

MINUTES OF LYDDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th March 2022 at Lydden Village Hall

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Ryan Booth, Cllr Donal Nolan, Cllr Lorraine Young, Cllr. Roy Sewell, Cllr Dave Beaney and the clerk Jonathan Mount.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS/PUBLIC:

No members of the public attended

1) Apologies and Absences

Apologies from Cllr. Ray Andrews

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

There was no attendance by Cllr Howell-Bray whose position is now to be advertised as he has not attended a Council Meeting for 6 months.

There was no attendance by PCSO since her husband was undergoing surgery.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest appertaining to items on the agenda

3) Minutes of the last meeting

All Cllrs had read and agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr. Sewell and seconded by Cllr. Young

RESOLVED- that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th February 2022 be accepted and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4) Co-Option of new Councillor

4.1 Discussion concerning the advertising for a new Councillor; there are now 3 vacancies. Possibility of Michelle Cregeen becoming a councillor about which the Clerk is to make enquiries of the Monitoring Officer at DDC.

5) Public participation

There were no items raised from members of the public.

Discussion about a vacant lot at the allotments. There is one that has not been touched for some time, Michelle has started to clear that one and will therefore take it on. This was resolved and agreed.

6) Highways

Discussion concerning the Highways Improvement Plan:

Not going anywhere at the moment.

7) Jubilee celebrations and any events relating thereto

Leave until the next meeting

8) Public Properties

Village Hall has a new floor and looks very smart. Bus shelter...Colin Hoyle to be instructed to go ahead with the repairs. Authorised to go ahead. Proposer...Cllr Young, seconded Cllr Seath.

9) Town Planning

There are too many potholes along Church Lane.

Discussion about correspondence received from Mr Snape of Quinn Estates, asking for a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the next phase of building, prior to holding an open meeting. It was pointed out that

it would be a good idea to get some idea of what is envisaged, then we can make recommendations before planning is applied for. They will have to contribute to the local environment...shop etc. It was decided that he should be invited to attend the next PC meeting and he proposed a meeting on 26th April.

- Update on the local plan;

Nothing to report

- Update on planning enforcement complaint;

Planning application no:	Location	Summary	Closing date for comments
21/01728	Keppeldown , Canterbury Road, Lydden, CT15 7EP	Erection of a detached dwelling, solar panel to roof slope, car port, cycle store, turning area, new vehicular access, associated parking and landscaping (existing dwelling to be demolished)	Granted
21/01889	Lyoak Wood Farm, Warren Lane, Ewell Minnis CT15 7EB	Erection of stables and VH equestrian menage with post and rail fencing for private use	Awaiting decision
21/01511	45, Canterbury Road, Lydden, CT15 7ET	Erection of a detached dwelling, solar panel to roof slope, car port, cycle store, turning area, new vehicular access, associated parking and landscaping. Existing dwelling to be demolished	Awaiting decision
21/01363	Land South East of Broadfield Farm, Lydden	Erection of an agricultural building	Awaiting decision
22/00211	Phase 1C Whitfield Urban Extension, Archers Court Road, Whitfield	Outline permission relating to appearance, layout and landscaping of 1,400 no dwelling together with garages and parking etc., together with 66no. bed care home and supported living units, Primary School, energy centre and local centre comprising up to 250 sq m of retail space	Under consideration. Concern as it may impact on the infrastructure and query what if any steps are being taken to mitigate that.
21/00623/B	Engine Shed Broadfields Farm, Lydden	Contamination	Awaiting decision

10) Administration

The Clerk noted that all correspondence received was addressed on the agenda.

11) Financial Report and items for payment and receipts

11.1 Update on transferring to Metro Bank; Progress has been made on the transfer. The Clerk reported that he was sorry for the inconvenience caused to the Councillors, but this is common practice now with all banks owing to new legislation concerning money laundering. Everything should now be in order, and it should not

take too long to break free from Nat West Bank; with more people able to sign cheques, it is hoped the whole banking process will be much quicker and more efficient.

11.2 The bank reconciliation to the end of February 22 was received and signed by the Chairman.

11.3 Authorisation to subscribe to Scribe Accounting System; the clerk explained that the accounting system was used by many councils and ensured full compliance was kept. Proposed: Cllr. Young, Seconded Cllr. Sewell

11.4 Report on the Community Grant application; this was submitted to KCC last week and we have asked for a grant of £5000. We await a decision, but it is hoped that it will be favourable.

Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount
1332	Mr J Mount	Clerk's salary	423.74
1333	Mr J Mount	Clerk's expenses	87.58

RESOLVED – The above payments were authorised to be paid.

Cllr Roy asked when the maintenance contract with Mr Hoyle ends. Start of May. Why do we keep him on? Some things done without proper authorisation. Now that Cllr Young is in charge, it should be better organised. He has already sent the first invoice. Discussion about the contracted hours. The Chairman will reply to his letter and forward the reply to other councillors before sending to Clerk for posting. Possibility of advertising for someone else. Cllr Young to put an advert together, local stores, local groups.

12) District and County Councillors Reports

Report had been received from Cllr Rose and had been circulated to Parish Councillors

13) PCSO Report

None received

15) Village Hall Management Committee Report

None received

16) Items for consultation and other Correspondence received.

16.1 Parish Council representative on village hall committee.
Unfortunately there were no Councillors willing to take on the extra role.

17) Any confidential items to be discussed

There were none.

18) Dates and venues for future meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th April

This meeting closed at 20:37

CHAIRMAN

DATE