

MINUTES OF LYDDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at Lydden Village Hall

These minutes are considered as a draft until agreed by the Parish Council as a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting held.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Ryan Booth, Cllr. Lorraine Young, Cllr. Ray Andrews, Cllr. Michelle Cregeen, Cllr. Phil Seath, Cllr. Roy Sewell, and the Clerk, Mr Jonathan Mount.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS/PUBLIC:

There were 3 members of the public present

1) Apologies and Absences

Cllr. Mark Rose apologised for non-attendance via email.

No apologies or report from Cllr. Beaney.

2) Declarations of Interest

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

Cllrs. Booth and Cllr. Andrews declared an interest in the village hall.

3) Minutes of the last meeting

All Councillors had read and agreed that the Minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Cllr. Andrews and seconded by Cllr. Young

Carried unanimously.

RESOLVED- that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th October 2022 be accepted and duly signed by the Chairman.

4) Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

5) Last Meeting's Action Plan

- Reply from Network Rail ref. their invoice: This has now been received.
RESOLVED that the invoice should be paid.
- Contact tree surgeon: One quote has been obtained, the power company will trim the trees that interfere with the electricity supply. One more quote should be obtained. In the meantime, Cllr Young will contact the electricity company to cut the trees. Cllr Seath will quote for fencing.
- Lydden Bell sign: No result yet, but the problem has been raised by Cllr. Young, she has asked for confirmation of whether or not there is a breach of planning permission. Still awaiting a reply.
- Cherry blossom tree: still awaiting source for purchase.
- The clerk has spoken to Cllr. Cregeen's brother and it was RESOLVED that a cheque should be made out to him, and Cllr. Cregeen will forward in on to him.
- The final of transfer of funds is still to be made after receipt of the latest bank statement from the Nat West Bank. A cheque was signed for the last transfer to be made. Cllr. Booth will take the cheque to the Nat West Bank.

6) Public participation

- Update on the magazine. It is up and running again, as long as the grant application is successful, then it will continue.

7) Speedwatch

- Speed Watch will probably not start until the spring, owing to weather conditions and lack of daylight. Volunteers are currently awaiting the necessary practical training.

8) Highways

- There will be a virtual meeting with the Highways authority on Monday, which Cllr. Andrews will be attending.

9) Public Properties

- Village Hall...The roof will need looking into in the future. A member of the public spoke about the tin on the roof that is touching the ridging of the roof and this could be causing a problem. It was suggested that a meeting could take place with the Village Hall committee. The roof does not appear to be leaking at the moment.

10) Town Planning

- Cllrs were referred to the new website and planning portal, which uploads all new planning applications automatically.
- Discussion ref. application concerning a carport/garage.
RESOLVED: to oppose the application on the basis of the previous objection as this appears to be a replica of the previously refused application without a garage door. Clerk to respond to the application.
- Local Plan...there are about 3 pages relevant to Lydden. Discussion took place concerning the various points raised that concerned the parish.
RESOLVED that the Parish Council should write and comment about the inclusion of the large development in the local plan. Possible issues are; drainage, huge issues to the local residents during the building, road access, no village shop, flooding during the winter and subsequent freezing, possible funding for a new Village Hall.
- The dumping of soil on a plot of land in Ewell Minnis appears to have resulted in a high barrier made of mud. Concern was expressed about the possibility of a dwelling being built; this would increase the amount of traffic on Warren Lane and other difficulties.

11) Financial Report and items for payment and receipts

- To receive the bank reconciliation up until the end of October 2022
- The Community Grant application submitted to KCC has now been agreed. It has not yet been deposited in the bank.
- Allotment payments are coming in.

Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount
800031	Colin Hoyle	Maintenance for September	232.50
800026	J Mount	Clerk's salary	471.97
800027	J Mount	Expenses (print toner, travel)	96.40
800024	Savills	Use of the pathway to allotments	10.00
800030	Network Rail	Allotments land rental	242.97
800028	Mr. Cregeen	Repairs and maintenance	50.00

RESOLVED – The above payments should be paid.

12) District Councillor's report

None received

13) County Councillor's report

None received

14) PCSO's report

Yet again, no report was received

15) Village Hall committee

No report received

16) Items for discussion and any other correspondence received

- Pond drainage area
Cllr. Seath has kindly undertaken the drainage of the pond area. There was a blocked pipe. It should be maintained by KCC Highways and not the Parish Council.
- Maintenance of hedge/trees between the pub and the field
This item was discussed under Item 5
- Repair of fence/mock gates
Gates have been damaged, and the posts are rotten and need replacing. A quote will be obtained by Mr. Hoyle.
- Dates for future events: The Clerk will ask the Lydden community group if they have anything planned.
- Christmas Tree
Discussion around recent social media postings regarding a Christmas Tree. The minutes in February 2022 discussed the possibility of a tree being placed on the memorial triangle but it was later resolved that a Cherry Tree would be purchased instead. It appears this has been misconstrued. The Council will ask whether the LVCCG wish to continue decorating, etc. the tree as they have done and if not, the Council will make arrangements with a working party being arranged and the pub being asked if it wishes to contribute mulled wine, etc.
RESOLVED: the Parish Council should purchase a large Christmas tree to be erected in the Memorial Triangle. Cllr. Seath will organise the tree and the lights.

17) Any confidential items to be discussed

There were none.

18) Date and venue for future meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 13th December 2022.

This meeting closed at 9:00 pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE