

**Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022**  
**At Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane @ 7.30pm**

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

**Meeting commenced at 19.35**

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

**2. Apologies for absence** Cllrs Carr & Delaney

**3. Declarations of Interest** None

**4. To confirm minutes of PC meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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

**5. Matters arising from minutes of meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

LM gave a brief rundown of the pumping station history, informing the members that when the alarm went off, especially if there was heavy rain, it only took between 30 mins & 3hrs for local properties to flood. **Action point** AS to investigate further with the water company.

**Agenda item next meeting**

The Clerk informed the members that EDF had sent an invoice for 3 months' supply (to 10/22) even though SSE supplied LKPC from 01/09/22. The Clerk had spoken to EDF and they were going to look into it.

The Clerk informed the members that Dog Fouling signs had been requested for Batteries Close from SBC ref number 15724598

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

**7. Update from Borough Councillors**

Local Plan would be on hold for approx. 18 months to 2 years.

A motion to ban the use of disposable BBQs in public places had been submitted to SBC.

At the next SBC finance & policy meeting it would be discussed if the parking fees be increased from 60p per 30 minutes to 65p per 30 minutes. It would also be discussed if the members' grants would be slashed from £2,400 pa to £1,000 pa. Final decision to be made at full council meeting in Feb 23

There were plans to build a double size school at the side of Teynham School in 2024

EV charging points in street bollards were being explored.

Swale House reopens on 19/12/22 after refurbishments.

SBC waste collection contracts were open for discussion and applications before going to full council meeting in Feb 23

Both Borough Councillors are still pushing for a GP to be re-located in Teynham/Lynsted

### **8. Update from County Councillor (incl congestion at Lynsted Lane/A2 Junction)**

KCC had decided to cut the bus grants, therefore bus services in the local villages would cease to run after 12/02/23. However, Kent Karrier had scrapped their membership fees of £5 pa. The service runs Mon/Tue/Thurs and trips must be booked in advance for a return fee of £3.50

Cllr Lehmann to circulate details of a KCC Plan Tree scheme where £5,500 worth of trees were available. RL has agreed LKPC can have £500 out of this budget for tree allocation. **Agenda item next meeting**

The traffic congestion in Lynsted Lane at the junction with the A2 was discussed and no practical solutions were agreed given the need for residents to park outside their homes.

A request has been put into KCC to reduce the speed limit between Bapchild & Teynham to 40 mph which has been agreed.

### **9a) Receipts None**

### **9b) Payments**

£520.08 Streetlights

£738.08 Clerks Wages – Oct 22

£42.00 Kalc Training

£57.19 APM Expenses and domain name renewal

£738.28 Clerks Wages – Nov 22

£520.00 Michael Newman-Footpath Maint

### **9c) Bank rec & statement agreed and signed by Chairman**

### **9d) Defibrillator-Church**

The Clerk was awaiting an update from Kingsdown Creekside & Lynsted PCC

**Agenda Item next meeting**

### **Defibrillator-London Road**

The Clerk informed the members that the Paediatric pads in the defibrillator were out of date. It was agreed to purchase a new set. Proposed JS seconded LM **Action point** Clerk to purchase pads and place in defibrillator case

### **9e) Clerk's Salary review**

After discussion it was agreed to award the Clerk an 8% rise in line with the 2022-2023 NALC National salary awards taking the remuneration to £9581 PA. Proposed JS Seconded AS

Cllrs Bowen & Whiting left the meeting

### **9f) Budget/Precept Review**

The amended draft budget figures for 2023/2024 were discussed, taking into consideration the possibility that SBC may cut the lighting grant by 50% in 2023/24 and 2024/25, then scrap it completely. It was agreed by all to increase the precept for 2023/24 by 20% (£3,750) from £18,753 to £22,504. The increase would mean an increase on a band A property of £5.23 per household per year (44p per month) and on a band G property of £13.08 per household per year (£1.09 per month). Proposed JS Seconded LM. All other members in agreement with increase. **Action point** Clerk to complete the precept form when received and submit to SBC. JS to write to SBC objecting to the lighting grant reduction.

### **10. Swale Borough Council Local Plan - update**

The Local Plan had been frozen for the foreseeable future.

### **11. Planning**

**Applications published on Planning Public Access at [pa.midkent.gov.uk](http://pa.midkent.gov.uk)** None

**New applications published after issue of agenda** None

### **12 KCC HIP update**

30mph repeater signs have now been installed along Lynsted Lane and 30mph roundels have been painted on the road through the village. Speed awareness items were handed out for displaying throughout the village.

Cllr Lehmann left the meeting

### **13a) Streetlights**

The Clerk informed the members that all the repairs, as agreed at the last meeting, have now been carried out. It had been ascertained that the two streetlights at the junction of Batteries Close/Lynsted Lane belonged to KCC highways and the Clerk had reported the faults on the KCC Highways fault line. After discussion it was agreed to carry out the final phase of the repairs at a cost of £906.25 + Vat. Proposed JS seconded JLB **Action point** Clerk to contact maintenance firm and instruct them to carry out the work

### **13b) Church Wall**

KCC want the wall to be replaced with a concrete one with flint added afterwards. LKPC & SBC continue to lobby for the wall to be built like for like in the traditional rag stone design

### **14. Correspondence**

The Clerk had received a 'Thank you' note from Lynsted PCC for the donation given to them in September

**15. Consultations** None

**16 Complaints** None

## **17. AOB**

SBC are to update their Air Quality Action Plan. Nigel Heriz-Smith had very kindly drafted a response on behalf of LKPC. Deadline was Jan 24. **Action point** JS to circulate to members.

### **Agenda item next meeting**

KCC had been asked to look at the flooding problem outside the properties next to Lynsted School as the soak away fills too quickly

A Christmas tree, donated by The Black Lion would be planted on the green opposite The Black Lion.

Carols round the tree on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 18.30

## **18. Dates of next meetings**

### **2023 meeting dates were agreed by all**

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

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2023

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 AGM

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 APM & Social event

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 2023

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 Budget Meeting

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

**Meeting closed at 21.40**

**Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley**