

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 21st August 2023
At Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane @ 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Speed (Chairman); Morgan; Stewart; Langdon-Bassett; Carr; Bott and M Mulley (Clerk)

Member of public present Nigel Tiller

Meeting commenced at 19.33

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

2. Apologies for absence Cllrs Bowen (SBC) Lehmann (KCC) Delaney & Winder

3. Declarations of Interest None

4. To confirm minutes of Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 24th July 2023

Minutes agreed as correct & signed by chairman Proposed AS Seconded JLB

5. Matters arising from minutes of Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 24th July 2023 None

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

Cllr Bott joined meeting

6b Nigel Tiller - Prospective new Councillor

Mr Nigel Tiller addressed the members. Mr Tiller had been nominated by another resident of the parish to become a Councillor.

Cllr Carr joined meeting

7. Update from Borough Councillors

The building of 380 houses at Tonge has gone to a public enquiry but SBC are not objecting, so approval is likely.

Frogna Lane: the new roundabout/access Road has full planning permission. The building of the 300 houses only has outline permission and a Reserved Matters application for full approval is expected in October.

Highsted Park: National Highways has asked for the application to be deferred for another three months as the proposals for J5a off the M2 are still not acceptable.

The new ward police officer is PC Kirsten Jones - she has been invited to the LKPC APM

The proposed closure of Faversham recycling centre will go to public consultation - date TBA
JS is lobbying for a speed camera to be erected at Cellar Hill junction on London Road.

JS tabled a motion at the SBC Environment committee to re-allocate a budget underspend to purchasing mobile monitoring equipment for particulate matter. The motion was passed and it is hoped that Teynham will be the first AQMA to be monitored.

Bin collections were still a problem particularly in Cellar Hill/Cambridge Lane. JS was in contact with SBC officers to improve the situation.

8. Update from County Councillor No update as Cllr Lehmann not present

9.

a) Receipts None

b) Payments £98.48 Clerks Expenses
£43.39 SSE
£788.99 Clerks Wages- July 23
£9.40 HMRC-PAYE July 23
£546.08 Streetlights
£490.00 Footpath Maintenance
£240.00 Electrician-Installation defib machine Black Lion
£500.00 Footpath Maintenance
£41.31 SSE
£180.00 Millennium Hedge cutting

c) Bank rec & statement agreed and signed by Chairman

d) Streetlight Repairs

Due to air rifle vandalism column 4 needed a new lantern. An SL8 LED Lantern would cost £350 + Vat. All agreed it had to be done. Proposed TC Seconded JB

e) Poppy Wreath/Statue for Remembrance Day service

It was discussed whether to have a Poppy Wreath or an Unknown Tommy Statue for the service and it was agreed to purchase a wreath. This was to be kept and used for future years, with a donation being made to RBLI to replace the cost of purchasing every year.
Proposed JS Seconded LM **Action point** Clerk to order wreath

f) Millennium Hedge

The Millennium Hedge had been trimmed at a cost of £150 + Vat. The contractor had been cutting other hedges along Cambridge Lane and agreed to cut the Millennium Hedge at the same time. All agreed retrospectively with the expenditure. Proposed TC Seconded LM

10. Planning

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

23/503486/FULL Erection of a side conservatory

Spyholm. Kingsdown Road. Lynsted. Sittingbourne Kent ME9 0RA **No objections**

23/500601/FULL Change of use of existing church-revised details

Greenstreet Methodist Church. Lynsted Lane. Lynsted. ME9 9RR

The parking issues were still present therefore the Councillors' objection still stood.

Action point Clerk to draft a response and send to Chairman for approval before sending to planning dept

Appeals to Planning Inspector

Application for removal of condition (v) agricultural occupancy condition relating to Hole Street Farm Cottage, pursuant to application SW/96/128 for outline application for new farmhouse. Hole Street Farm, Kingsdown Road. Kingsdown. Lynsted Kent **Noted**

The following applications were still awaiting a decision

21/505794/FULL – Land East of Cellar Hill **Inspection carried out on 03/08/23**

21/502609/OUT – Land to the East of Lynsted Lane **Inspection carried out on 03/08/23**

New applications published after issue of agenda - None

11a) Land West of The Street - Response from Burlington Property Group

Following the overwhelming public vote against these proposals, The Chairman had written to Burlington Property Group informing them of the results of the resident survey. Burlington had confirmed they would not be pursuing a planning application for this site.

11b) Defibrillator-London Road-Training

The new adult pads had been received and installed in the defibrillator machine. Training to be arranged with Simon White for defibrillator use at a donation cost of £10 per person to be paid by the individuals attending

11c) Church Wall

Cllr Lehmann informed the members via email that a structural engineer had been located and would be working with officers at SBC. Once costings and proposals had been finalised this project could move forward.

11d) APM & Social event Monday 25th Sept

The Clerk had contacted Kirsten Jones to confirm she was still available to attend this event. Awaiting a response. Simon White had agreed to give a talk on CPR. JS arranging drinks; other members to sort out food/snacks
JS to produce a flyer to be distributed through doors promoting APM

11e) Lynsted Fete

JS to circulate the rota for manning the stand. Set up of gazebo at 11.30am
JS to bring table & exhibit boards

11f) Kent Plan Tree

JB informed the members that she had printed off a hard copy of the LKPC submission and sent it to KCC. Awaiting a response. JB will chase up in next few weeks

11g) FOI Request

The two month period for requesting further information has now passed and no further contact has been received.

12. Correspondence

Mr Gilbert's letter was discussed and the Chairman confirmed that he had replied.

13. Consultations None

14 Complaints None

15. AOB

Cellar Hill Conservation Area Appraisal

Members were interested in joining this site visit on either 11th or 15th Sept. Nigel Heriz Smith & Bob Baxter to be invited to attend.

Action point Clerk to co-ordinate arrangements with SBC and members

Pitstock Solar Farm-Introduction letter-Voltalia UK Thirty 4/7

It was proposed to build a solar panel farm on land 3km South-East of Sittingbourne in Rodmersham on a 63 hectare site. Consultation date to be advised. Duly noted

Mr Tiller left the room and it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Tiller onto the Council.

Proposed JS Seconded LM **Action point** Clerk to contact Mr Tiller with the relevant paperwork to be completed and returned within 28 days

16. Dates of next meetings

Mon 25th Sept 2023 APM & Social event

Mon 30th Oct 2023 Budget Meeting

Mon 27th Nov 2023 Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 18th Dec 2023

Meeting closed at 21.50

Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley