

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 29th March 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; Nigel Heriz-Smith; Julie Lemon; Emily Eyre & Janet Bott.

Meeting commenced at 20.03

1. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and asked which items on the agenda the members of public were interested in.

2 Apologies for absence None

3. Declaration of Interest None

4. To confirm minutes of meeting on Monday 22nd February 2021

Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed PD Seconded VRR

5. Matters arising from minutes on Monday 22nd February 2021 None

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

Cllr Bowen explained about the new 'Freedom of Parish' award and asked if there were any nominations. **Agenda item for future meeting**

Cllr Bowles joined meeting at 20.10

7. Air Quality Survey-update

The application to the Eastern Area Committee for funding had been rejected on 3 points

- 1) The application did not make reference to the 2020 Air Quality report (despite the fact it had not been published when the application was submitted)
- 2) The equipment to be used was not on the DEFRA approved list
- 3) LKPC did not consult with SBC

It was decided to reapply for funding in the new financial year once the 'Teynham Area of Opportunity' had been dealt with. **Agenda item for future meeting**

9g Swale Litter Squad

Because of the Purdah period this item would be put back on the agenda in June

10d 21/501293/PNQCLA Prior notification for change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 no residential dwellings and associated operational development. For its prior approval to: Transport and Highways impacts of the development- Noise impacts of the development – Contamination risks on the site- Flooding risks on the site – Whether the location or siting of the buildings make it otherwise impractical or undesirable for the use of the building to change from agricultural use to C3 (dwellings houses) design and external appearance impacts on the building and provision of adequate natural light in all habitable rooms of the dwell houses.
St Christopher’s Farm. Kingsdown Road. Lynsted. Kent

Cllr Carr joined meeting at 20.37

Julie Lemon & Emily Eyre gave their views on this application. The Chairman read out 2 letters he had received from members of the public. After a lengthy discussion, because there were different viewpoints it was decided a) All LKPC Councillors to email The Chairman with their views. b) Cllr Carr would visit the site on Tuesday 30th March and report back to members on his findings. There appeared to be 3 options for response

- 1) Object to the whole application
- 2) Support the application but for only 2 houses
- 3) Support the application in its entirety

The Clerk would formulate a response for SBC Planning Dept. once everything had been taken into consideration before the deadline of 07/04/2021

New planning applications

- a) 21/501146/FULL Erection of a two story side extension and front porch.
Half acre House. Lynsted Lane. Lynsted Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 0EN
No objections, however, in line with the LKPC environmental policy on planning applications, Clerk to ask if an Air source heat pump could be fitted instead of a gas combi boiler

The Chairman then read out the following motion

‘In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under item 10a), which includes reserved matters between the Parish Council and its lawyers, I propose that members of the public be temporarily excluded from the meeting whilst this agenda item is discussed. Any decisions reached by the Council will be recorded in the published minutes’

The Chairman proposed and CD seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members agreed for the motion to be carried.

All members of the public left the meeting at 20.52 leaving LKPC Councillors and Cllrs Bowles; Bowen & Whiting and The LKPC Clerk

10a) Swale Borough Council Local Plan

There had been 261 responses to the LKPC survey with 95% of Lynsted residents disagreeing with the bypass proposal. The Chairman thanked VRR for her work putting the survey together. Graphics to go into newsletter being produced for circulation first week in April. Sittingbourne News & Kent Online were also interested in the story.

The Zoom meeting with CEO of SBC Larissa Reed & SBC Planning Officer Jill Peet had taken place on Monday 22/03/21. It was noted with surprise that 'lack of resources' had been cited by SBC as the reason for not consulting with LKPC & Teynham PC over the 'Teynham Area of Opportunity'. LKPC to receive a written copy of SBC's formal responses to the questions posed by LKPC.

The draft document from Simon Bell, the barrister acting on behalf of LKPC, had been received and was discussed. Once the questions he raised had been answered his 2nd draft would be circulated for members' responses, to be received by 19/04/21

Cllr Bowen left meeting at 21.52

Discussion took place on the second LKPC Newsletter on the Local Plan. It was agreed it should be even handed. Members to contact the Chairman with any comments on the draft text. The newsletter would be 8 sides of A4. Newsletter to be printed and delivered by Easter Weekend.

The Chairman confirmed that everyone was happy to continue with the meeting past 10pm. All agreed.

Cllr Whiting left meeting at 10pm

The Chairman requested funding for a Zoom upgrade whilst meetings were still being held online. Proposed JBL Seconded CD. **Action point** Clerk to investigate whether there is any cost saving adding the Chairman onto the existing subscription.

8c Insurance renewal

The Clerk had emailed round the Insurance renewal details. **Agenda item next meeting**

The following items were deferred to the next meeting

9a Drainage in Lynsted-CD had emailed round updates on situation

9b Village gates at Kingsdown

9d Planters in Parish

9e Bench of remembrance

9f A2/A20 Lorry weight limit-Clerk had emailed round a joint letter between LKPC & Doddington PC to Shaw's Haulage

10b Housing development off Lynsted Lane (86 houses)

8 Finance

a) Receipts None

b) Payments £55.00 Rural membership
£731.72 Clerks Wages (Feb 21)
£119.99 Local Council Administration Book
£900.00 Allison Bowers-Planning objection letter 86 Houses
£40.10 EDF
£192.00 Whitstable Designs-Web hosting/support
£731.72 Clerks Wages (Mar 21)

£8,000 transferred from current account into LKPC fighting fund account as agreed at last meeting.

11. Correspondence - None

12. Consultations - None

13 Complaints - None

14 AOB None

Date of next meeting Monday 26th April 2021 via ZOOM

Mon 24th May AGM/APM/Monthly parish meeting

Mon 28th Jun 2021

Mon 12th July 2021-TBC

Mon 27th Sept 2021

Mon 25th Oct 2021-Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 29th Nov 2021

Mon 13th Dec 2021

Meeting closed at 10.30pm Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley