

**Lydden Parish Council  
Parish Council Meeting**

Held at Lydden Village Hall, Lydden, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr R Booth (Chair)  
Cllr P Collins  
Cllr B Collins  
Cllr Roy Sewell

Clerk: Jonathan Mount

01	Apologies for absence Cllr Ray Andrews, Cllr Michelle Cregeen. No attendance or explanation by Cllr Seath.	
02	To declare any pecuniary interests (DPI) and other significant interests (OSI) relating to items on the agenda. Cllr. Booth declared an interest in the village hall.	
03	To agree and sign the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed by Cllr P. Collins and seconded by Cllr Sewell: Carried unanimously	
04	Matters arising from the previous minutes There were no matters arising.	
05	<p>Last week's Action Plan</p> <p><b>Update on fencing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional quotes have yet been obtained. One company said they were too busy, another company said they do not do small contracts, and another company have not replied.</li> <li>• We have a provisional quote from Cllr Seath (not yet in writing) and one from MScape. We received a substantive quote from Dewi/James King. It was resolved to accept Dewi/James King's quote.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update on double yellow lines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The clerk has added the request to the top of the HIP and is awaiting news from the authorities</li> </ul> <p><b>Update on the closure of the Nat West bank account</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet been done.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update on village hall quotes for roof repairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk has been in contact with Beckie and she replied to say that they would obtain quotes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update on the request for a site meeting with the Chief Planning Officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk has written but has not yet received a reply from the Chief Planning Officer, he has been on holiday.</li> </ul> <p><b>Update on the painting of railings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The clerk has written to the Village Group and given the go-ahead; awaiting the signing of a cheque for the invoice.</li> </ul>	Clerk to write again
06	Public participation – adjournment of the meeting There were 2 members of the public present A member of the public spoke about the proposed double yellow lines. She said she was worried about speeding and whether it would encourage motorists to drive even faster. Chair pointed out that they would only be there for a short distance, and it should not affect the traffic passing through the village. Another member of the public spoke about parking near the school and the problems that cars parked in the vicinity cause. Clerk to write to some residents asking them to park sensibly and not to park so as to obstruct the bus stop etc.	Clerk
07	Highways Volunteers go around collecting litter. Discussion followed about whether volunteers who pick up litter should be issued with high viz jackets and litter pickers. It was resolved that they should be assisted in their voluntary work and the parish Council would contribute to any expense incurred. Clerk to Email Sharon and there are others who have been litter picking to enquire as to the availability of any more high Viz jackets.	Clerk
08	Speedwatch Cllr Andrews had provided an update in writing and is thanked for his significant effort in arranging and facilitating this. There have been a number of sessions that have already taken place and further to take place this month.	

9	<p>Planning</p> <p>Ref. 23/00080 Sun Valley Farm, Temple Ewell</p> <p>Ref. 23/00025 75, Canterbury Road, Lydden</p> <p>Erection of single-storey side extension, detached garage and provision of first-floor accommodation</p> <p>Erection of car port (shed demolished)</p> <p>Granted</p> <p>Granted</p>																					
10	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheques to be authorised and signed: these agenda items were duly ratified by the Councillors.</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Recipient</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>800098</td> <td>J Mount</td> <td>Clerk's salary</td> <td>£512.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>800099</td> <td>J Mount</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>£36.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>800100</td> <td>Scribe Accounts</td> <td>Annual subscription</td> <td>£328.32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>800101</td> <td>Lydden Village Group</td> <td>Painting of railings</td> <td>£116.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount	800098	J Mount	Clerk's salary	£512.01	800099	J Mount	Expenses	£36.60	800100	Scribe Accounts	Annual subscription	£328.32	800101	Lydden Village Group	Painting of railings	£116.00	
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11	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DDC Report received and circulated</li> <li>KCC None received</li> <li>PCSO None received</li> <li>Concern was expressed concerning the lack of reports / attendance from or by KCC and PCSO. Clerk has written several times to both Councillors expressing concern.</li> </ul>	Clerk to write to explain future dates and importance of providing reports.																				
12	<p>Village Hall committee report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report received.</li> </ul>																					
13	<p>Items for discussion and other correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Colin Hoyle photocopier. The necessary grant forms were not supplied to the Chair. It was resolved that the Parish Council would not be prepared to help towards the cost of another photocopier but would be prepared to support a grant application from Mr. Hoyle, should he supply the Parish Council with the appropriate costings and quotes. Since the Parish Council is responsible for the control of public money, it is important that the correct rules and procedures are followed. Additionally, the PC had offered to support applying for grants before but the necessary information was not provided and costings were incomplete.</li> <li>Clerk to write to Colin informing him of the parish Councillors' decision.</li> <li>Cllr Andrews was thanked in his absence for the report he had submitted concerning the addition of double yellow lines at the Stonehall/The close junction. A member of the public had previously commented on the proposal, and after some discussion it was decided that the proposal should be added to the HIP and would be discussed further at a future meeting when Cllr Andrews could be in attendance.</li> </ul>	Clerk																				
14	<p>Any Confidential items to be discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No confidential items</li> </ul>																					
15	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next parish council meeting will be held on <b>11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in Lydden Village Hall at 7:30pm.</b></li> </ul>																					

Signed:

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