

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018 at 8pm
Belle Friday Centre, London Road, Teynham

Present: Cllrs Powell (Chair), Morgan, Miller, Dawes, Delaney; Speed; Whiting (SBC); Bowen (SBC) & M Mulley (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 8.05pm

Mr Julien Speed joined the committee as a new LKPC Councillor

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Bowles (KCC)

2. Declaration of Interest – None

3. Time for members of the public to address the Council None

As Cllr Whiting had to leave the meeting early he requested that he address some agenda items early before heading off.

SBC had applied for and been accepted for a grant from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) it was anticipated this would go towards the cost of design work for The Northern Relief Road.

Cllr Whiting informed the members of the very sad death of SBC Cllr Ricky Barnicott. Cllr Barnicott served as a ward member for Teynham & Lynsted many years. Cllr Bowen informed the members that the service for Cllr Ricky Barnicott (SBC) would be held on Friday 13th April 2018 10.30am at Barham for those that wished to attend.

KCC had agreed to put an extended yellow box junction at the road junction of Lynsted Lane/A2 to help with the traffic congestion. The design and exact location of the box was yet to be approved. Traffic wardens would still continue to patrol the area-members asked Cllr Whiting if this area could be extended to cover Lynsted Lane.

Additional money had been secured from KCC to help with the pothole damage to the highways network and a pothole blitz campaign was scheduled to start in April 2018. All the work would be carried out by locally sourced contractors.

Regarding the gritting of Lynsted Lane it was explained that primary routes were gritted first and only once they were stabilised would secondary routes be gritted. Because the weather during the ‘Beast from the East’ was so bad major efforts were made to keep the primary routes open leaving most secondary routes to be dealt with by local farmers with their tractors and snow ploughs .It was requested that LKPC be supplied with a list of which farmers were responsible for which roads. **Action point** Clerk to email Cllr Whiting at KCC for a copy of this list. The members asked if Lynsted Lane could be upgraded to a primary route as it was a ‘rat run’ between the A2 and the A20. In order to have this considered the members would have to lobby their local KCC member. The members were informed that grit bins were only replenished on request during this period so as not to divert manpower away from the gritting the primary routes. **Action point** Clerk to email Cllr Bowles (KCC) requesting the upgrade. For future reference highways

faults could be reported online at www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults which would have faster results than reporting problems via email or post.

The red KA parked on Lynsted Lane which had not been moved for many months was to be removed.

Cllr Bowen was pleased to inform the members that through his members fund he had been able to supply Lynsted Youth Group at Lynsted Church with a new table tennis table.

Fly tipping was continuing to be a problem in the County and there was a new app out for reporting incidents of fly tipping called Country eye.

Cllr Miller arrived at 8.30

The Lights at Teynham station over the bridge were reported as not working and this was an ongoing problem which was hoped to be resolved soon.

The playgroup held on a Wednesday at Teynham Community hall was no longer being held due to costs restraints.

Cllr Bowen was trying to arrange a 'meet your Neighbour' session. Date to be advised.

Cllr Whiting left the meeting at 8.35

4. To confirm minutes of meeting on Monday 19th February 2018

Minutes agreed as correct Proposed LM Seconded CD

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

The Clerk had contacted the local PCSO to enquire how to go about making a bylaw which would enable irresponsible motorists parking on pavements and at junctions to be issued a fixed fee parking fine. It was suggested The Clerk contact the legal team at NALC and ask their advice. **Agenda item next meeting**

The owners of Amethyst Nursery had been invited to join the March meeting. **Action point** Clerk to contact them again and ask for brochures to be sent/mailed for the Cllrs to consider.

DP had contacted planning at SBC regarding the procedure for using the Lynsted Design Statement when considering planning applications in the parish, and how to go about updating the plan, awaiting a reply.

