

Lydden Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Held at Lydden Village Hall, Lydden, on Thursday 16th March 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr R Booth (Chair)
Cllr R Andrews
Cllr M Cregeen
Cllr P Collins
Cllr B Collins

Clerk: Jonathan Mount

01	Apologies for absence Cllr Seath sent apologies (working). Cllr Swell sent apologies.	
02	To declare any pecuniary interests (DPI) and other significant interests (OSI) relating to items on the agenda. Cllrs. Booth and Cllr. Andrews declared an interest in the village hall.	
03	To agree and sign the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 10 th January 2023 The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Cregeen and seconded by Cllr Andrews: Carried unanimously	
04	Matters arising from the previous minutes There were no matters arising	
05	Last week's Action Plan Update on allotment charges <ul style="list-style-type: none">There was no immediate update. All charges have been paid up to date for this financial year. Update on fencing <ul style="list-style-type: none">We await quotes. Cllr Seath had mentioned a figure, but the Parish Council await a firm estimate.Two further quotes to be obtained.It is hoped a decision can be taken at the next meeting. Update on power cables ref. fencing <ul style="list-style-type: none">The trees will not need cutting back since they do not interfere with the power lines. Update on parking ref. Pentland Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Clerk wrote to Pentland Homes and received a reply confirming that the site manager would have a word with the contractors and ensure that the parking regulations are complied with. If there are any future issues, the Council should be notified. Update on salt bins which should have been delivered to Cllr Seath's house <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Seath text the Chairman confirming this had been delivered.	Clerk to obtain 2 further quotes for next meeting
06	Public participation – adjournment of the meeting There were no members of the public present	
07	Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none">There was some discussion around double yellow lines at the junction of The Close, Stonehall given parking issues. Highways/DDC/KCC would need to be contacted.There was also discussion about double yellow lines opposite the Warren Lane junction and up to Hope Gardens.	Clerk to email Highways/DDC/KCC Councillors for assistance.

08	<p>Speedwatch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is anticipated that there will be practical training for operators during April. 	Cllr. Andrews responsible.
09	<p>Public Properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the village hall roof. Letter received from Lydden Village Hall bookings clerk ref. leaking roof. Pictures shown to Councillors Cllr Cregeen had obtained a price for grommets, which are £38 for 100. However, it was agreed that we have been papering over the cracks. Village Hall committee proposed a survey be undertaken at a shared 50/50 cost with the Council. This was agreed. Quotes to be obtained. 	Clerk to write to Village Hall to confirm 50/50 cost and to request 3 quotes be obtained.
10	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note applications decided and pending since the last meeting held on 10th January 2023 There were no planning applications to be considered. 	
11	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress on the transfer of all funds to the new account; this is still ongoing. Accounts checked and verified. Cheques to be authorised and signed: these agenda items were duly ratified by the Councillors. 	Clerk to supply Chairman with another cheque/letter of authority.
12	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDC Report received and circulated KCC None received PCSO None received Concern was expressed concerning the lack of reports / attendance from or by KCC and PCSO. 	Clerk to write to DDC/KCC/PCSO re lack of attendance.
13	<p>Village Hall committee report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report received. A cheque for £400 was signed by the Chairman and cleared for payment by Councillors; it referred to a contribution towards the new heaters in the Village Hall. 	
14	<p>Items for discussion and other correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email received from Lydden Village Group ref. painting of railings. Councillors agreed that if the LVCG could buy the paint, the Parish Council would reimburse them for the cost of the paint. Lydden Bell sign. Discussion followed about whether the sign was there at least 10 years ago. Google shows that it was on site, but it was only a temporary sign, not fixed. Further discussion followed about how long the sign had been there. If planning permission was given for the memorial stone and BT box then who actually owns the land? We do not have hard evidence that the sign was there 10 years ago, so would request a site meeting with Head of Planning. Clerk to write to the Chief Planning Officer and request an immediate site meeting. Annual parish meeting to take place on 11th May. 	<p>Clerk to write to LVCG.</p> <p>Clerk to write to Planning @ DDC.</p>
15	<p>Any Confidential items to be discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No confidential items 	
16	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next parish council meeting will be held on 13th April 2023 in Lydden Village Hall at 7:30pm. 	

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