

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 24th October 2022
At Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Speed (Chairman) Delaney (Vice) Morgan; Bott; Carr; Mike Whiting (SBC) & M Mulley (Clerk)

Prospective new Councillor Dylan Winder also in attendance

Meeting commenced at 7.32pm

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

2. Apologies for absence Cllrs Stewart; Langdon-Bassett; Bowen; & Lehmann

3. Declarations of Interest None

4. To confirm minutes of PC meeting on Monday 27th June 2022

Minutes agreed as correct & signed by chairman Proposed JB Seconded JS

To confirm minutes of PC meeting on Monday 25th July 2022

Minutes agreed as correct & signed by chairman Proposed LM Seconded PD

To confirm minutes of APM meeting on Monday 26th Sept 2022

Minutes agreed as correct & signed by chairman Proposed TC Seconded PD

5. Matters arising from minutes of meeting on Monday 27th June 2022 None

Matters arising from minutes of meeting on Monday 25th July 2022

The Clerk informed the members that KCC had no further funding for Electric charging points in the Borough and none planned for the foreseeable future.

Matters arising from minutes of APM meeting on Monday 26th Sept 2022 None

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

7. Update from Borough Councillors

There were still problems with bin collections even though SBC say service is running normally.

The elderly were being adversely affected by the Teynham Doctors surgery moving to The Memorial Hospital.

Eastern Area cost of living crisis funding had been circulated to the members and the PCC

Local Plan had been put on hold until further notice.

8. Update from County Councillor – Cllr Lehmann not present

9. Prospective co-option of new Councillor: Dylan Winder

Mr Winder had been nominated by Bruce Bell. Mr Winder addressed the members informing them of his professional history and outlined the skills he could bring to the membership of LKPC. The Chairman thanked him for his presentation.

10. a) Receipts £10871.50 2nd Installment of Precept & Lighting Grant

£300 KCC Members Grant (Cllr Lehmann)
£400 SBC Members Grant (Cllr Whiting & Bowen)

b) Payments

£1054.57 EDF
£109.35 EDF
£738.28 Clerks Wages – July 22
£520.08 Streetlights
£1058.58 EDF
£111.44 EDF
£240.00 PKF Littlejohn Auditor
£425.00 Stanmore property-Map refurbishment
£120.00 Stanmore property-Noticeboard refurbishment-Lynsted
£120.00 Stanmore property-Noticeboard refurbishment-London Road
£738.28 Clerks Wages – Aug 22
£35.00 ICO
£378.00 Royal Mail. PO Box renewal
£520.00 Footpath clearing
£18.00 APM leaflet design
£111.44 EDF-Final invoice
£117.30 Streetlights
£738.08 Clerks Wages – Sept 22
£1000.00 Donation Lynsted PCC
£81.22 Clerks Expenses

c) Bank rec & statement agreed and signed by Chairman

d) Defibrillator-Church

PCC were awaiting quotes from an electrician & builder to install the Defibrillator. Clerk had received £700 in grants to go towards the costs. **Agenda Item next meeting**

e) Budget Review

2023/2024 draft budget was discussed and some figures were amended. Various % precept increases were discussed. All agreed an increase in precept would be necessary.

Action point Clerk to amend figures and present at next meeting. **Action Point** Clerk to contact KALC/NALC to ascertain the average % salary increase for government staff. **Agenda item November meeting**

f) Streetlight repairs

The suggested repairs were discussed and it was agreed to carry out repairs totaling £1355 + Vat (Pruning (£490) Repairs to numbers 10 (£75); 11 (£155); 13 (£155); & 41 (£480))

Once these repairs had been carried out if the budget allowed the rest would be done, otherwise they would have to come out of the 2023/24 budget. Proposed TC Seconded JB

A discussion took place about the ownership of 2 streetlights near Batteries Close.

Action Point MW to investigate with SBC/KCC to ascertain ownership.

11. Swale Borough Council Local Plan - update

The local plan had been frozen for the foreseeable future

12. Applications published on Planning Public Access at pa.midkent.gov.uk

The Chairman informed the members that the planning application

22/503972/FULL Oast View, Track to Kingsdown Church for erection of a 3 bedroom dwelling had been declined by Swale Borough Council

22/504214/FULL Change of use of land and stationing of 4 no seasonal workers caravans and relocation of 11 seasonal workers caravans from Nouds Farm. Erection of a single storey pitched roof communal building at Newlands Farm.