DP had received a reply from TPC regarding LKPC meeting with some of TP Councillors. TPC wanted to put everything on a formal basis with agendas & minutes, however LKPC thought it would be better to keep things on an informal basis until any important issues came up. **Action point** DP to reply to the email asking for an informal meeting just to have a chat about any local issues which might affect both PC's and report back to members.

6. Finance

a) Receipts - None

b) Payments

£33.93	DD	EDF-Electric
£672.00	SO	Clerks Wages-March
£41.56	1085	Clerks expenses

Current & reserve account bank statements and a bank rec were presented and agreed as correct and signed off by Chairman

The Clerk handed out an end of year budget report and the total spend for 2017/2018 was £20,663.05 which was 80.5% of the agreed budget spend. **Action point** A copy of the 2018/2019 budget plan to be emailed to Cllrs Delaney & Speed

A new Lloyd's signatory form was completed with Cllr Morgan & Cllr Miller to be added as new signatories. **Action point** Clerk to take to Lloyds bank

7) Defibrillator damage

The defibrillator situated outside Lynsted School had been stolen by thieves. It was discussed whether LKPC should be responsible for all/part of the replacement cost as they had donated towards the cost in the first place. After discussion it was agreed that unless items were on the LKPC asset register then LKPC could not be held responsible for donation purchases once the donation had been handed over. Cllr Bowen indicated he might be in a position to help with some funding from his Members grant if the school wished to approach him. **Action point** Clerk to email Lynsted School asking for an update on the situation and informing them of Cllr Bowens offer.

Cllr Bowen left the meeting at 9pm

7a) Gritting of Lynsted Lane See above

7b) Insurance review

After discussion it was agreed that The Clerk should obtain an additional 2 quotes for the LKPC insurance renewal. **Agenda item next meeting**

8. Planning.

16/507115/Full Amended rear lean-to extension of the annex building, as amended by drawings received 10th March 2017.

The Malt House, Lynsted Lane. Lynsted. Kent. ME9 9RB **No Adverse Comments**

The following planning application will be reported to the planning committee of the Council on 29/03/18

18/500310/OUT Outline application (Some matters reserved) for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 no dwellings with associated car barn, parking, and gardens. Access being sought only. Archirondal, Toll Road. Lynsted. Sittingbourne. Kent

9. Correspondence

Ramblers Footpath Volunteers-Duly noted

Flyer for The Shed Man-Duly noted

ElanCity Radar Speed Signs-Keep for future reference

10. Consultations

SBC are planning to end Parish Council having the automatic right to have their concerns discussed by SBC planning Committee.

At the next full SBC meeting they will be discussing plans to remove this automatic right and instead leave it to the discretion of a Borough Councillor as to whether or not the matter will be referred to the Planning Committee.

There is also a discussion of whether to raise the number of resident objections required from 3 to 5 or indeed to remove it all together and again leave it to the discretion of Borough members

Cllr Whiting had contacted the Cabinet Member for planning at SBC Cllr Gerry Lewin with ref to the above proposed amendments. Cllr Lewin confirmed that there were no plans to introduce any such changes to the current constitution, which was agreed in November 2016, and that he support the status quo.

11. Complaints – None

12. AOB

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from residents of Kingsdown confirming that the ‘SLOW’ signs painted on the road had had no significant impact on reducing the speed through the village. Warning signs on the side of the road coming into the village were covered by vegetation which did not help the situation. **Action point** Clerk to contact KCC highways asking them to cut back the vegetation and ask what the costs would be to erect warning signs of tractors on road, which might highlight the danger of speed through the village.

Cllr Morgan asked if it were possible to plant a Christmas tree on the green at St Peters Place. As this had already been discussed with the TPC officer it was agreed she could plant the tree.

Cllr Morgan reported that the stiles were broken on footpath ZR275 which bordered the grounds of Park Farm Bungalow. **Action point.** Clerk to report to KCC Footpaths.

13. Date of next meetings

Monday 16th April 2018

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 10.00pm Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley