

Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council
Minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 19.30pm
Lynsted Church, Lynsted Lane

Present: Cllrs Speed (Chairman); Linda Morgan; Louise Morgan; Carr; Stewart; Bott; Langdon-Bassett; Cllr Bowen (SBC) and M Mulley (Clerk)

Meeting commenced at 19.35

1. Apologies for absence Cllrs Tiller & Delaney

2. Election of Office – Chairman & acceptance of office

The Clerk asked all Councillors if they would like to stand for the position of Chairman. Cllr Speed agreed to re-stand, all other Cllrs declined. LM proposed and TC seconded that Cllr Speed be re-elected as Chairman for the following year. Cllr Speed accepted and signed declaration of acceptance form

3. Statement of Internal Control & Risk Assessment

Both documents had been reviewed through the year and it was agreed by all that these documents were up to date and correct. Proposed JS Seconded LM for both documents

4. Finance Report – 2024/2025

a) Annual Return - Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

Chairman read out report to members. Agreed by all as correct. Proposed TC Seconded LM.
Signed by Chairman and Clerk

b) Annual Return - Section 2 Accounting Statements 2024/25

Chairman read out figures to members. Agreed by all as correct. Proposed JS Seconded LM.
Signed by Chairman and Clerk

5. Chairman's Report 2024/25

The Chairman presented his report for the year - see appendix

6. Election of Office – Vice Chairman & acceptance of office

The Clerk asked all Councillors if they would like to stand for the position of Vice Chairman. All present declined. **Action point** Clerk to email Cllr Delaney and ask if he would be prepared to stand as Vice-Chairman for another year. Proposed JS seconded TC - **Note** Cllr Delaney has subsequently agreed to stand for another year

7. To agree any committees for the forthcoming 12 months

It was agreed that small working groups would be formed as and when required throughout the coming year for any items that required special attention. Unanimously agreed.

8. To agree arrangements for appointing representatives to outside bodies and committees

Subject to availability, the Chairman would continue to represent LKPC at the meetings of KALC, SBC Eastern Area Committee and the Local Council Liaison Committee.

9. To agree arrangements for reviewing the Standing Orders

Standing orders had been reviewed during the year and would be amended as and when necessary. It was agreed to review when necessary. All present agreed with this policy.

10. Time for members of the public to speak. None

11. AOB None

Meeting closed at 19.55

Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley

Chairman's report 2024/2025

It had been another busy year for the PC especially with the major action being taken against the Highsted Park planning application. A fund-raising campaign was launched and to date has raised in excess of £30,000 to pay for barristers and expert consultants to fight the cause. Dozens of garden boards had been produced and displayed through the parish and a flyer had been delivered to all householders. A Stop Highsted Park web site had also been created.

The PC continued to review planning applications in the parish, particularly the 10 houses off Lynsted Lane – to which the PC remains opposed.

The APM in September had been well attended with over 70 people coming to listen to the guest speaker Alison Eardley - Planning Consultant.

The PC had secured a grant to replace all the 41 streetlights with LED lighting, which not only will reduce the electricity costs, but is also better for the environment.

The PC had lobbied for the Cellar Hill and Greenstreet conservation area to be re-confirmed and extended, which will assist when objecting to planning applications within the CA.

The speed limit in Kingdown Road will be reduced to 30mph after development of a Highways Improvement Plan with KCC. Safety issues are also being addressed at the junction of Kingdown Road and Lynsted Lane.

Footpaths in the parish were maintained to enable parishioners to use them all year round. The map board had been repaired to allow people to see where the footpaths are located

The parish now has a total of three defibrillators, all purchased and maintained by the PC. One on the wall outside the Vets on London Road; one in the garden of the Black Lion, on the wall as you go through the entrance door; and one on the wall of Yew Tree Cottage in Kingsdown. Previously the parish had only one defibrillator.

Soakaways in Kingsdown had been cleared to alleviate the flooding of the road problem.

The PC had organised three litter picks throughout the parish, with over 50 bags of rubbish being collected in total.

Faversham Community Bus is now up and running with services through Lynsted and has been supported financially by the PC

The PC has had regular contact with the ward police officer, which was helping with reporting of minor troubles within the parish

The LKPC web site was updated regularly with useful information about community events and parish council initiatives, including planning objections.

In conclusion, the PC has been very active throughout the year fighting for causes which have benefited the parish and its parishioners.