

MINUTES OF LYDDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at Lydden Village Hall

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Ryan Booth, Cllr. Lorraine Young, Cllr. Roy Sewell, Cllr Donal Nolan, Cllr. Ray Andrews, Cllr. Michelle Cregeen, 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. Beaney (no reason given before the meeting), Cllr. Rose (no reasons given before the meeting), Cllr. Seath (no reason given before the meeting)

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 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. Andrews and seconded by Cllr. Nolan

Carried unanimously.

RESOLVED- that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th June 2022 be accepted and duly signed by the Chairman.

4) Public participation

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

5) Highways

Have had 2 more expressions of interest. Up to 11 volunteers now. Information was given about who had volunteered, and the necessary process that would now be followed. Nothing has been heard from Cllr. Beaney or Cllr. Rose concerning the highways improvement plan and Clerk to follow up. Cllr. Andrews was concerned that only those who volunteer genuinely will take part. He is to contact the police to go on the list for training etc.

6) Public Properties

There was no report.

7) Town Planning

Planning application no:	Location	Summary	Closing date for comments
22/00824	156, Canterbury Road, Lydden	Erection of a double garage	Awaiting decision. Cllrs did not feel they could support this application. Cllr Nolan will submit a written objection to the Clerk who will send to DDC on the basis of it being unnecessary (the house already has 2 spaces) and this will impact on Canterbury Road.

22/00747	Sun Valley Farm, London Road, Temple Ewell	Erection of single storey side and first floor extensions, alterations to doors and windows and erection of detached garage (existing garage to be demolished)	Awaiting decision. Cllrs voted to support the application since it will not impact on anyone and Temple Ewell PC also did not object.
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8) **AGAR**

The AGAR for the past year was received, scrutinised, and signed by the Chairman.

9) **Financial Report and items for payment and receipts**

- Authorisation of accounts for June
- To receive the bank reconciliation up until the end of June 2022
Unfortunately, no bank statement has been received from The Nat West bank, so no reconciliation can be carried out. The information available from the Metro Bank indicates the following:
Current account: £ 10,360.14
Deposit account: £0.00
As of last month, and there should not have been any change, in the Nat West account.
Current account: £6,760.47
Deposit account: £12,272.11
Giving a combined total of £29,392.72
As soon as the bank statements are received, the Clerk will carry out the bank reconciliation and inform all Councillors so it can be ratified.
Clerk to go to Nat West re: transfer to Metro Bank in person.
- Community Grant application submitted to KCC. Any developments?
They are awaiting complete invoices from the work already carried out. Chairman to send necessary invoices from MSCape to the Clerk for onward transmission.
- Progress on the transfer of all funds to the new account.
No progress since Cllr. Seath has yet to sign the necessary documents.
- Discussion concerning the proposed budget for the present financial year which has been circulated to Councillors.
Discussion followed concerning the following topics:
How much should be donated to Kent air ambulance and how much should be spent on other projects etc.
The grounds maintenance contract and the fact that a lot of cash was being spent on grass cutting etc. throughout the year. Was it necessary to spend so much? A set price for each task could be obtained. Whether other contractors should be contacted.
Whether or not to remain members of KALC. It was resolved that we should remain for the time being.
The solicitor's fees that were paid last year.

Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount
00008	Mr J Mount	Clerk's salary	454.74
00009	Mr J Mount	Clerk's expenses	23.40
00006	Castle water	Allotment water supply	155.96
00010	BHIB	Local Council's insurance renewal	565.83
00011	B Passmore	Internal audit	50.00

RESOLVED – The above payments were authorised to be paid.

10) District Councillor's report

No apologies, no report

11) County Councillor's report

No apologies, no report. Cllrs said they were disappointed about the Councillor's non-attendance and lack of apologies.

12) PCSO's report

No apologies, no report

13) Village Hall committee

Nothing to report.

14) Items for discussion and any other correspondence received

- New Councillor applications from Mr and Mrs P. Collins. Councillors instructed the Clerk to contact them and say that it would be good if they could come to a future meeting and explain what they could offer to the Parish Council.

Parking at Pentland Homes development. Cllrs. Were shown the photos that were received from Pentland Homes. The clerk has written to the company and received a response: "I have been advised this morning that the site personnel are fully aware of this issue and have been told where they can and cannot park.

There have been some instances where third-party vans and cars have been parking to the access to our development when working/using the doctor's surgery.

Rest assured we are actively monitoring the situation to reduce the impact on the surrounding residents."

- Email received from a local resident concerning grass mowing etc. Discussion about whether the grass should be cut; tidy grass verged versus wildlife. Compromise by having a short part by the curb, but long grass behind. The Clerk will respond to the email.

- Coping stones on top of the bridge at the bottom of Coldred Hill: Clerk to contact Network Rail.

- Cherry blossom tree for queen's jubilee from Canopy project. Quote to be obtained.

- TPO orders are about to run out and are to be reviewed soon.

- Road speed counters: nothing has been heard about who asked for them to be put in. Clerk to write to District Councillors and to Toby Snape at Pentland Homes.

- Any news on who owns the land ref Jubilee Path? Reply has been received from Land Registry by Chairman. The land between the path and the field does not appear to be registered and is not therefore owned by anyone. The Chairman will attempt to obtain Office Copy Entries, but is having issues with HMLR online.

- Agreed that emails should be acknowledged by all. All outgoing emails from the Clerk are to ask for an acknowledgement.

- The position of the advertising sign for The Lydden Bell was discussed at the end of the meeting. It was resolved that the Parish Council Clerk should write to the Landlord of the Lydden Bell stating the Parish Councillors were concerned about the sign that was situated on the "Memorial Site" opposite the Public House and to ask for his views on the matter.

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 13th September 2022.

This meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN

DATE