

**Minutes of a meeting of the Lympne Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th
June 2024 at 7 pm at the Committee Room, Lympne Village Hall Aldington
Road Lympne.**

Present:

Cllr. M. Boor (Chair)

Cllr.A.Beales (Vice Chair)

Cllr.C.Yates

Cllr.J. East

Cllr.S.Bingham

Cllr.M.McAuley

In attendance:

Mr J Lawrence (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

MINUTES

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. M. Potter- Work

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 made.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING- Held on 8th May 2024**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by members present and signed by the chair.

4. **CO-OPTION PROCESS-**

Members of Lympne Parish Council will vote to co-opt two members of the public to sit as Councillors on Lympne Parish Council. A vote must be held as there are three candidates for two places and this vote must be by an absolute majority.

Members were informed that one applicant had decided not to move forward with the process. Members then voted for the two remaining applicants.

Michael McCauley- 4 votes - carried unanimously.

Steve Bingham- 4 Votes- Carried Unanimously

Cllrs McCauley and Bingham were welcomed to the Parish Council and took their place at the table.

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

Mr Burles gave an update on the Solar Farm Proposal at Court-At-Street.

He reported that he had been in discussions with the District Council and had identified that the assessment of agricultural land being used for the solar farm had been misunderstood by the District Council. It appears that they thought that grade two agricultural land was low grade. It had been identified that there had been no public consultation regarding the proposal and that it was their insistence that a formal consultation should take place before any further plans are made.

What was known is that no decisions would be being made by the cabinet of the district council until November.

6. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE SPEAKERS

a. KCC Councillor- Jenni Hawkins

No update on this occasion

b. District Councillors John Wing/Jeremy Speakman

No update on this occasion

7. CHAIRS REPORT-

Update from the Chair on any relevant information affecting the Parish.

- Volunteers from the Napier Barracks have been used to assist in sorting out the running track.
- The toddler's group at the village hall now run by "Badgers" Are requesting authorization to extend the area that they use at the village hall. Further information will be provided at a future meeting.
- There are two abandoned motor vehicles in the village or car park. It was suggested that a policy is required to deal with this situation in future and a discussion around overnight parking and how to prevent it.
- The old village hall will be redecorated this includes having the windows replaced.
- He and councilor Judith East attended the Kent Resilience Forum where there was a discussion about the additional time taken to clear the ports at the channel. This situation will be monitored.
- It was proposed by the chair that the parish council Should sponsor the village fate to the value of £250. A vote was taken which was carried unanimously.
- The chair reported that he would be attending the community housing event on July the 10th at Shepherdswell. He will update at the meeting.
- The next Otterpool Garden Town meeting will be on the 27th of June and an update will be provided.

8. MEMBERS REPORT-

Members who have attended meetings on behalf of the Parish Council will supply an update and consider any matters raised.

No updates this month

9. CLERKS REPORT

- A feedback form has been completed after the funding was provided by the KCC for the Lympne lunch club. The Clerk has used this opportunity to identify that additional funding could be used to support the youth club which is a highly successful project being run by the parish council.
- The yearly audit has been submitted to the External auditors and we await the conclusion.

10. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS IN CIRCULATION

- Blocked drains near to the entrance of the former Lympe airfield have been reported to the KCC.
- 2 defective streetlights in Stone Street have been reported.
- A request for parish councils to complete a short service on what provisions are in place for nature within your locality has been requested by the local nature recovery strategy for Kent and Medway.
- A complaint from a resident which is identified a gap in the high-speed broadband provision within the village centered around Harmon Avenue, the top of Stone Street and Honeywood close. Information has been received that the final part of the connection did not take place due to the lack of fibres available. This means that a proportion of the village is unable to take full advantage of Internet access and due to the location, which is not served this is affecting some of the most vulnerable who need to access these services.
It was agreed that the clerk should write to BT Openreach and also the digital inclusion team at the NHS to see if any reason for the lack of connection can be given.
- Stagecoach have now confirmed that the early bus the 0734 hrs. Will be reinstated which will support students arriving at school in Folkestone on time.

11. PLANNING-

REFERENCE	LOCATION	DETAILS	COMMENTS
24/0703/FH	Montreux, Stone Street, Lympe, Hythe, CT21 4JP	Subject of TPO No.4 of 2019 - felling of Cedar Tree and replace with Silver Birch	It was a great unanimously to object to the felling of this tree. This was based on the tree not being diseased. Effect on wildlife. Clark instructed to respond to the planning department.

12. HEALTH AND WELLBEING UPDATE- CLLR. A. BEALES

- After the recent meeting the following suggestions have been made for the future
- A drop in I.T. café has been suggested to support anyone who requires additional support in using the Internet to access e-consult/ repeat prescriptions and other online services.
- Volunteers are being sought to assist with this initiative.
- Training will be provided by the Digital Inclusion Team however they are only funded until 2025.
- Social prescribing teams are in existence to support those who are isolated and to try and match them up with activities to improve their mental health and loneliness issues for example this could be linking in with church activities local clubs or groups.

- It has also been agreed that talks about wellbeing will be pursued for example this could be to target those dealing with the menopause, mental health, sexual health etc.

13. COMMUNITY FOOTPATH LINKING CASTLE ROAD WITH BERWICK LANE- Proposal to re-apply for permission to create a community footpath.

The clerk explained that this proposal had been talked about in the past, but no further action had taken place. There had been no changes in the road conditions since it was last discussed and there was still a need to provide a safe route for pedestrians walking along this stretch of road. It was therefore agreed that the plans previously submitted should be updated and resent to Kent Highways for them to consider this proposal.

14. SAFE WALKING ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROPOSAL- Proposal to improve the route through the trim trail to create a safe route to school from the lower end of the village.

After discussion and review of the current routes through the village to the school it was agreed that the route through the trim trail should be made more usable for village use. It was identified that not only would this provide a route to school it would also provide a safe route to link people walking from the top of Lympne Hill to the center of the village without having to walk along Aldington Road.

The clerk was instructed to write to the District Council regarding the proposal for upgrading this route.

15. OTTERPOOL GARDEN TOWN- UPDATE

Members were informed that Otterpool Garden Town was still looking for a government-based partner to support the development. It is believed that this decision has been pushed back till November 2024. The next Otterpool Garden Town meeting for the parishes will take place on the 27th of June.

16. COURT-AT-STREET SOLAR FARM-UPDATE

See item 5 for update.

17. FINANCE

- a. Authorisation of Payments- Members will review the list of invoices for payment two Councillors to authorise the payments online.**

Payments shown at appendix one agreed for payment.

- b. Additional quotes for authorisation (to be advised at the time of the meeting)**

No additional quotes this month.

18. ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

No matters raised.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 10th July 2024, 7pm at the Committee Room Lympne Village Hall

Noted

CLOSED SESSION_

20. VILLAGE SHOP LEASE AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

No additional actions or decisions raised.

21. ANNUAL WAGE REVIEW- PARISH CLERK

Adjourned

APPENDIX 1 Items for Payment:

Lympne Parish Council
PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

9 July 2024 (2024-2025)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
28	Newsletter	11/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Newsletter	Sandgate Printers	Z	294.00		294.00
27	Audit Fees- External and Intern	11/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		AUDIT	Lionel Robbins	Z	105.00		105.00
26	Youth Club	11/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Youth Club Hall Hire	Lympne Village Hall	Z	80.00		80.00
29	Grasscutting	11/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Grass Cutting	Coleman	S	340.00	68.00	408.00
32	Health And Wellbeing Initiative	11/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Refreshments	County Members	X	18.90		18.90
25	Litter Bin Clearance	11/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Litter Bin Clearance	Lympne Village Hall	Z	65.00		65.00
31	D Day Commemoration	11/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		D Day Wreath	Amazon	S	29.95	5.99	35.94
30	Clerks Home Office Use	28/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Wages+Office	Lympne Parish Council	Z	26.00		26.00
30	Clerks Wages (NET)	28/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Wages+Office	Lympne Parish Council	Z	864.11		864.11
30	HMRC	28/06/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Wages+Office	Lympne Parish Council	Z	267.20		267.20
Total									2,090.16	73.99	2,164.15