Further to Mr Baxter's comments (see item 3) Clerk to draft a letter of objection and circulate to members before sending to planning dept.

The Clerk had received the following appeal notification

Appeal by Mr Duncan Anderson

Appeal against enforcement notice-Breach of planning condition 14 – The holiday accommodation shall be used solely for the purpose of the holiday accommodation, shall not be used by any person or persons as their sole or main residence and shall not be let or occupied by any person or group of persons for more than four weeks in any calendar year. Hole Street Farm, Kingsdown Road. Lynsted. Kent. ME9 0QX

Cllr Bowen left meeting at 9.20pm

9. Correspondence

SBC Notification of elections on 02/05/19 Duly Noted

Letter from Liz Thorne-Age UK

The Clerk had received a response to the letter LKPC had written to Age UK. The letter from Liz Thorne of Age UK explained the reasons for closing the Belle Friday Centre. The members although saddened by this decision agreed it was inevitable that the Centre would close and there was nothing further LKPC could do.

10. Consultations None

11. Complaints – None

12. AOB

The Clerk had received an email from Steve Bland of English Rural Housing Association outlining the shortlist of candidates for a Rural Housing property in Lynsted. The Clerk informed the members that the content of the email was confidential and could not be discussed in open forum & only the process Rural housing took to choose the candidates could be discussed, it was decided as no members of the public were present it would not be necessary to go into private session. Cllr Prescott voiced her objection to the process of shortlisting candidates as she knew persons who lived in the parish, worked in the parish, had applied to be considered for the property yet had not been considered or shortlisted. Previously when a property had come up it had been given to a person living in Essex however, because it was an exchange it came under a different criteria and therefore could go to someone outside the parish. Cllr Dawes suggested Cllr Prescott declared a declaration of interest (Form completed and given to Clerk) Cllr Prescott stated that the houses had been built with the express purpose for local people to enable

them to stay in the area if they need affordable housing, and she was concerned this was not happening. LKPC had been asked to verify the local connection of the shortlisted applicants which was impossible to do without knowing the applicants. The members raised concerns that perhaps there were other local people who might have stronger links to the parish and not been considered. **Action Point** Clerk to write to Rural Housing asking them how their selection process worked and what was the criteria for selection/shortlisting, and what the role of the PC was as they have no influence over the outcome.

Clerk to give the certificate of the tree competition to DP for laminating and then displaying in the noticeboard

13. Date of next meetings

Monday 28th January 2019
Monday 25th February 2019
Monday 25th March 2019
Monday 15th April 2019

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

Meeting closed at 10pm Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley