



Lydden Parish Council

SUMMONS

To All Members of the Parish Council, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972, you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting on **Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7:30 pm.**

The meeting will be held in the Lydden Village Hall, Canterbury Road, Dover CT15 7EX

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Clerk to the Council

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1st February 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. The Meeting is open to the press and public.

AGENDA

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.
- 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.
- 1.4 Requests for Dispensations.
- 1.5 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.

3. CO OPTION of Parish Councillor/s: To consider candidates for co-option.

4. Reports from external parties (if present).

Kent County Councillor, Dover District Councillor, Police.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

To resolve that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th of January 2025 to be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

6. Planning:

- 6.1 To table planning applications received for consideration.
- 6.2 To table decisions by Dover District Council (DDC) since the last meeting.
- 6.3 To Table and Validate Planning Applications dealt with since the last meeting.
- 6.4 To Table late planning matters.

7. To receive Reports

- 7.1 Chairman's Report
- 7.2 Clerks Report (on matters not included in other agenda items)
- 7.3 Councillors Report (on matters not included in other agenda items)
- 7.4 Allotments Report and Update
- 7.5 Village Hall Report and Update
 - 7.5.1 To consider new signage for the Village Hall car park.
- 7.6 Lydden Speedwatch

8. Highways:

- 8.1 To receive the parish portal report
- 8.2 To receive updates on the KCC Highways Improvement Plan
- 8.3 To receive any other Highways Matters

9. Finance:

- 9.1 To receive and authorise payments listed on the schedule (to be provided at the meeting)
- 9.2 Late Payment Request/s to be discussed for approval and payment.
- 9.3 To consider any request for grants or donations
- 9.4 To table any late financial matters

10. Correspondence:

- 10.1 To table items of late correspondence.
- 10.2 Items circulated or received.
 - 10.2.1 Invitation to Town and Parish Councils online Teams briefing: 4th February 4.30pm on the Council's latest Infrastructure Funding Statement 2024-2025 and the emerging Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2026
 - 10.2.2 DDC Adopted: Archaeology of Dover Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPD)
 - 10.2.3 KCC Urgent Road Closure - Swanton Lane, Lydden - 6th February 2026 (Dover)
 - 10.2.4 QUADRENNIAL REVIEW OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES - EKJIRP RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

- 12.1 To receive and consider quotations for village maintenance services.
- 12.2 To receive and consider quotations for the governance and maintenance of the parish defibrillator.

13. 2026 Meeting Dates:

4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December.

Notes on declarations of interest

Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare pecuniary interests, as necessary, as soon as practicable after their arrival, even if the item in question has been considered. National rules about pecuniary interests are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and in secondary. Legislation made under the Act, in particular The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012