

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 31st January 2022
At Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane @ 8pm

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

5 members of the Kingsdown & Creekside Benefice were present

Meeting commenced at 20.10

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

2. Apologies for absence Cllr Lehmann

3. Declarations of Interest None

4. To confirm minutes of PC meeting on Monday 29th November 2021

Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed TC Seconded VRR

5. Matters arising from minutes on Monday 29th November 2021 None

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

7. Update from Borough Councillors

Cllr Bowen informed the members that in future SBC would be charging £30 to replace lost or stolen Green/Blue Bins.

Car parking charges in Swale are set to increase from 50p to 60p for 30 minutes

From May 22 SBC moves to a fixed committee structure.

No update on the Local Plan, there was no progress to report.

Highstead Valley application was going through the planning application process. Members were concerned that as SBC had stated in the local media that this application was unlawful, that could predetermine the outcome of the Reg 18 consultation.

8. Update from County Councillor: Salt Bin/traffic calming/Police speed check

Cllr Lehmann had emailed his update to The Clerk as follows

A salt bin has now been positioned at the junction of Lynsted Lane/St Paul's Court and would be filled by KCC at the beginning of each winter.

Cllr Lehmann would consult with one of the KCC interim officers regarding suggestions for calming measures through Lynsted. A virtual meeting between LKPC/Cllr Lehmann & KCC Highways was suggested. **Action point.** Clerk to contact Cllr Lehmann to see if he could arrange

A police speed check had been carried out, however it was done during the Christmas school holidays when schools were off and there were no Shaw's Lorries on that day.

Action point Clerk to contact local PCSO (Jessica Stocks) to arrange another speed check.

Cllr Bowen left meeting

9. Kingsdown & Creekside Benefice

Various options were discussed on how to promote Lynsted Church as a community hub. LKPC agreed to support the benefice and it was agreed Cllrs would email Joyce Warren at admin@kingsdowncreekside.co.uk with suggestions for community activities.

Members of benefice left meeting

10. Prospective co-option of new Councillor: Alastair Stewart

Mr. Stewart introduced himself to the members and answered questions. A vote would be taken at the end of the meeting. Mr. Stewart was invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting

11. a) Receipts

£1602.00 Insurance refund

b) Payments

£42.64 EDF

£95.07 EDF

£1350.00 Manor Builders-Village Sign

£736.08 Clerks Wages (Dec)

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£252.00 Amethyst Horticulture-Village Sign

£100.00 Tom English Donation

£200.00 Laptop repair

£96.86 EDF

£595.00 Footpath Maintenance

£520.08 Streetlights

c) Bank rec & statement agreed and signed by Chairman

d) 2022/2023 Precept

The Chairman explained that as SBC would not decide if the lighting grant for 23/24 would be withdrawn until Oct 22 the LKPC Budget/Precept meeting would now take place in Nov 22

12. Swale Borough Council Local Plan

The outcome of the consultation was awaited, as reported by Cllr Bowen in item 7

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

- a) 21/506712/OUT Outline application for the erection of a bungalow with access and car parking (assess and layout sought) (Revised scheme 21/503359/OUT)
198 London Road, Teynham. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 9QD

This application contravenes the Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Design Statement, adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance by Swale Borough Council. This policy makes clear the importance of historic patterns of development 'one building deep' in order to protect the 'Sensitive Edge' to the south of Greenstreet.

If this application were to be approved, it would set a dangerous precedent for further breaches of this important policy.

The Parish Council therefore objects to the application.

- b) 22/500009/FULL Erection of a single storey rear extension
Robin House. Kingsdown Road. Lynsted. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 0JW

No adverse comments, however the Parish Council requests that the applicant reviews the Environmentally Responsible Planning guidance list published on the LKPC website and adopts one or more of the recommendations

- c) 21/506834/FULL Erection of a single storey extension and removal of ground floor windows to North East elevation
3 Park View, Tickham Lane. Lynsted. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 0HJ
No adverse comments

d) New applications published after issue of agenda

22/500297/TPOA TPO application to fell four extra-large Cedars; Fell eight-ten dead stems; Reduce group of Conifers to height of 6m

1 The Vallance. Lynsted. Sittingbourne. Kent. ME9 0RP

After discussion and a vote, the following to be submitted to planning

The Parish Council has reviewed the revised application and received advice from the Council's Tree Officer. We welcome the addition of felling 8-10 dead stems and reducing the conifers to a height of 6m. In particular, we welcome the re-planting of 2-3 native species. Broadly speaking, we have no adverse comments on the revised application.

However we would make the following points:

- 1. If the application is to be approved, we would request that the re-planting and proper maintenance of 2-3 native species is made an enforceable condition of the approval.**
- 2. We would ask that the choice of re-planting is varied, native and drought-tolerant - and subject to approval by the Tree Officer.**
- 3. Could the Tree Officer please advise whether consideration has been given to the retention of the two most impressive and balanced examples #2 and #4 (listing North to South). Removal of the lesser examples #1 and #3 would improve the setting of the remaining two and reduce competition for ground water, open up the Southerly aspect for the Gate House and retain the important biodiversity of the species locally.**
- 4. We are advised that the shedding of seed tufts applies only to the female of the species. Has there been any investigation into whether the poplars are male or female? Is there any value in waiting until May in order to determine this? Consideration could then be given to felling the female trees only, especially if they also happen to be #1 and #3.**

22/500058/LBC & 22/500057/FULL Listed building consent for the erection of Orangery to side, conversion of garage into habitable space to serve as guest house, ancillary to main dwelling, with internal and external alterations, including new lead front roof with parapet.

The Cottage, Nouds Lane, Lynsted

No adverse comments

e) Previous applications

Housing development of Lynsted Lane (86 Houses) - update

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

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

JS monitoring this application.

Due to time constraints the following items under 14 were deferred to next meeting

14a Tom English - Donation

14b Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Lynsted/Doddington PC

14c Village gates at Kingsdown

14d Village signpost

14e Footpath map – St Peters Place

14f ZR268 Footpath

14i SBC Local Council's Liaison Forum

14h Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A meeting had been arranged at The Black Lion on Wed 2nd February at 6.30pm for local community bodies to discuss celebrations. Cllr Morgan would be attending and would represent LKPC and report back at next meeting

15. Correspondence None

16. Consultations None

17 Complaints

The Clerk had received a phone call from a member of the public saying a member of LKPC (Male in their 60's) had visited his property and banged on the window of the house insisting the female resident come out and talk to him. The Clerk had contacted the male members of LKPC and confirmed it was not a member of LKPC. The Clerk had contacted SBC Enforcement officer and Conservation officer and confirmed that no representative from either of these departments had visited the property. The Clerk had emailed the member of the public informing him of her findings and suggested they contact the police should this situation arise again.

18. AOB

It was agreed that future monthly meetings would commence at 7.30pm.

Alastair Stewart left meeting. A vote was taken to co-opt Mr. Stewart onto the council - all present agreed.

19. Dates of next meetings

Mon 28th Feb 2022

Mon 25th April 2022-APM & Social Event

Mon 27th June 2022

Mon 26th Sept 2022

Mon 28th Nov 2022 Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 28th Mar 2022

Mon 30th May 2022 – AGM

Mon 25th July 2022

Mon 31st Oct 2022

Mon 19th Dec 2022

Meeting closed at 22.10

Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley