

MINUTES OF LYDDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13th September 2022 at Lydden Village Hall

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

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS/PUBLIC:

No members of the public, District Councillor, County Councillor nor the PCSO attended the meeting.

1) Apologies and Absences

Cllr Roy Sewell, Cllr. Donal Nolan

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest appertaining to items on the agenda
Cllrs. Booth and Cllr. Ray Andrews declared an interest in the village hall.

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 adoption of the minutes was proposed by Cllr. Cllr Cregeen and seconded by Cllr. Seath

Carried unanimously.

RESOLVED- that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th July 2022 be accepted and duly signed by the Chairman.

4) Last Meeting's Action Plan

All completed except Cllr Booth transferring funds at the Nat West Bank

5) Public participation

No member of the public was present to raise any matter.

6) Highways

No change to the present HIP.

Speedwatch: Cllr Andrews reported on various aspects. He attended a talk given by the police. 2 more volunteers have turned up. Possibility of another 3 becoming involved. Equipment can be bought but would be very expensive, but a proper camera is recommended. Would the Parish Council consider buying a camera for use with speed watch? Resolved that costs should be obtained for a camera costing between £20 to £100. The minimum number of people recording at any time should be 3-4.

7) Public Properties

Clerk to find out the period that the invoice received from Network Rail covers, for the lease of land from them and also the area of the land concerned.

There could be a problem with leaking village hall roof. Cllr. Cregeen will contact her brother and ask him to investigate.

8) Town Planning

Planning application no:	Location	Summary	Closing date for comments
22/00924	Store adjacent to Glebelands ,Church Lane CT15 7JP	Erection of single storey office building, existing mobile office to be removed	Awaiting decision
21/01860	Land forming TPO area to southwest side of Canterbury	Prune back overhanging branches to the boundary of	Awaiting decision

	Road, Lydden	one tree subject to TPO No. 9 of 1985	
22/00824	156, Canterbury Road CT15 7EX	Erection of double garage	Refused

9) Financial Report and items for payment and receipts

- Authorisation of accounts for July and August
- To receive the bank reconciliation up until the end of July and August 2022
- Community Grant application submitted to KCC. Any developments?

The clerk gave a report and said all the necessary forms had been filled in, now awaiting the decision from the authorities.

- Progress on the transfer of all funds to the new account.

No progress as yet. Cllr. Booth to go to the bank and transfer the funds when he is able to do so.

RESOLVED - the bank reconciliations should be signed.

Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount
0016	Colin Hoyle	Maintenance for July + bus shelter repair	340.95
0015	J. Mount	Clerk's salary and expenses	486.67

RESOLVED – The above payments should be paid.

Discussion took place concerning the amount and structure of work done by Colin Hoyle. The Chairman will draft a new contract and the Clerk will send it to Mr Hoyle for signing.

10) District Councillor's report

Yet again, no report was received

11) County Councillor's report

Yet again, no report was received

12) PCSO's report

Yet again, no report was received

Clerk to write to the above and ask for an explanation.

13) Village Hall committee

No report received

14) Items for discussion and any other correspondence received

- To discuss and agree on actions relating to Operation London Bridge- Her Majesty the Queen – and to plan and budget for the resulting coronation

Planning for the resulting coronation will take place over the next few months.

- Lydden Bell advertising sign

Discussion about the cutting back of the trees and replacement of the fence.

The clerk to obtain a quote for replacing the back fence.

The Clerk to contact a tree surgeon and obtain a quote to see if the trees should be cut back.

The Clerk to obtain a quote for fencing. Sheep fencing.

There used to be a small sign and the Landlord of the Lydden Bell was asked to remove it many years ago, it has now been replaced with a much larger, permanent sign. It is part of the Parish Council's job to make sure rules are followed.

Discussion took place as to who actually owns the land.

Dover District Council Planning is to be contacted by the Clerk and asked for their advice and who owns the land.

Discussion took place concerning emails that were sent out following the last meeting.

- Lydden Parish Council website

It was resolved that the website should be updated. The Clerk will go ahead and start the process of updating it.

- Payment of PAYE

The Clerk raised the question as to whether the Parish Council could pay his PAYE. It was pointed out that the salary included the payment of PAYE and no increase in salary was possible at this time. It was resolved that the situation should continue as it is and that the Clerk should pay his own PAYE.

- Allotment charges for the next year

The current charge is £30/year. Rent from Network Rail is £20/month

Discussion about how much to charge for an allotment.

Charge to go up to £35 per year.

Review in 6 months' time. Clerk to amend the agreement.

Letter received from a resident concerning the woodland behind Canterbury Road. Does the Parish Council know who owns the land and were there any TPOs on the trees on the land? It was not thought that there are any TPOs. The Clerk to reply to the letter received by Cllr. Lorraine Young.

- Future Councillors

Discussion about future Councillors and whether or not the date for future meetings could be changed to accommodate prospective Councillors' arrangements. The meeting has always been on a Tuesday, and there could be other events already scheduled for other evenings in the week. Clerk to contact the prospective Councillors and ask if it would be possible for them to attend the next meeting as a one-off to meet the rest of the Parish Council. The decision to be taken after that meeting.

15) Any confidential items to be discussed

There were none.

16) Date and venue for future meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 11th October 2022.

This meeting closed at 9.30 pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE