



Lydden Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026

At 7.30 pm in Lydden Village Hall

Present: Lydden Parish Councilors: R Booth (Chairman), M Cregeen (Vice Chairman), B Collins, P Collins, W Smith

In Attendance: Irene Bowie (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies.

- 1.1 Apologies for absence received and confirmed by the Council Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings; under Section 75(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted. There were none.
- 1.2 Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests. There were none.
- 1.3 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers. There were none.
- 1.4 Requests for Dispensations. There were none.
- 1.5 Declarations of Lobbying. There were none.

2. Public comments and observations. (Maximum 15 minutes)

The meeting will be adjourned to allow members of the public to speak. Individuals may speak for up to three minutes, at the discretion of the Chairman, on agenda items only. The minute book will be closed. There were none.

3. CO OPTION of Parish Councillor/s: To consider candidates for co-option.

There were no candidates for co-option

4. Reports from external parties (if present).

Kent County Councillor, Dover District Councillor, Police. There were no reports.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th of November 2025 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

6. Planning:

- 6.1 To table planning applications received for consideration. There were none.
- 6.2 To table decisions by Dover District Council (DDC) since the last meeting. There were none.
- 6.3 To Table and Validate Planning Applications dealt with since the last meeting. There were none.
- 6.4 To Table late planning matters. There were none.

7. To receive Reports

- 7.1 Chairman's Report. There were no matters to report under this item.
- 7.2 Clerks Report (on matters not included in other agenda items) There were no matters to report under this item.
- 7.3 Councillors Report (on matters not included in other agenda items). There were no matters to report under this item.

- 7.4 Allotments Report and Update. There were no matters to report under this item.
- 7.5 Village Hall Report and Update. Concerns were raised regarding the unofficial parking in the Village Hall Car Park.
- 7.6 Lydden Speedwatch. There were no matters to report under this item.
- 7.7 Christmas Tree and Events. It was reported that the Christmas Tree was well received by the community. Clerk to arrange for the tree to be removed.

8. Highways:

- 8.1 To receive the parish portal report. Noted
- 8.2 To receive updates on the KCC Highways Improvement Plan. Clerk to follow up the 30 mph Tool Kit
- 8.3 To receive any other Highways Matters. Request to consider double yellow lines to prevent Parked cars on the corner of st Mary s rise onto Canterbury Road which block the view coming out of st Mary s rise onto the main road. AGREED: The Parish Council will review the HIP and add this item if it is not already covered.

9. Finance:

- 9.1 To receive and authorise payments listed on the schedule (to be provided at the meeting)
RESOLVED: That the payments on the schedule be authorised.

Payee	Description	£
Irene	Staff Costs	Confidential
Ionos (Clerk Reimbursed)	Ionos November, December January 2025 3x £34.20	102.60
Festive Lights Ltd (Clerk Reimbursed)	Festive Lights Lights for the Christmas Tree	99.95
SLCC	Membership for the Clerk	180.00
Lydden Village Hall	Hall Hire 2025 and 2026	400.00
HMRC	PAYE/NI Q3	Confidential
Hugo Fox	Website	23.99

- 9.2 Late Payment Request/s to be discussed for approval and payment. There were none.
- 9.3 To consider any request for grants or donations. There were none.
- 9.4 To table any late financial matters. There were none.
- 9.5 To discuss agree the budget and precept for 2026/27.
RESOLVED:
 - 1. The Precept for 2026/27 was set at £23,061.03. Representing no increase for residents with the Band D Council Tax Charge remaining as £74.74 per annum.
 - 2. That the balanced budget for 2026/27 was set as £23,061
- 9.6 To receive and consider quotations for village maintenance services. Deferred to the next meeting.

10. Correspondence:

- 10.1 To table items of late correspondence. All correspondence was noted.
- 10.2 Items circulated or received.
 - 10.2.1 Resident request for a litter bin to be installed at the lay by Canterbury Road. Clerk to refer to DDC
 - 10.2.2 Resident email regarding Flooding at the Pond/Church Lane. Clerk to report to KCC

11. Agenda Items for the next meeting:

12. Consideration of items to be taken in private (Exclusion of Public and Press):

There are only a few reasons as to why, legally, the public and press can be excluded from a meeting. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) states "A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies." It is generally considered acceptable to exclude the press and public if the agenda item relates to the consideration of tenders, leases, purchases of assets, for matters relating to staffing covered by the Data Protection Act and to consider complaints against the council or a code of conduct complaint.

**13. 2026 Meeting Dates:
4th February**

Notes on declarations of interest

Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare pecuniary interests, as necessary, as soon as practicable after their arrival, even if the item in question has been considered. National rules about pecuniary interests are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and in secondary. Legislation made under the Act, in particular The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting but a record of resolutions made.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Signed :

Date:

Chairman: Please Print