

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

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Ryan Booth, Cllr Donal Nolan, Cllr Lorraine Young, Cllr Ray Andrews Cllr. Roy Sewell, Cllr. Mark Rose (via Zoom), Cllr Dave Beaney (joined the meeting later) and the clerk Jonathan Mount.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS/PUBLIC:

No members of the public attended

1) Apologies and Absences

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

There was no attendance by Cllr Howell-Bray, Cllr Phil Seath, PCSO There were no reasons for absence given.

2) Declarations of Interest

Councillors R Booth, L. Young and R. Andrews declared an interest in Agenda item 8.

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 Ray Andrews and seconded by Cllr Donal Nolan

RESOLVED- that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2021 be accepted and were duly signed by the Chairman. There was no meeting in January 2022.

4) Public Participation

There were no items raised from members of the public.

6) Highways

Progress on Highways Improvement Plan: Contact number for highways improvement plan? A contact has been found, but normally the PC pays for anything on the Highways Improvement Plan. It is down to us to finance; at the moment we do not have enough money available. Everything is on hold at the moment. We have missed out for this year.

There is a conflict as to who is the contact at DDC Highways, there appears to be no clarity as to who to contact. Things are taking 6 months to happen at the moment. Struggling with parliamentary backing for large projects, even small projects are taking a very long time. Cllr R Andrews commented that if we had put it in the HIP they would have told us how much it would have cost and at least we would have known how much the bill was likely to be. The delay is due to the number of projects happening at the moment. Louise Winch is the contact at KCC. Cllr Rose will wait and get back to us. The HIP will be left until next year. Delays are due to Covid. It would be helpful to have the document anyway. We have the email address, and she will discuss it with us, but it is clear we have to provide the money.

7) Parks and Recreation

Nowhere for the play park to be positioned.

Update on tree orders and which trees are now subject to TPOs.

The Clerk asked if anything has been arranged for the Platinum Jubilee project. There have not been any parties arranged at the moment. It was suggested that an Item could go in the monthly newsletter asking if anyone wants to hold an event.

The PC resolved not to organise a street party, could be used to co-ordinate a party.

It has been arranged for a tree to be planted and a plaque put near the tree. It was suggested that a Christmas tree could be planted and then decorated at Christmas, it is envisaged that it will replace the pub sign that is there at the moment.

A letter is to be sent by the Clerk to Colin Hoyle ref. claiming expenses etc.

8) Public Properties

The question was asked about whether DDC could provide any money for the floor repairs in the village hall. Money is available, but only small amounts. We also need money for a play park. Chair to email Cllr. Beaney requesting contribution and giving reasons for its allocation.

Small projects like line painting will get allocated funds, but large projects have to be paid for by the PC.

The Woodland trust will supply trees for the border.

9) Town Planning

Planning application no:	Location	Summary	Status
21/01728	Keppeldown , Canterbury Road, Lydden, CT15 7EP	Erection of a detached dwelling, solar panel to roof slope, car port, cycle store, turning area, new vehicular access, associated parking and landscaping (existing dwelling to be demolished)	Awaiting decision
15/01184/FF	Land rear of 114 Canterbury Road, Lydden	4 - Landscaping	Granted
21/01889	Lyoak Wood Farm, Warren Lane, Ewell Minnis CT15 7EB	Erection of stables and VH equestrian menage with post and rail fencing for private use	Under consideration
21/01511	45, Canterbury Road, Lydden, CT15 7ET	Erection of a detached dwelling, solar panel to roof slope, car port, cycle store, turning area, new vehicular access, associated parking and landscaping. Existing dwelling to be demolished	Granted
21/01363	Land South East of Broadfield Farm, Lydden	Erection of an agricultural building	Awaiting decision
21/01713	The freight terminal, Husk (UK) Ltd, Lydden Hill, Lydden CT15 7JW	Display of 3 no. flagpoles with flags	Granted
21/00166	2, Wickham Bushes Cottages, Wickham Road, Lydden CT15 7JN	Erection of a detached annexe for ancillary use, including change of use of land to garden land, entailing formation of vehicular access (part retrospective)	Refused

10) Administration

The Clerk noted that all correspondence received was addressed on the agenda.

11) Financial Report and items for payment and receipts

Cheque No.	Recipient	Reason	Amount
1327	Ms J Pannell	Clerk's salary (Jo Pannell)	782.79
1328	Ms J Pannell	Clerk's expenses (Jo Pannell)	35.40
1329	Mr J Mount	Clerk's salary	299.72
1331	Mr J Mount	Clerk's expenses	21.60
1330	Natalie Georgiou	Hedge cutting	80.00

RESOLVED – the last 3 of the above payments were authorised to be paid, but because the Parish Council were unsure about how much money was available in the account, it was decided that the other 2 cheques (made out to Ms J Pannell) would have to be delayed until the arrival of a bank statement. It was decided that the Clerk should contact Ms Pannell and ask her to forward the bank statement to him.

The Bank reconciliation report and Bank Statements from December 2021 were received and duly signed by the Chairman. The Bank reconciliation for January was not available for signature owing to a postal delay from Nat west.

12) New bank account

The Clerk explained that having researched various banks, it was resolved that The Metro Bank would be a better option since there was a local branch in Canterbury. It was possible that the Bank could introduce bank charges at some point in the future, but this was not immediately going to take place.

RESOLVED - it was therefore resolved that an account is to be opened with Metro Bank in the name of Lydden Parish Council. The Chairperson is Ryan Booth, the Treasurer and Secretary/Clerk is Jonathan Mount. The signing rules are that 2 signatories are required.

The signatories will be Ryan Booth, Roy Sewell, Ray Andrews, Lorraine Young and the Clerk, Jonathan Mount. The Clerk Jonathan Mount will have full access to the accounts along with the online banking facility. It was further resolved that all funds should be transferred from the present Nat West Bank account to The Metro Bank. Proposed: Cllr Ray Andrews, seconded: Cllr Donal Nolan. The resolution was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED – Those cheques presented at the meeting for authorisation could be signed at the meeting if signatories were present; this would negate the necessity of troubling Councillors for a signature later in the month.

13) District and County Councillors Reports

Report had been received from Cllr Rose and had been circulated to Parish Councillors

Cllr. Beaney gave a report:

Everything is progressing on time. The Chairman of the Council has written to HM Queen to officially congratulate her on her Platinum Jubilee.

Dover fast track project is moving forward and should be in operation by 2023.

Email address for contact for the school voucher scheme is traceyveasey@kent.co.uk

Application for planning permission has gone in for a border checkpoint at Aylesham.

KCC have been working on the budget. Cuts will have to be made. There is a 40-million-pound shortfall this year.

Dover Council tip... This is going to continue as a booking service. It went out to the public for consultation and received positive feedback.

The Parish Council asked if something is going to be done about Whitfield roundabout. Cllr Beaney replied that it is on the local plan. The fast track will mean work in that area. Something has to be done there, and it will happen, but not yet. There was discussion about a fatality there a short time ago. Too many houses are

being built there, but there is no infrastructure to cope. As a parish council we could write to DDC planning and criticise if necessary, giving good reasons for the complaint. Cllr. Beaney would support any action that the PC wanted to take. Any complaint has to wait for the local plan to be published. It is worth building a good relationship with the developer, then we as a Parish Council can work with them. It is down to government directives as to how many houses are built. There is a quota. Discussion about money allocated to a council when a development takes place. Discussion about the fact that there was a Mini roundabout at the new development near the Doctors' surgery on the original plan but has not been put in place. Everything that was on the application plan when it was granted will be in place. Maybe it has not happened yet, but it will be built eventually.

14) PCSO Report

None received

15) Village Hall Management Committee Report

None received

Painting and decorating have taken place and some maintenance. This has all been paid for by the village hall. Thanks was expressed for the work that has been done.

16) Items for consultation and other Correspondence received.

- Correspondence ref. shooting on private land. Discussion about this item that had been raised. It was decided that the best course of action would be, to contact the PCSO.
- Correspondence ref. salt bins and responsibilities. It was resolved that the Clerk should send a copy of the letter he had received at Staple Parish Council to Cllr. L. Young
- Repairs to bus shelter. Carpenter needs to repair the panel that has come away. A quote to be obtained by Cllr Lorraine Young.
- TPO map to be updated and discussed. Various TPOs have been applied for and are now in place.
- "Action with Communities in Rural Kent" Subscription demand £90.00. No need to renew since the Councillors were not sure why we were members in the past.
- Allocation of trees used to screen Pentland Homes development. Woodland Trust are providing the trees. We have correspondence. Clerk to check any progress.
- Allotments and progress on invoices being sent out. The Clerk will send out the necessary invoices at the beginning of next week, now that all the information was to hand.
- No 2 Wickham bushes was refused and has now been appealed. It was decided at planning that it was not appropriate for the development. They do not want another house built for ancillary use since it is in a small hamlet. Would like the PC to help, but it was decided that the Parish Council were unable to help.
- Statement reference the use by The Lydden Bell of village hall parking. It is possible that the village hall might lock the car park and deny its use by the Lydden Bell. Cllr Lorraine Young commented that it would cause a great deal of trouble if the car park was locked. Cllr Donal Nolan said that the car

park should be able to be used by villagers. Cllr Lorraine Young replied that we need to get the border and fencing reinstated and get rid of the construction barriers that are there at the moment. It was pointed out that all that can be done is to put up the fence on our boundary and they will have to move the contractor's fence. Cllr Ray Andrews said the time is approaching when the construction will be complete, and it therefore might be better to not escalate the situation and let things take their own time. Cllr Ray Andrews pointed out that the Parish Council are here to support local businesses and the pub is a local business, so we should try and support them.

17) Dates and venues for future meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 15th March

This meeting closed at 9.30pm



02.03.2022

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