



Minutes of the Lympne Parish Council held on Thursday 8th July 2021 at 6.30pm at the Village Hall Aldington Road Lympne

Minutes

Present

Cllr. J. Howes (Chair), Cllr. M. Boor, Cllr. D. Burden,
Cllr. C. Yates, Cllr. K. Boyland-Wood

Also present-

Parish Clerk Mr J Lawrence
County Cllr. Andy Weatherhead
District Cllr. John Wing

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 S. Edwards -Holiday

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 declarations of interest

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING- Held on 9th June 2021**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by those present and duly signed by the chair

4. **ACTIONS and CLERKS REPORT**

Review of actions from previous meeting as follows

- We have now received an update from the solicitor regarding the shop being placed into the name of the Council rather than the trustees. This will require some work as this is not a simple matter of just

changing names and may require the formation of a Charitable trust, but I will confirm details and keep you updated.

- The Annual audit has been submitted within the time limits and I am awaiting a response from the external auditor and a final report from the Internal Auditor which I will present at a future meeting
- As you are aware thanks to Mike and Gary from the Village Hall the basketball posts are in place and I have positive reports from residents.
- I am keeping the Lypne Airfield Memorial Park Survey open until the end of July. I have circulated the responses to the members and to the working group for their information.
- I have as discussed closed the N S and I Account and will show this as a separate figure within our Unity Trust Savings Account alongside income from the shop.

5. QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC- PUBLIC SESSION

No questions were received

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS In circulation

- a) E mail from the Queens Jubilee Beacons- giving information on how to take part.

It was proposed by Cllr Burden and seconded by Cllr Howes that Lypne should take part if possible. A vote was taken. The proposal was carried unanimously

ACTION- Clerk to confirm what vis required to take part in these celebrations in 2022

- b) Email to remind members and the public that there is a consultation in progress regarding the proposals for the Parliamentary boundaries review- The consultation is open until 2nd August 2021

Noted by members present.

- c) Emails from a resident complaining about vehicles parking on the green areas in Octavian Drive-
Members were informed that this has been passed to our KCC Warden for him to be aware of and perhaps offer some advice to residents.
- d) Emails from residents asking them to consider trimming back their hedges and trees to ensure that footways are kept clear- The resident mentioning this states that in some areas they are

having to duck to prevent branches poking into eyes.

ACTION – Clerk to put a comment on Facebook and in the next newsletter.

e) **SPEEDWATCH UPDATE-** From the speed watch Coordinator

Fair weather allowed the Speedwatch team to mount eleven sessions during June and it was a record month for offenders observed (136) representing 9% of passing vehicles. At least 11 letters of advice to keepers have been issued. 20 roadside volunteer-hours were involved.

As an experiment following comments on social media, we ran a session on Aldington Road commencing 0600 hrs. Only 33 vehicles passed, the maximum speed reaching 23 mph. We shall not be setting alarm clocks for any more like this.

At a more civilised hour, two cars passed at over twice the speed limit. The offenders will be receiving personal visits from uniformed police officers to offer words of advice. Prompted by one of these events we were joined by two police officers the following week at the Stone Street entry to the village, wielding an enforcement speed gun. Several vehicles were pulled in, some received penalty notices, others warnings.

We will be showing off our kit at the Village Fayre on 1st August and you can try to set a speed record on two feet. No tickets will be issued.

f) Email received from EDF Renewables regarding the proposal for a Solar generating farm at East Stour (Between Sellindge and Aldington) offering the Parish Council a briefing-

At the time of writing the proposal was not public information. Members requested the Clerk to contacting adjoining Parishes to see what their opinion was of this proposal as it appears this would not have a direct impact on Lympne Parish.

ACTION- Clerk to contact adjoining parishes for their comments.

e) Cllr Boyland -Wood reported that a resident had reported concerns that trees had become overgrown and were getting tangled with the services cables near to the bottom of Lympne Hill. The meeting was informed that residents can report this type of concern via the KCC website. However, the Clerk will do so on this occasion.

ACTION- Clerk to report overgrown trees and cable concerns at Lympne Hill

Cllr Yates arrived at this point

7. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE SPEAKERS

a. County Councillor Weatherhead reported-

- Has recently attended a Joint Transportation Meeting.
- Many meetings are still being held online but slowly people are returning to face to face which should mean better communication and progress with projects
- The Kent County Show will be held on the 10th and 11th July
- He has provided funding towards the all-weather track being installed on the Lympne Playing Fields

b. District Councillor Wing reported

- He has been contacted regarding the issues of lack of refuse collections- He advises that if problems persist, please let him know and he will bring this up with the waste department.

- He has been made aware of a potential issue about access to the Spout House. This has not come up in planning yet and he will update the Council in the future.
- He is due to meet with the developers of the Solar Farm mentioned earlier and will report back to the Council after the meeting direct to the Clerk.
- **Regarding Otterpool Garden Town-** Phase one is moving on and it will be early next year that they will start building around the Station at Westenhangar. At the meeting they were again asked about their transport strategy which seemed vague. They were also asked about the introduction of Zero Carbon Housing, and this did not seem to exist. A further firm of consultants will part of the planning team to look at this.

ACTION- Clerk to arrange for a further meeting with Otterpool team to discuss these concerns.

Cllr Wing also reported that there also be a Core Review Strategy which will be published form comments.

c. KCC Warden Lodge

- He has attended a problem a bin from the zoo park not being emptied- This matter has now been resolved and out Litter Volunteers will keep a watching brief.
- He has referred a resident to the RSPCA animal welfare officer due to concerns over a snake's nest in her garden.

d. PCSO- Kent Police

No report this month- It was request that the local PCSO be contacted to inform them of meeting dates.

8. PLANNING

Ref	Address	Details	Comments
21/1301/ FH/CON	French House, Aldington Road, Lympne, Hythe, CT21 4PA	Approval of details pursuant to Condition 20 (landscape details) of planning permission Y19/1152/FH (Change of use of the French House from Class C3 residential dwelling to a 10-bed boutique hotel)	No Objections
21/1258/ FH/NMA	17 Beacon Way, Lympne, Hythe, CT21 4LJ	Nonmaterial amendment to planning permission 21/0646/FH (Erection of a single storey side and rear extension re-submission of 21/0239/FH) for change of roof covering from brown interlocking concrete tiles to grey smooth concrete tiles (Redland Min Stonewold).	No Objections
21/1220/ FH	Port Lympne Reserve, Aldington Road, Lympne, CT21 4PD	Section 73 application for the removal/variation of Condition 2 (Operation of site 1 June - 30 September) of planning permission	No Objections

		Y06/0490/SH (Erection of timber platforms (supporting safari tents) dining hall and WC/shower facilities together with associated hard surfacing and landscaped areas in connection with use of site as a safari experience (leisure amenity) in association with Port Lympne Wild Animal Park)	
21/1221/ FH	Port Lympne, Aldington Road, Lympne, CT21 4PD	Section 73 application for removal/variation of condition 3 (Operates between 1st May & 31st October) of planning permission Y11/1022/SH (Change of use of land and siting of 20 tented holiday lodges and erection of a restaurant building, an office/store building, and other ancillary structures, together with formation of a car parking area in connection with the creation of a leisure site)	No Objections

9. FINANCE

- a. Breakdown of expenditure/income since last meeting and budget review
The clerk informed the meeting that the National Savings and Investment Account had now been closed and this will appear within the Unity Bank Savings Account and will show at the next meeting. The reason for closing this account was to allow the Council easier access to funds online. The NS and I account was postal communication only which often caused delays.

No questions raised.

- b. Authorisation of Payments- Members will review the list of invoices for payment and identify two Councillors to authorise the payments online.

