

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 28th June 2021
At Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane @ 8pm

Present: Cllrs Speed (Chairman); Delaney (Vice-Chair); Morgan; Carr; Bott; Ross-Russell; Langdon-Bassett; Lehmann (KCC); Bowen (SBC); Whiting (SBC) & M Mulley (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 20.05

1. Chairman's Introduction

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and informed the members that due to moving out of the parish Cllr Dawes had resigned from the PC. The Chairman offered his thanks to Cllr Dawes for all the hard work he had contributed to the PC in his 3 years of service.

2. Apologies for absence None

3. Declarations of Interest Cllr Ross-Russell completed a declaration form ref item 9d on agenda

4. To confirm minutes of AGM meeting on Monday 24th May 2021

Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed PD Seconded TC

To confirm minutes of PC meeting on Monday 24th May 2021

Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed JLB Seconded LM

To confirm minutes of Extra Ordinary meeting on Tuesday 1st June 2021

Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed TC Seconded LM

5. Matters arising from AGM minutes on Monday 24th May 2021 None

Matters arising from PC minutes on Monday 24th May 2021 None

Matters arising from Extra Ordinary minutes on Tuesday 1st June 2021 None

6. Time for members of the public to address the council None

7. Update from County/Borough Councillors

LB informed the members that SBC had created two new Cabinet posts.

MW informed the members that at the last SBC full council meeting he had asked two questions

- 1) When were the Northern & Southern Relief roads being built. No answer was given but a written answer was expected in due course.
- 2) Why the SBC planning team had written to developers, agents and landowners inviting them to a meeting to discuss the Council's aspirations for the future of Teynham & Lynsted when the CEO of SBC had categorically denied this was the purpose of the meeting. Also, the reasons for this meeting being cancelled after councillors and other parties had requested an invitation. Again, no answer was given but a meeting would be

arranged for Cllrs Whiting and Bowen with Cllr Baldock, Cabinet Member for Planning, to discuss this further. Cllr Whiting to request that the LKPC and Teynham PC Chairmen also be invited to this meeting.

8. a) Receipts None

b) Payments

£117.30 Streetlights

£42.64 EDF

£729.92 Clerks Wages (June)

£1.80 HMRC-PAYE June

£1380.00 Knights Solicitors

The Clerk presented bank statements and bank rec. Chairman signed as correct

Cllrs Whiting & Bowen left meeting

8c Zoom renewal-Expires 4th Aug 21

It was agreed as virtual PC meetings were no longer allowed this membership should not be renewed.

9. Planning

a) Swale Borough Council Local Plan - update

It was not expected to hear anything from SBC until the end of October at the earliest

b) Housing development of Lynsted Lane (86 Houses) - update

This application was not on the planning committee's next agenda. JS to monitor the situation

c) Housing development off Lynsted Lane (10-50 houses) – update

After agreement from members, the Chairman had sent a strong letter of objection to Swale Borough Council Planning Department

d) New applications

21/502074/FULL Installation of a 40Kw solar array to provide renewable energy. Lynsted Park, Lynsted Lane ME9 0JH. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to actively support this application. Proposed JLB Seconded TC. It was agreed to ask Neil Ross Russell to the APM on 27th September to give members and residents a short talk on Solar Powered renewable energy.

Action Point-Clerk to email Planning Dept. and invite Mr Ross Russell to Sept meeting

10a HIP-Lynsted & Kingsdown

Cllr Morgan had had a meeting with Sarah Ellcock of KCC Highways and it had been agreed to carry out Traffic Surveys in 4 locations. 1) Near the school between Bogle & Swedish Cottages; 2) Claxfield junction near Holly House; 3) Phone box between Ludgate Lane and The Vallance; 4) Kingsdown Road-Site TBA. Once the data had been scrutinised further action will be discussed. It was hoped a 20mph section could be set up from The Vallance to the other side of the school and reduce the speed from 60mph to 40mph going through Kingsdown Village. The surveys should take about 6/8 weeks once the data had been received. **Agenda Item next meeting**

10b) Drainage in Lynsted There were now painted markings on the road ready for work to be carried out by KCC Highways.

10c) Village gates at Kingsdown No update-still awaiting installation

Lynsted village signpost The Clerk had obtained quotations to have the signpost reinstated. There were 4 elements to the reinstatement 1) Sign writer £2860; 2) Blacksmith £746; 3) Builder £1350 & 4) Planter £210 + VAT. Total cost £5166. LKPC would be liable for £250 excess and the VAT, all the other costs would be covered by the insurance. The Clerk had submitted all the quotations to the insurance company and they had been accepted. It was agreed to pay the sign writer £1,000 deposit as requested on his quotation. Proposed LM seconded TC. As the Amethyst quotation had already been agreed, approval was given to pay the invoice when it arrived.

10d) Planters in Parish The Clerk had contacted Amethyst and was awaiting their invoice.

10e A2/A20 Lorry movements Lynsted Lane

There had been no further update. It was hoped the situation would improve if 20mph restrictions were imposed.

10f) Footpath map – St Peters Place

The Clerk had contacted KCC and the Parish Paths Partnership project no longer exists. Mike Baldock SBC has offered assistance with scanning & printing of new maps. The original maps had been located and copies given to Clerk. It was agreed to refurbish the wooden stand that held the map. **Action point** Clerk to obtain a quotation for the work. Clerk to contact Michael Ellis at KCC to obtain an up-to-date map of public footpaths in Lynsted & Kingsdown.

Bench seats in Lynsted Lane & London Road The Clerk had obtained a quotation for repainting these 2 bench seats at a cost of £250. Agreed to accept. Proposed LM Seconded JS

10g) APM 27/09/21 - Speakers

The Clerk had spoken to Lorraine Holmes our local PCSO who had agreed to attend. The Clerk had contacted Kent Fire & Rescue Service at Maidstone who had acknowledged receipt of the request but due to Covid restrictions would not be able to confirm till nearer the date. Clerk to contact Mr Neil Ross Russell as above. **Agenda item next meeting**

10h) 2 Oak Cottages – Update

Gemma Bryant of SBC planning had done a site visit as well as SBC conservation officer. They had addressed some of the conservation problems but not the other problems raised regarding the boundary fence and curtilage dispute **Action point** The Chairman to write to SBC Planning highlighting the outstanding issues

11. Correspondence

The Chairman had replied to the letter from a concerned parishioner regarding the TAO and received a reply thanking him for his response. No further correspondence was necessary

12. Consultations- Local Heritage Listing: Deadline Friday 09/07/21

Nigel Heriz-Smith had compiled a list of Heritage sites in the parish for the PC. All members offered their thanks to NHS for the exhaustive list. Members to email the Chairman with further comments. The list to then be submitted to SBC.

13 Complaints None

14 AOB

The Chairman had attended a workshop on Neighbourhood Plans. To produce a Plan would take between 18 months to 2 years, would be very costly and it could potentially be over-ridden by the SBC Local Plan, if adopted. The status of these Plans was also uncertain in the light of the Government's proposed planning reforms. It was agreed there was no value in pursuing a Neighbourhood Plan at this time, but the matter to be kept under review.

Green Week was being held between 18-23rd September 2021. The Community Kitchen Garden were putting forward a proposal for funding.

Lynsted Fete was being held on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August 2021 - Covid restrictions permitting. LM asked if the PC would like to have a stand at the fete. **Agenda item July meeting**

15. Dates of next meetings

Mon 26th July 2021

Mon 27th Sept 2021- APM

Mon 25th Oct 2021-Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 29th Nov 2021

Mon 13th Dec 2021

Meeting closed at 22.00

Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley