

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 27th November 2023
At Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane @ 7.30pm

**Present: Cllrs Speed (Chairman) Morgan; Stewart; Langdon-Bassett; Tiller; Bowen (SBC)
M Mulley (Clerk)**

Meeting commenced at 19.30

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

2. Apologies for absence Cllrs Winder; Lehmann; Delaney; Bott & Carr

3. Declarations of Interest None

4. To confirm minutes of PC Meeting Monday 30th October 2023

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

5. Matters arising from minutes of PC meeting on Monday 30th October 2023

Cellar Hill & Green Street Conservation Area Appraisal - JS to draft a response and circulate before next meeting. Deadline for comments 22/12/23

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

7. Update from Borough Councillors

SBC budget for 2024/25 goes to full council for approval in Feb 2024. It is proposed to increase parking charges in SBC car parks from April 2024

Froggnal Place - the application for the building of 300 houses was imminent. Southern Water say they cannot cope with more than 50 houses on their present infrastructure. The provision of GP facilities to be discussed in December with Helen Whately MP and the NHS.

Roadworks along A2 and Lower Road are ongoing causing disruption to residents.

Planning rules may be amended by SBC, restricting power of Parish Councils to 'call in' applications to committee. Details to follow

The Level crossing in Teynham at Orchard View end – KCC voted to keep the crossing open. Network Rail likely to appeal

Lynsted church were setting up a community project called 'Grow Baby' where new and used baby items are donated and recycled for further use. It is hoped to be launched in Feb 24. Cllrs Speed, Bowen and Lehmann had each donated £500 from their members' grants.

Cllr Speed is investigating a Rural Carbon Footprint Reduction grant for LKPC to replace their 41 streetlights with LED lights. To be advised if application is successful

Cllr Bowen left meeting

8. Update from County Councillor Cllr Lehman was not present, however he did send the following updates

Church wall - SBC had placed an order with a structural engineer to provide a design for approval by KCC. Timeframes for the work to be carried out TBA

The Conservative group at KCC voted against proposals for the closure of Household Waste Recycling Centres, including Faversham. No official decision has been made and the proposals have merely been paused.

KCC have a consultation open for a local walking and cycling infrastructure plan. Go to <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/kent-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan>

9. a) Receipts None

b) Payments

£580.00 Footpath Maintenance
£1000.00 Lynsted Church donation
£3363.23 SSE 01/09/22 to 01/11/23
£42.01 SSE
£788.00 Clerks Wages-Nov 23
£9.40 HMRC-PAYE Nov 23

c) Bank rec & statement agreed and signed by Chairman

d) Clerks wage review

After discussion it was agreed by all to give the Clerk a 5% pay rise from £9581pa to £10,060 pa
Proposed JS seconded LM

e) Faversham Town Council - donation request

Faversham Town Council had received a grant to run a community bus, which would cover Newnham, Doddington, Lynsted, Teynham & Oare in a loop from Faversham. To run on a Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. They were seeking donations of £500pa to help with running costs. After discussion it was agreed by all to support their request. Proposed LM Seconded JS
Action point Clerk to arrange payment

f) Budget/precept for 2024/25

After discussion and minor amendments, the revised figures for the budget were agreed.
Proposed JS Seconded LM **Action point** Clerk to circulate new figures

The precept for 2024/2025 was to be increased by 20% from £26,854 to £32,224 with an additional £1,495 lighting grant. All in agreement. Proposed JLB Seconded AS
Action point Clerk to complete precept form when received and return to SBC

10. Planning

23/500601/FULL Greenstreet Church, Lynsted Lane. Lynsted. Kent ME9 9RR
Amendments had been received regarding the parking situation. On the basis of the amended plans LKPC had no further objections and were able to support this application

10b) Appeals to Planning Inspector

Hole Street Farm - still awaiting a decision

10c) New applications published after issue of agenda - None

11) Church wall See above (Item 8)

12 Correspondence None

13 Consultations None

14 Complaints None

15. AOB None

16 Draft 2024 meeting dates

Dates circulated and agreed

16a. Dates of next meetings

Tue 19th Dec 2023

Mon 29th Jan 2024

Mon 26th Feb 2024

Mon 25th March 2024

Meeting closed at 20.45

Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley