

MINUTES OF LYDDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at Lydden Village Hall

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

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS/PUBLIC:

2 members of the public attended together with Mr Toby Snape and Mr Ben

1) Apologies and Absences

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
Apologies received from Cllr. Mark Rose
There was no attendance by PCSO.

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. Young and seconded by Cllr. Sewell.

RESOLVED- that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March 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: The clerk said that the position had been advertised on all the parish notice boards, but no one had as yet registered any interest.

5) Public participation

Mr. Snape and Mr. ??? gave a presentation concerning the new development concerning 65 new houses in the parish. Questions were raised including the possibility of a play park (where it could be situated), also concern was expressed about the run off of water from the surrounding area and the effect of the school. Cllr Nolan questioned the number of parking spaces per house. There will be approximately 2 per house, but this could vary depending on the size of the house. Discussion about how the houses would work with the landscape and surrounding area. Cllr. Young asked if any money had changed hands yet Mr ?? replied that this was not the case. Public consultation will be delayed until Mid-May. The exact date will be confirmed with the Clerk as soon as possible.

Mr Colin Hoyle raised the question about whether he had a job next year with maintenance of the village. The Cahir explained that it was a process that the PC has to go through, to advertise the position. Mr Hoyle explained that he had been doing the job for some time and in the past had cleared a great amount of waste that had accumulated in the village, since no one else was prepared to do it. The Chair explained that there is a need for clearance to take place, and ultimately we have to show that funds are being spent correctly. Discussion followed about whether or not Mr Hoyle's contract was stopped in December or not. When will the new contract start? It was agreed that Mr Hoyle's tender should be extended for 6 months (until September), in the meantime, the tender will go out and include such tasks as grass cutting etc. and how often each task should be carried out. Mr Hoyle pointed out that the weather had a profound effect on when the grass should be cut etc. Review of tasks to be done to be carried out, Cllr. Young will lead the review and bring the conclusion back to the Council.

Cllr. Beaney: gave a short report concerning, amongst other things, the problems with P & O, traffic problems as a result of Dover Docks congestion, arrangements for refugees from Ukraine.

6) Highways

Cllr. Andrews gave a report concerning speeding in the community. Discussion ensued about where a speed watch site could be situated.

The Highways Improvement Plan was discussed and it was mentioned that some items could be added to the “wish list”.

7) Jubilee celebrations and any events relating thereto

Celebrations are happening at the school, resolved that £50 be donated to the Lydden Village Community Group.

8) Public Properties

Nothing to report.

Village Hall is very smart now.

Bus shelter...it was resolved that Mr. Hoyle should be instructed to repair it as per his quote.

Stagecoach and DDC to be contacted to ask if they can provide a waste bin at the bus shelter between 90 and 92 Canterbury Road, or how much would they charge for a new bin.

9) Town Planning

There were no recent applications or decisions received.

10) Administration

- To receive an update on transfer of account to the Metro Bank. Clerk explained various difficulties at the moment.

11) Financial Report and items for payment and receipts

- The bank reconciliation to the end of March 2022 was received and signed by the Chairman.
- Community Grant Application: The Clerk has sent an additional email to the Officer dealing with the Grant Application, he has not yet received a reply.
- Statement on the Precept application for the forthcoming year: Our Precept demand for £17,000 had been approved and should be in the Current Account now.
- Agreement to transfer monies from Reserve Account to current account, prior to moving to Metro Bank: The Clerk explained that by doing this, it will enable us to transfer all the funds in one movement, once the money is all in one account.

Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount
1334	Mr J Mount	Clerk's salary	575.32
1335	Mr J Mount	Clerk's expenses	21.60
1336	Colin Hoyle	Maintenance work	40.00
1337	Starboard Systems	Accounting package	273.60

RESOLVED – The above payments were authorised to be paid.

12) District and County Councillors Reports

13) PCSO Report

None received

15) Village Hall Management Committee Report

None received

16) Items for discussion and other Correspondence received.

- Ownership of trees on Jubilee Path: The Clerk has written to Mr and Mrs Upton. No reply has been received yet.
- Mr Colin Hoyle sent an email regarding grass cutting and maintenance work in the village:

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 10th May 2022 and Annual Meeting

This meeting closed at 9.30 pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE