

## MINUTES

Minutes of the Lympne Parish Council held on 2nd December 2019 in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.00 pm.

### **Present**

Cllr. S Edwards (Chair)

Cllr. J. Howes

Cllr R. Auger

Cllr. K. Boyland-Wood

Cllr. I. White

Parish Clerk- Mr J. Lawrence

### **Others present:**

District Councillor J. Wing, Mr D Cowell, Mr G Topham

1. **APOLOGIES.** Members are reminded of the need to tender apologies with the reason for absence direct to the Clerk if they are unable to attend.

Cllr. C. Yates tendered apologies due to a family engagement

Cllr. J Burrows tendered apologies due to hospital appointment

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- b. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda – any councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items.

No interests declared

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to be agreed and signed as a true record.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by those present and duly signed by the Chair.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters raised.

5. **Update on actions from previous meeting**

- a. It is confirmed that The Council has adequate Insurance Cover for the Youth Club Activities.
- b. It was confirmed that the Speedwatch coordinator has been contacted and confirmed that checks continue at the County Members

- c. An application has been made to confirm costs for Village Gateways and this will be included in the Budget proposal for next year.
- d. There is an ongoing action to confirm policies for the youth club and funding-

Members discussed this matter and agreed that a Youth Club Committee would be created and this committee would be given delegated spending powers up to an agreed budget- this matter will be tabled along with Terms of Reference at the next meeting.

**ACTION- Clerk to arrange the above**

## **6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No questions received

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Letter from resident in West Hythe making observations about the junction of Lympne Hill and Aldington Road, suggesting a mirror is erected to increase visibility or improvements to slow vehicles down.

Members accepted that this is a concern. The Clerk explained that it is KCC policy not to erect mirrors on highways. It was agreed that contact would be made with the Highways Steward for a review of the junction.

**ACTION- Clerk to arrange the above**

- b. E-mail received from a resident highlighting overgrown trees in The Street effecting the powerlines.

**ACTION- Clerk to contact KCC Highways.**

- c. Folkestone and Hythe District Council have published the Core Strategy Review- Submission Draft relating to housing supply- The consultation runs until the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020-

**ACTION- to be added to future agenda**

- d. Via Damian Cock- Kcc Highways- informing the Council of a complaint from a resident in Stone Street since the change of priority of vehicles. The change is causing vehicles to wait outside her driveway and she can not enter or exit as she used to.

It was commented that this appears to be the only negative response so far to the changes. There are no plans to reverse the decision at this time. The area will continue to be monitored.

## **8. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

### **a. District Councillor's Report**

- Core Strategy Review is out (as mentioned above) the public is advised to make comment although this may appear to be a done deal as housing number are decided by Central Government.

- Otterpool have reviewed their Housing Numbers regarding the quantity of affordable housing.
- Members asked the Councilor why he abstained from voting for or against the proposal to be able to draw down £100 Million over the next 4-5 year for Otterpool. He explained that he had made a tactical decision to ensure that the Council can still be worked with. Members expressed their concern and disappointment as it was explained that he knows how residents feel about this proposal. They also reported to him that several residents had expressed their dismay in how he had voted. It was explained by Cllr Wing that only 6 District Councillors had the full information on the background to this motion as they were not allowed to see it as it was Commercially Sensitive. The question was then raised as to how did all of the District Councillors come to a decision on voting when they were not in possession of the full information.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the District Council.

**ACTION- Clerk to write to the Monitoring Officer for clarification on the above and to raise our concerns.**

**b. County Councilors Report**

Cllr Martin Whybrow sent a written report covering the following

- Work is underway to confirm the amount of Community Infrastructure Levy due to Parishes from the District Council. There will be further updates.
- Ash Dieback Disease is now believed to affect 28% of the species in Kent. By 2025 therefore 100% will be infected, however, there is an indication that some trees are showing signs of resistance.
- Gully cleansing has taken place at Lympne Hill.

**c. Chair Village Hall Committee**

No report this month

**d. Community Warden's Report**

No report this month

**e. PCSO's Report**

No report this month

**9. PLANNING**

Reference	Location	Details	Decision
Y19/1325/FH	Caerhays Ashford Road Newingreen Hythe Kent CT21 4JB	Erection of one and a half storey rear extension including internal alterations.	No objections Carried unanimously
Y19/1256/FH	Land Adjoining Virginia Cottage The Street Lympne Kent	Partial Crown Lift to 4 metres of two Sycamores subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 4 of 1995.	No objections Carried unanimously
Y19/1234/FH	41 Honeywood Close Lympne Hythe Kent CT21 4JS	Demolition of existing single garage and rear extension and creation of new single and double-storey side and rear extension.	No objections Carried unanimously
Y19/1152/FH	French House Aldington Road Lympne Hythe Kent CT21 4PA	Change of use of the French House from Class C3 residential dwelling to a 10-bed boutique hotel Class	Objections were recorded in last months meeting and objections have been submitted.

		C1, partial demolition, reconstruction and conversion of outbuildings, erection of 5 new build bedroom pods, erection of new social canopy, erection of check-in building, extension to existing restaurant, creation of new link pathways and a new access road, erection of an event building, new refuse store and creation of a new car park for 100 car spaces	
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## 10. FINANCE

- a. Breakdown of expenditure/income since the last meeting.

No matters raised

- b. Acceptance of payment of accounts and verification of invoices for payment.

Invoices for payment were checked and verified by Cllrs White and Howes.  
See Appendix 1 below.

- c. Signing of cheques if applicable  
Not applicable

## 11. CONFIRMATION OF DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2020

Members will agree dates for Council Meetings for publishing on the website and noticeboards.

It was agreed the Clerk would publish details in the new year

## 12. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR 2019-2020

Members will discuss and agree to appoint an internal auditor for the period 2019-2020

It was agreed unanimously that Mr David Bucket would be appointed as Internal Auditor for the period.

## 13. FORDRED CHARITY

Members will discuss and agree on how the money from the above organisation will be distributed to a deserving family or child of the parish. The donation this year is £180.00.

After discussion, it was agreed that the money donated to Lympne School to support a child from the Parish.

**ACTION- Clerk to write to the head of Lympne School**

## 14. STAGECOACH- NUMBER 10 UPDATE

Members will discuss and propose passing this issue to the Traffic Management Committee.

Item Adjourned

### **15. ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

Members will discuss projects and ideas for Lympne over the next three years and in particular, identify budget requirements for the next financial year.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would compile an action plan and budget proposal for presentation at the next Council meeting.

### **16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

It was agreed by those present that Mr Cowell could speak to raise the following concerns.

He reported that he with a band of volunteers from New Romney had spent some time clearing rubbish from the A20 in the area of the Airport Café. It was commented that this was one of the worst areas that the volunteers had been to. They collected many bags of rubbish including human waste.

Mr Cowell asked what could be done to stop this from reoccurring.

After discussion, it was identified that the area in question was not wholly within Lympne Parish and in fact encompasses three Parishes; Lympne, Sellindge and Stanford.

It was agreed that contact would be made with the following to highlight and prompt action to reduce the impact in the area.

1. The adjoining Parishes
2. The Airport Café
3. The Industrial Estate
4. The Environmental Protection Officers at the District Council.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** The next full Council meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 unless otherwise advised. The meeting will be held in the Village Hall Committee Room at 7.00 pm.

Mr J. Lawrence

PARISH CLERK

12<sup>th</sup> December 2019