

Lydden Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held at Lydden Village Hall, Lydden, on Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: Cllr R Booth (Chair), Cllr M Cregeen, Cllr P Collins, Cllr B Collins, Cllr S Fuller,
Cllr W Smith

In Attendance: J Mount Clerk

01	<p>Elections</p> <p>Election of Chair of Lydden Parish Council Nomination: Proposed by: Cllr Cregeen, Seconded by: Cllr B. Collin</p> <p>Election of Vice-Chair of Lydden Parish Council. Nomination: Proposed by: Cllr. P Collins Seconded by: Cllr Cregeen</p> <p>Co-option of any new Councillors attending: Sue Fuller, Wendy Smith. Proposed by Cllr Booth, Seconded: Cllr P Collins</p>	
02	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>There were none</p>	
03	<p>Declarations of interest or other significant interests (OSI)</p> <p>Cllr. Booth declared an interest in Lydden village Hall</p>	
04	<p>Last meeting's action plan</p> <p>Agreed as completed</p>	
05	<p>Public participation</p> <p>Chair explained what would happen during the meeting and read out one of the emails that he had received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A member of the public spoke about the fact that the developers have not considered any residents in the vicinity of the planned development, he said it will create a great deal of noise and disturbance to his elderly grandmother.▪ Another member asked what the Parish Council's position was concerning the development. The Chair explained that it was the PC's job to put the views of the village, not the views of individual Councillors.▪ The question was asked about whether the PC was conducting any other consultations with the developers. The Chair explained that we are very limited on time.▪ Could we hold a public meeting so we can get together and put our views forward? Chair explained it would be good to have a sub-committee to deal with that aspect of It was decided that an evening meeting would be a better time. ASAP. We must be looking at particular policies, not just we don't want it.▪ Once planning permission is granted, any way of ensuring that the planning permission is properly adhered to? Regarding getting opinions, it would be good to take the conversation outside the hall using video chat or some other means of communication. Bear in mind the older generation may not have the equipment to log in to a meeting.▪ Cllr Rose said that it was a good idea if everyone puts in a comment, the more that is put online, the more effective it will be.▪ Cllr Beaney said that as he sat on the planning committee, and he could not make specific comments about the planning application. He could offer advice as to the process that would be followed. The reserved matter is passed first, then the committee comes back with the full planning application. During the 21 days between the reserve application and the full hearing, is when objections will be heard.▪ Main objections raised by members of the public were flooding, height of the houses, highways, foundations piled. On the map it says that it has a flood risk of 1, which is incorrect.. This is inaccurate and there is no ability to upload photographs om to the planning portal How can the evidence be shown? The officer should know the background of the problems on the land. Apparently, there is no way of uploading information.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Beaney said that reserved matters application is provisional, it then moves to full planning application. ▪ Application goes to committee, since there will be more than 6 objections. ▪ Cllr Beaney said that he would call it into committee if this did not happen automatically. The Planning officer cannot decide if it will not go to committee. The planning officer then reports to the committee (10 councillors). ▪ How long do we have to have a say? Until the 13th of October giving decent reasons. It then goes to committee, together with reports from Highways etc. They produce a report which is publicised before the full planning committee meeting. Time given is 1 week. ▪ What is the view of DDC? It is in the local plan? The local plan is produced by DDC, they have earmarked that piece of land as suitable for development. ▪ Chair mentioned several points that the developers had made that were inaccurate and asked if there was anyway of challenging those points. ▪ Even if it goes through and everyone has objected, do Quinn Developments still have to provide section 106 money? Yes, Section 106 Funds would be available. ▪ Discussion took place regarding flooding of the land. ▪ Cllr. Booth will sort out a meeting in the village hall asap. ▪ Villagers were advised to put in their comments within the next 3 weeks. ▪ It was suggested to lobby as many members of the DDC Planning Committee as possible. Everyone was advised to register their interest to speak at the meeting. 																																					
06	Highways The position is now vacant.																																					
07	Speedwatch The position is now vacant. Cllr Booth will liaise with Jill Skinner and Rose Hall to see if they are interested.																																					
08	Public properties Nothing received																																					
09	Town Planning 116, Canterbury Road have put in planning for extension to roof. No objections Broadfield cottages Lydden, change of conditions to planning already granted, just landscaping. No objections.																																					
10	<p>Financial report and items for payment and receipts Authorisation of accounts for July and August To receive the bank reconciliation up to the end of August 2023 Clerk's salary and back payments Cheques to be authorised and signed</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Cheque No.</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Recipient</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Reason</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>J Mount</td> <td>Clerk's salary July</td> <td>£490.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>J Mount</td> <td>Clerk's salary August</td> <td>£490.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Bridie Passmore</td> <td>Internal Audit expense</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Castle Water</td> <td>Water charges</td> <td>£145.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Colin Hoyle (July & Aug)</td> <td>Grounds maintenance</td> <td>£649.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Parish online</td> <td>Annual payment for digital mapping</td> <td>£57.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>J Mount</td> <td>Backpay owing</td> <td>£669.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>SBK Accountants</td> <td>Last year's external audit</td> <td>£240.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount		J Mount	Clerk's salary July	£490.41		J Mount	Clerk's salary August	£490.41		Bridie Passmore	Internal Audit expense	£50.00		Castle Water	Water charges	£145.65		Colin Hoyle (July & Aug)	Grounds maintenance	£649.50		Parish online	Annual payment for digital mapping	£57.60		J Mount	Backpay owing	£669.60		SBK Accountants	Last year's external audit	£240.00	
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11	<p>Reports District Councillor None given owing to shortage of time</p> <p>County Councillor None given owing to shortage of time</p>																																					

12	Village Hall committee No report available. There are ongoing problems with the roof.	
13	Items for discussion and other correspondence received Parking along Stonehall grass verges / whether anything can be done to avoid this Can posts be put along there of bushes? Wooden posts? Signage at top of the hill. Contact highways. Flooding at Stonehall Awaiting report and awaiting Highways to come and have a look at it. Designated Police Officer There is now a designated police officer for the village.	
13	Any confidential items to be discussed There were none	
14	Items for discussion and other correspondence received The Clerk was thanked for his contribution that he had made over the time that he had been the Clerk to the Parish Council and good wishes were passed on to him regarding his health problems.	
15	Any Confidential items to be discussed No confidential items	
16	Date of next meeting The next parish council meeting will be held on 12 th October 2023 in Lydden Village Hall at 7:30pm.	

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