



Lydden Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at
7.30 pm in Lydden Village Hall

Present: Lydden Parish Councillors: R Booth (Chairman), B Collins, P Collins, S Fuller, W Smith.
In Attendance: Irene Bowie (Parish Clerk). Members of the public.

1. Apologies.

1.1 Apologies for absence received and confirmed by the Council Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings; under Section 75(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

Resolved to accept the apologies and the reason given by Councillor Cregeen.

LPC Councillor L Smith was absent.

KCC Councillor Beaney gave his apologies.

1.2 Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests.

1.3 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. In accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers. There were no declarations.

1.4 Requests for Dispensations. There were no requests for dispensations.

1.5 Declarations of Lobbying. There were no declarations of lobbying.

2. Public comments and observations. (Maximum 15 minutes)

The meeting will be adjourned to allow members of the public to speak. Individuals may speak for up to three minutes, at the discretion of the Chairman, on agenda items only. The minute book will be closed.

Matters raised:

- New Allotment Contracts
- Overgrown vegetation Stonehall/Broadacre

3. Reports from external parties (if present).

Kent County Councillor, Dover District Councillor, Police.

Police Constable Bates reported on:

- Increase in rogue traders. He encouraged residents to contact 101 Live Chat if they had concerns and to report any incidents.
- He reminded all present that he attends the coffee morning at River
- He would be happy to hold surgery in Lydden. Parish Council to organise.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 31st July 2024 were taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning:

5.1 To table planning applications received for consideration: None were received.

5.2 To Table and Validate Planning Applications, which had been dealt with since the last meeting.

5.2.1 23/01061 23/01061 Land Off Church Lane Lydden CT15 7JP

Outline proposal for the erection of 23 dwellings including affordable housing with associated parking, infrastructure and open space (all matters reserved except access). Technical report submitted 9th August 2024

LPC Objection

5.3 To table decisions by Dover District Council (DDC) since the last meeting.

5.3.1 24/00134 40 Stonehall Lydden Dover CT15 7JU

Proposal Erection of a rear conservatory

Decision Grant Planning Permission

5.4 To Table late planning matters. There were no late matters.

6. To receive Reports

6.1 Chairman's Report. The Chairman reported on the Village Fete. He reported that the VH is looking for new members. He also reported that the work on the roof of the village hall had been completed, and all of the internal ceiling tiles had been replaced.

6.2 Clerks Report (on matters not included in other agenda items)

6.3 Councillors Report (on matters not included in other agenda items)

6.4 Allotments Report and Update. The new agreements had been sent out.

6.5 Village Hall Report and Update

7. Highways:

7.1 To consider the Highways Improvement Plan

RESOLVED:

1. A working group would be set up to review the Highways Improvement Plan.

2. The group members would be Councillors, Booth, Fuller, W Smith and the Clerk.

7.2 To receive the parish portal report. Received and noted.

7.3 To consider actions regarding flooding at the Pond, Church Lane and Canterbury Road. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact DDC and KCC and ask for assistance.

7.4 Update on reporting of overgrown hedges Broadacre/Stonewall to KCC Highways. The matter had been reported, but an update had not been received.

7.5 To receive and consider any other highway matters.

Speedwatch. Councillor Fuller gave her report. Four sessions were held in June, six Sessions in July and nine sessions in August. The Speedwatch data will be made available on the Parish Council website at a later date. The number of speed vehicles ranged from Auto-Speedwatch. It was AGREED that the Clerk would obtain further details for the next meeting.

8. Finance:

8.1 To receive and authorise payments listed on the schedule (to be provided at the meeting)

Payee	Description	
Ionos	Emails September	19.80
Fasthosts	.gov.uk hosting September	10.20
Amazon	Stationary	58.29
HMRC	PAYE/NI Q1 2024/25	Confidential
Tirlunio Thomas Lansdscaping	Maintenance work re hedges and removal of brush and tree trunks St Mary's	510.00
Colin Hoyle	Care Taking Duties August 2024	285.00
Hugo Fox	Web Site Direct Debit Metro Bank	23.99
Irene Bowie	Salary September 2024 Unity Bank	Confidential

8.2 Late Payment Request/s to be discussed for approval and payment. There were none

8.3 To consider any request for grants or donations. There were none

8.4 To table any late financial matters. It was AGREED that a budget for Training would be set at the next meeting.

8.5 To consider the purchase of a Christmas Tree.

RESOLVED:

1. To purchase a Christmas Tree
2. To purchase battery-operated lights
3. To switch on the tree lights on the 7th of December at 6 pm and have carols around the tree with refreshments.

9. Correspondence:

9.1 To table items of late correspondence: There were no late matters.

9.2 Items circulated.

9.2.1 Kent County Council Local Transport Plan consultation

9.2.2 KALC Training Bulletin

9.2.3 Summer Getaway Community Impact Report

All correspondence was noted.

10. Agenda Items for the next meeting: Training Budget.

11. Agree on meeting dates for 2024 and 2025.

RESOLVED: To change the meeting date from a Thursday to a Wednesday from the 6th of November.

Meeting Dates 2024:

3rd October, 6th November, 4th December

Meeting Dates 2025:

5th February, 5 March, 2 April, 7th May, 4th June, 2 July

12. Consideration of items to be taken in private (Exclusion of Public and Press):

There are only a few reasons as to why, legally, the public and press can be excluded from a meeting. The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2) states "A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies." It is generally considered acceptable to exclude the press and public if the agenda item relates to the consideration of tenders, leases, purchases of assets, for matters relating to staffing covered by the Data Protection Act and to consider complaints against the council or a code of conduct complaint.

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting, but a record of resolutions made at the meeting.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

Signed on behalf of the Parish Council

Signature:

Date:

Chairman: Ryan Booth