The payments (see appendix 1) were agreed by members present and will be authorised online by Cllrs Boyland-Wood and Cllr Burden

- c. Authorisation of expenditure for Printer Replacement, Webcam and Microphone

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk is authorised to spend up to £500.00 for a new colour printer having obtained the best ongoing running costs to replace the current colour printer which is beyond economical repair and for the purchase of a microphone to be used at meetings.

Cllr Burden kindly offered to give the council a webcam for their use.

10. LYMPNE AIRFIELD MEMORIAL PARK- SURVEY REVIEW

Members will review the latest responses from residents of Lympne regarding the above project.

Members commented that there had been some good responses to the proposed project. The survey will remain open until the end of July and a full update will be presented at the next meeting.

11. POLICY and RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

a. Risk Management Scheme

The risk management scheme was reviewed by members present and accepted by the Parish Council

b. Lympne Parish Council Financial Regulations

The Lympne Parish Council financial regulations were reviewed by members present and accepted by those present.

12. ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS- KCC PROJECT

Members will consider registering an interest in the above project to become part of the Charging network for Kent.

After discussion it was proposed that an expression of interest be registered with the KCC for two charging points to be installed in the Lympne Village Hall Carpark by Cllr Howes and seconded by Cllr Boyland-Wood.

VOTE- For 4
Against 1

In carrying the motion, it was requested that the Clerk make enquiries as to the level of funding that should be put forward by the Council, which was initially agreed to be no more than £500.00 but with a desire that no funding should be offered if possible.

13. Memorandum of Understanding between the Parish Council and the Lympne Playing Fields and Village Hall Charity.

The above will be reviewed and signed if agreed.

After discussion it was agreed that this matter should be adjourned to allow for the playing fields accounts to be finalised.

14. Otterpool Garden Town- Update

Please see comments within Cllr John Wings report- No further update available.

15. Items for newsletter/website

- a. It was mentioned that the intention is to start the youth club after the Summer Holidays- It is requested that an article is put into the newsletter to ascertain interest.**
- b. Retirement from the Council of Rob Auger**

16. Any other matters for consideration at future meetings
No matters raised.

At this point the Chair of the meeting addressed the meeting as follows-

The Council had received a written notice from Cllr Rob Auger who has decided to step down from the Council. Rob has served the village for many years as a Councillor and has been a proactive member within the meetings supporting debating some complicated issues. His role within the Neighbourhood Plan Group identified many positive and actionable projects which are still commented on to this date. His contribution will be very much missed, and the council wish to thank him and wish him all the best for the future.

- 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Thursday 2nd September 630 pm at Main Village Hall Lympne unless otherwise advised.**

Cllr Burden offered his apologies for the next meeting due to work commitments.

APPENDIX 1 Payments for Authorisation

PAYMENT SCHEDULE JULY 2021		
TWO COUNCILLORS ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK AND SIGN BOTH THIS SCHEDULE AND THE RELATED INVOICE/RECEIPT		
OPENING BALANCE (THIS INCLUDES INCOME RECORDED SINCE THE LAST MEETING)		£49,057.89
OUTGOING	TRANSACTION TYPE	AMOUNT
CLERKS WAGES and UTILITIES	BACS	£709.18
HMRC TAX and NI	BACS	£205.19
Malwarebytes (REFUND to Clerk)	BACS	£29.99
Marc Coleman INV 7876	BACS	£376.40
Playfix Ltd	BACS	£900.00
fordred donation-To LYMPNE SCHOOL	BACS	£180.00
Transfer to savings (SHOP RENT)	BT	£440.00
Transfer to savings (NSI BALANCE)	BT	£22,209.55
Transfer to savings (Shop rent Probate amount)	BT	£9,240.00
TOTAL OUTGOING		£2,400.76
BALANCE AFTER EXPENDITURE		£46,657.13
Bank Balances	Total	
Unity Savings Account	4792.05	
NS and I	0	
TOTAL BALANCE All ACCOUNTS AFTER EXPENDITURE	£51,449.18	