



Lydden Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th November 2024
At 7.30 pm in Lydden Village Hall

Present: Lydden Parish Councillors: R Booth (Chairman), M Cregeen (Vice Chairman), B Collins, P Collins, S Fuller

In Attendance: Irene Bowie (Parish Clerk). A Member 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.

Apologies were received from KCC Councillor Beaney.

Councillor L Smith – Absent

RESOLVED: To accept the apology and reason given by Councillor W Smith.

- 1.2 Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests. There were none.
- 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 none.
- 1.4 Requests for Dispensations. There were none.
- 1.5 Declarations of Lobbying. There were none.

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:

- Missing Signage at the allotments
- Missing Village Sign
- Overgrown Hedges

3. Reports from external parties (if present).

Kent County Councillor, Dover District Councillor, Police.

Police report received and circulated before the meeting from the new Beat Officer PC Ansley. No other reports were received.

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4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October 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.
- 5.2 To Table and Validate Planning Applications dealt with since the last meeting. There are none.
- 5.3 To table decisions by Dover District Council (DDC) since the last meeting.
- 5.3.1 62 Canterbury Road Lydden CT15 7ES
Erection of 2 detached dwellings (self-Build) , associated parking and creation of new and widening of existing vehicle access (existing bungalow and garage to be demolished)
Grant Planning Permission
- 5.4 To Table late planning matters. Planning applications received after the publication of the agenda.

5.4.1 24/0 24/01164 Chunnel Plant Hire And Contractors Ltd 6 - 16 Canterbury Road Lydden Dover CT15 7ER

Fell 2 no. Scots Pines (T1 and T2) and 2 no. Corsican Pines (T3 and T4); reduce in height by a maximum of 4 metres of 7 no. Corsican Pines (T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T11 and T12) and one Ash (T13); reduce height by a maximum of 3 metres of one Scots Pine (T14) and reduce length of all north east facing laterals by a maximum of 3 metres, all the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 1 of 1991.1164

LPC No Objection

5.4.2 23/01061 Land Off Church Lane Lydden CT15 7JP

(Amended Details)Dover District Council- consultation on 23/01061

LPC Objection.

6. To receive Reports

6.1 Chairman's Report(on matters not included in other agenda items). No report

6.2 Clerks Report (on matters not included in other agenda items). No report

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

6.4 Allotments Report and Update.

It was AGREED that:

1. Following feedback, amendments would be made to the Allotment Agreement
2. Options regarding the rent for the allotments would be considered at the December 2024 Meeting.
3. Regular water meter readings would be supplied to the Clerk
4. Mr Hoyle was invited to submit a quote for additional maintenance work at the allotments
5. The use of the EDGE Allotment Management Program will be considered at the December meeting.

6.5 Village Hall Report and Update. A reminder of the Christmas Fete on the 14th of December 2024

6.6 Lydden Speedwatch. Councillor Fuller spoke regarding Speedwatch. She reported that 2-3 sessions were being held each week, and a new handheld/ speed gun was needed.

6.7 Christmas Event 7th December Update. It was AGREED

1. To cancel the Parish Council Event and support the event planned on the same day by the Church.
2. To have the Christmas Tree on the Village Green rather than opposite the Small Library.

7. Highways:

7.1 To receive the parish portal report. Received and noted

7.2 To receive and consider the Highways Improvement Plan.

RESOLVED: To submit the Highways Improvement Plan to KCC Highways for consideration.

7.3 To receive any other Highways Matters.

8. Finance:

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

RESOLVED: To authorise the payments on the schedule.

Payee	Description	£
Ionos	Emails November	19.80
Fast Hosts	Domain Hosting and emails November	10.20
Colin Hoyle	Village Maintenance October 2024	60.00
	Invoice September 2024	135.00
Irene Bowie	Staff Costs	Confidential
Tree Man Bill Christmas Trees	Christmas Tree	53.00
Currys PC World	5 x Laptops, 2 Tablets, 2 Case/Keyboards for Tablets, 2 Printers	2902.86
Castle Water	DD October 2024	23.19

Hugo Fox	Web Site Direct Debit Metro Bank	23.99
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- 8.2 Late Payment Request/s to be discussed for approval and payment.
There were no late payment requests.
- 8.3 To consider any request for grants or donations. There were no applications for grants or donations.
- 8.4 To consider the draft budget for 2025/26.
The draft budget and supporting papers were circulated. It was AGREED that a decision on the budget be deferred until the December meeting.
- 8.4 To table any late financial matters. There were no late matters.

9. To consider ideas for Village Improvement Projects.
Councillor W Smith sent a report, which was received and agreed upon by all present.
It was AGREED :

1. To obtain a quotation for a new planter for the Chunnel end of the Village
2. To add routine watering of the planters to the Handyman Schedule
3. Councillor W Smith would continue looking after the flowerbed on the green
4. The Clerk to obtain quotes for a tree survey of trees on Parish Council land.

10. Correspondence:

- 10.1 To table items of late correspondence.
- 10.1 Items circulated or received.
- 10.1.1 Community Update - Fireworks - Lydden Hill Race Circuit
 - 10.1.2 KALC Training Bulletin
 - 10.1.3 ACRK VILLAGE HALL FILES - ACTION REQUIRED!
 - 10.1.4 PARISH SEMINAR INVITATION - IN PERSON, 20TH NOVEMBER 2024
 - 10.1.5 Dover District Plan Adopted
 - 10.1.6 KALC Training Bulletins
- All correspondence was noted.

11. Agenda Items for the next meeting:

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.

13.1 NALC Salary Review. This was discussed and noted.

Meeting Dates : 4th December 2024.

2025: 5th February, 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 2nd July

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

There being no further business to be transacted, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:38 pm

Signed on behalf of the Parish Council

Signature:

Date:

Chairman: Ryan Booth