Newland Farm, Lewson Street. Norton. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 8JG **No objections**

22/504691/FULL Erection of a new agricultural timber barn with photovoltaic panels on the roof

Finches. Kingsdown Road. Lynsted. Kent. ME9 0RA

Clerk to respond as follows: - Due to the proposed location of the new building, plus adverse comments received from residents, LKPC wish to object to this application

22/504580/LBC Listed building consent for internal and external alterations including removal of internal partition walls, installation of new windows, doors and roof lights to facilitate the change and conversion of an agricultural barn into a residential dwelling house.

Hole Street Farm. Kingsdown Road. Lynsted. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 0QX

No objections

22/504555/FULL Change of use and conversion of agricultural barn into a 1 no three bedroom residential dwelling house including installation of 3 no roof lights and changes to fenestration

Hole Street Farm, Kingsdown Road, Kingsdown. Sittingbourne. Kent ME9 0QX

No objections

b) Previous applications

c) New applications published after issue of agenda None

d) Cellar Hill

The Chairman reported that the owners of the orchard behind The Dover Castle have amended their application to the Land Registry for the full width of the access from Cellar Hill, currently unregistered, to be registered in their name. The application is now restricted to a small parcel of land within the fence. LKPC had not objected to the revised application.

13a Pumping station upgrade-Update

The Chairman informed the members that the Lynsted pumping station was on the list for refurbishment and would be carried out when funds were available. All incidents to be reported and logged.

13b Traffic calming in Lynsted-KCC HIP update/Speed Watch update

Cllr Morgan had submitted a new HIP to KCC however most of her suggestions put forward would not be supported as no funding was available. KCC had agreed to supply & fit new school signs to existing posts. KCC has agreed to send Cllr Morgan a 30mph Toolkit to help to promote the reduction in speed through the village. Any preventive rules for stopping Lorries from going through village were very difficult to enforce. Building work on Tonge Golf Range has now finished which should reduce the lorry movements.

Mike Whiting left meeting

13c APM/Fete-Review

The APM had been very well attended with 27 members of the public present along with the LKPC members making approx. 35 people. The feedback has been positive. The APM for 2023 would be held in June. A decision to attend Lynsted Fete again would be taken nearer the time next year

13d Waste Bin Tickham

The Clerk informed the members that the dog waste bin had now been installed at the original requested location

13e Dog Waste bin signs Batteries Close

The Clerk had emailed SBC and requested a sign be erected after a request from a resident of Batteries Close complaining about the amount of dog waste on the ground, even though there was a waste bin available.

13f Kingsdown Village Gate

The Clerk informed the members that both Kingsdown village gates were now in position and the residents of Kingsdown were very happy with them.

13g Footpath map/Noticeboard refurbishment

The Clerk informed the members that the new map stand was now in situ and the noticeboards at Lynsted & Kingsdown had been refurbished.

13h Church Wall

After corresponding with SBC temporary repairs had been carried out to the church wall until a full repair can be completed. After further consultation LKPC were in agreement with the leader of SBC Mike Baldock, that the wall should be repaired like for like using traditional methods and materials. However KCC wanted to rebuild the wall using concrete with flint added afterwards.

14. Correspondence None

15. Consultations-Environmental Development-Cllr Bott

JB gave an outline of the ED form completed by Vanessa Ross-Russell.

Action Point JB to complete ED form on behalf of LKPC and submit before deadline.

16 Complaints

Cllr Morgan had responded to a member of the public who had complained about LKPC not doing enough about the speed of traffic through the village. The complainant was invited to the APM to talk to Councillors and on a speed watch session, however they did not respond to the invitations.

17. AOB

The possibility of a community litter pick in the spring within the parish was discussed.

Agenda item early 2023

18. Dates of next meetings

Mon 28th Nov 2022- Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 19th Dec 2022

Mon 23rd Jan 2023

Mon 27th Feb 2023

Mon 27th Mar 2023

The remainder of the dates would be confirmed once the Election date/Coronation date/Bank Holiday had been announced

Dylan Winder left the meeting. The Cllrs agreed to co-opt Mr Winder as an LKPC Councillor. All present agreed.

Meeting closed at 22.05

Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley