

**Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**At 8pm via ZOOM**

**Present: Cllrs Powell (Chair) Morgan; Dawes; Speed; Carr; Langdon-Bassett; Bowen (SBC) Bowles (KCC) & M Mulley (Clerk)**  
**Jez Evans & Deborah Caplan Owner of Aymers Lodge**

**Meeting commenced at 8.05pm**

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Ross-Russell; Probert & Whiting

**2. Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Powell-Item 7c-Declaration of interest form completed

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

Mr. Evans was invited to speak, but declined to do so. Item 7c was transferred to the end of the meeting for discussion, to enable the Chair to withdraw, following a declaration of interest. DP gave a brief description of the problems being experienced by residents near the pond on Aymers Lodge land and the ongoing problems with Southern Water & the pumping station.

**4. To confirm minutes of meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

Minutes agreed as correct Proposed JLB Seconded TC

**5. Matters arising from minutes on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 None**

**6. Finance a) Receipts None**

**b) Payments**

ZOOM Membership	1206	£143.99
Clerks Wages-August	SO	£711.28
HMRC-PAYE March	1207	£2.60
EDF	DD	£42.64
EDF	DD	£452.46
Streetlights	1208	£546.00
PO Box renewal	DD	£352.50

Bank rec presented and agreed as correct by Chairman

**c) Clerk's Wage Review**

An email discussion had taken place where it was agreed to give The Clerk a raise of 2.5% taking her wages from £713.88 per month to £731.72 (£8780.64 PA)

Proposed LM Seconded CD

**d) Rural Membership**

After discussion it was agreed to renew the membership at a cost of £55.

Proposed LM Seconded DP

## **Cllr Bowles joined meeting at 20.25**

### **7 Environmental new build regulations**

It was agreed to ask Tim Valentine Cabinet member for Environment to the next meeting to discuss LKPC suggestions. **Action point** Clerk to contact Cllr Valentine and invite him to attend a meeting. **Agenda item next meeting**

#### **7a Air Quality Survey-Update**

It was agreed to put this on hold due to the Covid situation **Agenda item next meeting**

#### **7b Village Gates at Kingsdown**

It was agreed to go ahead and have the gateway installed at Kingsdown. Although Cllr Carr had offered to cover the cost of the gates it was agreed that LKPC would pay for this project to negate any problems which may arise during installation. **Action Point** Clerk to ascertain if the £800 quoted by KCC was for 1 gate only

#### **7c-See end of minutes**

#### **7e Church Christmas Event**

LM had been approached by Julia Kitt of Lynsted PCC to ascertain if it would be possible to hold a Christmas Lunch/Coffee Morning for the vulnerable residents of Lynsted. It was decided due to COVID restrictions this could not be entertained at the moment, but could be readdressed if the restrictions are lifted.

## **8. Planning**

20/503524/FULL Removal of existing pergola and erection of a detached timber garden office. Lyndale. Ludgate Lane. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 0RQ **No adverse comments**

## **9. Correspondence** None

## **10. Consultations**

### **Local Green Spaces Local Plan Review-Deadline 11/09/20-Update**

4 sites had been identified and submitted to SBC as Green Spaces. Toll Wood; Dene Holes at the back of Dadmans; Area to the South of A2 along London Road and Bottom of the Lyn Valley. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Ross-Russell for the outstanding work she had done to bring this project to fruition.

## **11 Complaints** None

## **12 AOB**

LM informed the members that the Lynsted Newsletter was no longer in publication as the editor had stood down. **Action point** LM & DP to draft out a leaflet for delivery using the newsletter network asking residents for volunteers to take over the job of editor and reinstate the newsletter.

Cllr Bowen informed the members that the last Swale Area meeting would take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

He also confirmed that the Southern Water road works had been completed ahead of schedule at the end of August 2020

Cllr Bowles informed the members that the KCC budget had been met for 2019/2020 however 2020/2021 did not look as hopeful.

Hope School transport appeals had taken place.

Cllr Bowles had taken part in 5 face to face meetings as COVID restrictions are eased **Action point** Clerk to consult LKPC insurers to confirm if they are covered for face to face meetings

**Cllr Powell left meeting at 20.58**

**13 Date of next meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October via ZOOM**

Cllr Bowen offered his apologies for this meeting

**14 Standards meeting-If required**

**Cllr Bowles & Bowen left meeting at 21.10**

**7c Aymers Lodge-Pond**

Mr. Evans had observed the LKPC Zoom meeting and it was agreed he should be a part of any discussion, as he was an interested member of the public as the owner of Aymers Lodge. LM took over to chair this topic. She asked Mr. Evans what the PC might do to help with the pond.

Two areas were discussed: the pumping station nearby and the current condition of the pond. In 2016 the pond was contaminated with flood water and effluent, which has dispersed by now, but there was concern to avoid a reoccurrence.

The pond is important, taking rain water runoff from 4, perhaps 5, directions. Resident(s) had expressed concern about the poor condition of the pond, which was one of the reasons for the agenda item. Mr. Evans explained that work was needed, but there were difficulties. One issue for him was that silt had built up in the pond from runoff water. His view is that Southern Water should carry the responsibility for removing the silt. The response he had from Southern Water was that their company's annual contribution for work had gone to KCC and there was no further funding available. The pond might also need to be repuddled after being dug out. Mr. Evans further explained that excess rain water might run into the garden neighbouring his property. Mr. Evans assured Councillors that no drainage had been damaged or affected by the digging of foundations for his property's extension.

Council members emphasised their wish to assist Mr. Evans and his partner in dealing with the pond, which is also an important part of Lynsted's heritage.

**Action point** Clerk to contact KCC & Southern Water to ask what action could be taken.

**Meeting closed at 21.45pm Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley**