

**Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**  
**At 8pm via ZOOM**

**Present: Cllrs Speed (Chairman) Delaney (Vice-Chair) Morgan; Dawes; Carr; Ross-Russell; Langdon-Bassett; Bowles (KCC) Bowen (SBC) Whiting (SBC) & M Mulley (Clerk)**  
**Also present Rich Lehmann (Swale Green Party) Charlotte Whitney Brown; David Mann (Teynham PC) and Nigel Heriz-Smith**

**Meeting commenced at 20.03**

**1. Chairman's Introduction**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

**2 Apologies for absence** None

**3. Declaration of Interest** Cllr Dawes completed a declaration form for item 12-Planning

**4. To confirm minutes of meeting on Monday 25th January 2021**

Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed LM Seconded JLB

**5. Matters arising from minutes on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021** None

**6. Swale Borough Council Local Plan-update**

Action taken to date

Letter sent to all SBC Councillors with 14 points of objection

Letter sent to CEO of SBC Larissa Reed

Joint PC meeting with seven PCs - Lynsted; Teynham; Bapchild: Oare; Ospringe; Norton & Tonge

All seven PCs have written to SBC

Newsletter delivered to all residents of Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish

Four articles in Kent Online

Extensive social media coverage - to date LKPC web site had received over 1500 hits to the Local Plan posts

Online Petition had received 988 signatures

Cllr Delaney had had a two hour meeting with Larissa Reed the CEO of SBC where he was assured that all comments would be analysed and put forward to the planning inspectorate. It was agreed to invite Larissa Reed & the two planning officers involved, Jill Peet & James Freeman to an extraordinary meeting to be held before the deadline date **Action point Cllr Delaney to contact Larissa Reed with a view to setting up a Zoom meeting**

Next steps

The Chairman advised the members that legal representation would have to be sought, in order to compile the Council's response on the grounds of legal compliance and soundness. Simon Bell of Knights Solicitors in Tunbridge Wells had been identified as a specialist in this area. A planning consultant may or may not also have to be retained. A ballpark figure for drafting the Reg 19 response was £5000-£6000 + VAT, with approx an extra £3000 + VAT for a planning consultant.

The Chairman informed the members that he had already received pledges of approx. £5000 to help fund representation at the Examination in Public if the Plan progresses to that stage. Everyone present was in agreement with these suggestions. Therefore the following motions were put forward by the Chairman:

- 1) Simon Bell of Knights Solicitors to be retained. Proposed JS Seconded TC. All agreed.
- 2) £8000 to be transferred from the reserve account into a special fighting fund account. Any pledged money received would also go into this account so it could be ring-fenced for transparency. Proposed JLB Seconded LM. All agreed.
- 3) LKPC to launch a Crowd Funding site on GoFundMe with an initial target of £1000 which can be extended once this figure was reached. Proposed PD Seconded CD. All agreed.

#### **7. Housing development off Lynsted Lane – update**

Allison Bowers had been commissioned (agreed by email) to review the amendments to this application and an objection letter from LKPC had been sent to SBC. SBC planning portal received 87 objections to this application in 2019; 109 in 2020 and to date 149 in 2021.

**Agenda item next meeting**

#### **8. Time for members of the public to address the Council**

Nigel Heriz-Smith had submitted a Freedom of Information request regarding the proposed garden city plans in the area.

#### **9. Air Quality survey**

In 2019 it had been agreed to fund an Air Quality Survey, however due to Southern Water digging up the A2 for 10 months and then Covid Lockdowns, this had never taken place. The Chairman suggested that LKPC apply for funding from the Eastern Area Committee for a more comprehensive study. Nigel Heriz-Smith was asked to work on the proposal and confer with Dr Ashley Mills at Canterbury University. Proposed LM Seconded VRR. All agreed.

#### **10. Finance a) Receipts**

£400.00 KALC/KCC Web site grant

#### **b) Payments**

|                           |      |         |
|---------------------------|------|---------|
| SBC-Printing Newsletter   | DD   | £61.85  |
| Clerks Wages – January 21 | SO   | £765.92 |
| Streetlights              | BACS | £619.08 |
| EDF                       | DD   | £452.46 |
| EDF                       | DD   | £42.64  |
| KALC-Training             | BACS | £42.00  |
| Web site upgrade          | BACS | £100.00 |
| Newsletter design         | BACS | £45.00  |
| Defib Battery             | BACS | £283.96 |

**Cllr Dawes left the meeting at 21.56. The Chairman asked if all remaining councillors were happy for the meeting to continue beyond 22.00. All agreed.**

**Because of time constraints items 11a to 11f inclusive were deferred until the next meeting**

**11a Drainage in Lynsted** - Agenda item next meeting

**11b Village Gates at Kingsdown-update** - Agenda item next meeting

**11c Speed restrictions in Parish - update** - Agenda item next meeting

**11d Newsletter – update** - Agenda item next meeting

**11e Planters in Parish** - Agenda item next meeting

**11f Bench of Remembrance** - Agenda item next meeting

## **12. Planning**

**The planning officer at SBC had questions about this application and would reissue details once he had received the answers**

20/505834/FULL Conversion of Northern section of building for use in association with the Children's home at Loyterton Farmhouse; comprising of 7no bedrooms for children and staff accommodation

Loyterton Farmhouse, Loyterton Farm, Tickham Lane. Lynsted ME9 0HW

21/500385/FULL Conversion of garage into habitable space with external alterations. Erection of single storey side extension and new garage.

Merganser, 7 The Vallance, Lynsted, Sittingbourne ME9 0RP **No Objections**

**13. Correspondence** - None

**14. Consultations** - None

**15 Complaints** - None

**16 AOB** - None

**14 Date of next meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via ZOOM**

**Extra Ordinary meeting to be arranged. Provisional dates 4<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Zoom**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 2021

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> May AGM/APM/Monthly parish meeting

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Jun 2021

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021-TBC

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021-Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

**Meeting closed at 22.05pm Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley**

**Post meeting note**

The Clerk had received a letter from Richard Probert saying that due to work commitments he would be standing down as an LKPC Councillor from the end of February 2021. The members had been informed via email.