

**Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**At Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane @ 8pm**

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

**Meeting commenced at 20.03**

**1. Chairman's Introduction** Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

**2. Apologies for absence** Cllr Delaney

**3. Declarations of Interest** None

**4. To confirm minutes of PC meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed LM Seconded VRR

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

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

**7. Update from County/Borough Councillors**

Cllr Whiting congratulated the Parish on the planning protest photo shoot on Sunday 28 November which was very well attended.

Cllr Whiting had applied for a grant from the joint transport committee to help with rural transport in the parish.

Cllr Bowen informed the members that the proposed car park at the back of the houses on Station Road was still being fought for, and once this was in place double yellow lines will be painted either side of the new traffic calming bollard.

Both Cllrs Whiting & Bowen will be opposing the proposed cut to the lighting grant from SBC

Cllr Lehmann informed the members that following on from the Traffic Report it would not be possible to have a 20mph limit through Lynsted. **Action point:** Cllr Lehmann to obtain a list of options with prices of traffic calming measures

Shaw's Lorries were still a problem using Lynsted Lane & Doddington as a rat run **Action point:** Cllr Lehmann to contact Ryan Shiels at KCC with a view to obtaining a temporary order to stop them

### 8. a) Receipts

£786.00 Insurance refund

### b) Payments

£513.40 EDF

£45.00 Newsletter Design

£736.08 Clerks Wages (Nov)

£45.00 Newsletter design

£1000.00 Lynsted Church Donation

£48.00 KALC Training

### 8. c) SBC Lighting Grant

The Clerk had received notification from SBC that they may be withdrawing the lighting grant. The proposal goes to Cabinet for discussion on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021. **Action point:** The chairman to write to Philip Wilson, Head of Finance at SBC, copy to Jeff Tutt Chairman of KALC opposing the cutback

### 8. d) 2022/2023 Precept

Having approved the precept at the October meeting, in view of item 8c it was agreed that, should SBC withdraw the lighting grant, the precept would need to be re-considered at the December meeting. If the grant was retained at its current level, there would be no need for a further review. Proposed JS seconded JLB

## 9. Planning

### a) Swale Borough Council Local Plan – Reg 18 consultation

A newsletter had been put through the door of every resident in the parish, urging them to submit their views on the local plan before the deadline of 29/11/21. The chairman reported that there were only 124 comments on the consultation portal as at today's date, compared with 2,548 comments for Reg 19. SBC have acknowledged their IT is 'clunky' and that uploading comments is a very slow process.

### b) Housing development off 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

JS was still monitoring this application which had gone quiet.

### d) New applications

21/505794/FULL Erection of 5no dwellings with associated amenity, landscaping and access at land East of Cellar Hill, Lynsted ME9 9QY. After discussion, all agreed that a letter should be sent to SBC planning summarising the comments made by Councillors and that the PC would take a neutral position. **Action point:** Clerk to submit letter

21/505684/FULL Demolition of the existing conservatory and erection of a single storey extension. Ivy Leaf Cottage, The Street, Lynsted. Kent. ME9 0RH **No Objections**

21/503580/PNQCLA Prior notification for change of use of agricultural buildings to 5no residential dwellings and associated operational development. St Christopher's, Kingsdown Road. Lynsted Sittingbourne.

Prior Approval was granted by planning committee on 12/11/21. The chairman explained that Prior Approval is a technical assessment of the practicalities of the proposed conversion to determine if the buildings are suitable for residential use, and not a subjective assessment of the planning merits of the development. There would be the opportunity to submit further comments at the planning application stage.

#### **10a HIP-Lynsted & Kingsdown**

The Clerk had requested a copy of the report from KCC and asked if a representative could come and explain the report. KCC declined. See above for action point by Cllr Lehmann

#### **10b Speedwatch: Lynsted Lane/London Road**

No speedwatch sessions had been carried out and because of weather conditions would resume in the Spring

#### **10c Drainage in Lynsted.**

Awaiting Southern Water to confirm funding for updating the sewerage pump in Lynsted

#### **10d Village gates at Kingsdown Still awaiting installation**

**10e Village signpost** The Clerk had been informed by the builder that the signpost had been delivered and would be erected in the near future

#### **10f LKPC Computer upgrade**

The Clerk informed members that the laptop was now 4 years old and had become very slow. She had obtained a quote for £200 to install a new hard drive. The Clerk had also contacted KALC to see if there were any grants to cover this cost, but no grants are available. Members agreed to the expenditure. Proposed JS Seconded TC

#### **10g Footpath map – St Peters Place/Kingsdown**

LM had obtained a copy of the original map and was in the process of getting it copied and updated. It was agreed to defer the Kingsdown map until Spring 2022

#### **Agenda item December meeting**

#### **10h Lynsted Orchard Group - Halloween event**

JS informed the members that the Orchard group had used some of the beer LKPC had in stock at their Halloween event. The total cost to LKPC was £12.80, resulting in income to the Orchard Group of £30. It was agreed to class this as a donation. Proposed JS Seconded VRR

#### **11. Correspondence** None

#### **12. Consultations** None

#### **13 Complaints** None

#### **14 Standing orders**

It was agreed to amend the SO to state that applicants to be co-opted onto the PC must be nominated by a resident of the parish, who must not be a member of their immediate family or

live at the same address. Proposed JB Seconded VRR **Action point** JS to amend the standing orders

## 15. AOB

JS informed the members that Tom English, a past Chairman of LKPC had sadly passed away this week. Condolences were offered to his family.

JLB had attended a meeting at ISS regarding a proposal to build a new store for packing boxes. There would be no additional vehicle movements, no additional lighting and no increased activity. The new store was a temporary building for up to 3 years. JLB could see no reason why this application should not be viewed favourably when it was submitted.

Berkeley House had been closed down by the Care Quality Commission and work was being carried out on the building. **Action point** LM to try and contact the owners and ask them to turn off the spot lights at the front of the building.

There will be Christmas Carols on the green at Lynsted at 6.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Christmas jumpers were encouraged and mulled wine will be available from the Black Lion

It was agreed the parish needs some charging points for electric cars. The layby at John Nash Close was identified as a possible site. **Action point** TC to investigate funding opportunities

The chairman suggested that the December meeting starts at 7pm and once concluded everyone adjourns to The Black Lion for a festive drink. All agreed.

## 16. Dates of next meetings

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

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 – AGM

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jun 2022

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022-APM & Social Event

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022 – Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

**Meeting closed at 22.10**

**Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley**