



**Minutes of the Lympne Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday the 10th July 2024 at 7:00 PM in the
committee room Lympne Village Hall Aldington Road**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Cllr M. Boor (Chair)
Cllr. M. McAuley

Cllr. A Beales (Vice Chair)

Cllr. J East

In attendance:

Mr J Lawrence- Clerk, County Councillor Jenni Hawkins, District Councillor Jeremy Speakman.

- 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

Cllr. S. Bingham

Cllr. M. Potter

- 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.**

Councillor East declared an interest in item 13 due to their relationship with the householder affected by the proposal. It was agreed that the Councillor would be able to take part in any conversations to assist the council but would not be able to vote on any decisions.

- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING- Held on 12th June 2024**

Members present accepted the minutes of the previous meeting, and they were signed by the chair.

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

No questions had been received from members of the public in relation to the agenda.

- 5. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE SPEAKERS**

- a. **KCC Councillor- Jenni Hawkins**

- Reported that there are changes to the way that residents access care packages this may impact on the ability to obtain free care as a result of cuts in funding. Potentially

there may be an additional charge of up to £500 to obtain a care package.

- Cuts in the budget for Education, Health and care plans (EHCP) is likely to affect children with special educational needs. The aim is to try and keep this cohort of children within mainstream schools. This will be of great concern to many parents.
- The drainage issues between Lympe and Postling have been addressed.

b. District Councillors John Wing/Jeremy Speakman

- The District Council is contemplating trialling verges being left uncut for wildflowers if there are any locations in Lympe that this could be implemented he would be pleased to hear off them.
- There is the opportunity for grants via the green parish grants and this is for environmental projects. Details are on the Folkestone and Hythe District Council website.

6. CHAIRS REPORT-

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

- The studying history and archaeology in Lympe group are having a big dig day on the 12th of August at a secret location.
- Held meeting with Mr Jacklin regarding the goal posts- See item 12.
- Discussion held with Village Hall Committee regarding Badgers proposal to extend storage area- See item 13.
- Has spoken with Kent Police regarding abandoned vehicles in Village Hall Carpark- See item 14.

7. MEMBERS REPORT-

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

Cllr. M McAuley-

Today, attended the Rural and Community Housing Enabling Service at Shepherdswell with Cllr. A Beales. This was a very interesting presentation and one that the parish council would like to continue investigating with a view to introducing a scheme within our parish.

After discussion it was agreed that councillor McAuley would liaise with district councillor Speakman to consider working together to progress the project

Cllr.A.Beales

Reported that there had been a recent meeting of the health and well-being group involving many partners. One of the main issues raised attendance of the digital inclusion unit is which is currently funded by the Kent County Council until 2025. The group are starting a project where they will train digital champions to assist in helping people used computers access online services and assist them in using E consult. A request for volunteers has been placed in the local newsletter and any volunteers will receive full training from the digital inclusion unit.

8. CLERKS REPORT

No additional information this month.

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

- A resident has reported concerns regarding speeding vehicles along a Stone Street ,Otterpool lane and Aldington Rd. The resident has made the suggestion of full width speed humps being placed along these roads.

ACTION- to make a contact with the community speed watch to see if they can assist with the locations identified. Inquiries to be made regarding speed humps however it was accepted that it is unlikely that any additional physical additions to the highway would be approved.

- A response has been received from Dr Susan Priest from the District Council agreed to look into the possibility of upgrading the footpath through the trim trail. Members will be updated at a future meeting.
- There has been a complaint from residents about people feeding seagulls in the parish. The request is that an article is placed in the newsletter to ask people to refrain from doing this.

10. PLANNING-

REFERENCE	LOCATION	DETAILS	Comments
24/0995/FH	HAREWOOD, ALDINGTON ROAD, LYMPNE, HYTHE, CT21 4LH	Subject of TPO No. 21 of 2008 - T1 Sycamore- re-pollard to previous points	No Objections

11. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN-

To consider current Highways Improvement Plan and to identify areas for improvement.

After discussion it was accepted that this document is something that can be added to as and when required. It was suggested that ideas from residents should be used to assist with progressing any plans for the parish.

It was identified that there is an issue with parking at the junction of the street with Aldington Rd. Vehicles are often parked in such a way that narrows down the available width which could prevent emergency vehicles from gaining access.

12. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR PERMENANT GOAL POSTS AT THE REACREATION GROUND TO SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL TEAM AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

It was noted that the applicant for the goal posts had approached the KCC member Jenni Hawkins who had agreed to fund this project.

13. PROPOSAL TO EXTEND "BADGERS" PLAY GROUP PLAY AREA AND CABIN INTO THE CURRENT VILLAGE HALL STORAGE AREA.

After discussion it was agreed that the storage would be approved on the understanding that a more solid fence would be erected along the boundary of the Village Hall land and the adjoining property.

Further agreement would be required by the Village Hall Committee.

The resident affected by this proposal was present during his discussion

14. APPARENTLY ABANDONED VEHICLES ON PARISH COUNCIL LAND-To consider an

appropriate policy and to discuss the current issues of two abandoned vehicles in the Village Hall car park.

It was noted that one of the vehicles of concern had now been removed. One still remains. The Clerk informed members that District Councils will deal with abandoned vehicles on private land with the authority of the landowner. He has commenced this investigation with the District Council.

If the District Council are unable to assist, then the Parish Council can use available legislation to deal with and remove abandoned vehicles.

An abandoned vehicle policy was tabled-

Members present agreed with the Policy and this was accepted by the Council.

In addition, it was agreed that signs will be erected to indicate that no overnight parking is permitted in the Village Hall Car Park with a warning that vehicles left in situ for an unreasonable time would be removed using appropriate legal procedures.

15. OTTERPOOL GARDEN TOWN- UPDATE

From Chairs Report-

Decisions regarding the Otterpool Garden Town has been on hold until after the election however it appears that the development team are looking for a publicly owned body to become a partner in the development rather than a privately owned one.

16. COURT-AT-STREET SOLAR FARM-UPDATE

From Chairs Report-

Attended a meeting with the five adjacent parishes to Lympne. He has been keeping members updated with the proposed solar farm. However, all decisions regarding this matter are on hold until November.

17. FINANCE

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

Items at appendix 1 agreed for payment.

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

No additional authorisations required

18. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS AND INCLUSION IN NEWSLETTER

- **New football pitch goals**
- **Highways improvement plan suggestions**
- **Feeding of seagulls**

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Wednesday 11TH September 2024, 7pm at the Committee Room Lympne Village Hall.

Noted

CLOSED SESSION_

20. ANNUAL WAGE REVIEW- PARISH CLERK

After review of current pay levels for the Parish Clerk it was agreed that the current pay level would be frozen on the clerk's pay scale for this year. It was agreed that should the national pay rise be agreed this would be approved and back dated if required.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 2045hrs.

Appendix 1- Payments for authorisation

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
37	Newsletter	10/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Newsletter	Sandgate Printers	Z	294.00		294.00
38	Grasscutting	10/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Grass Cutting	Coleman	S	340.00	68.00	408.00
41	Litter Bin Clearance	10/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Litter Bin Clearance	Lympne Village Hall	Z	65.00		65.00
39	Loan Repayments	10/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Public Works Loan	Public Works Loan Board	Z	4,075.63		4,075.63
40	Youth Club	10/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Village Hall Hire	Lympne Village Hall	Z	80.00		80.00
42	Donations(OUT)	10/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		donation- Summer fete	Lympne Parish Council	Z	250.00		250.00
36	Clerks Home Office Use	30/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Wages+Office	Lympne Parish Council	Z	26.00		26.00
36	Clerks Wages (NET)	30/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Wages+Office	Lympne Parish Council	Z	863.91		863.91
36	HMRC	30/07/2024		UNITY TRUST BANK		Wages+Office	Lympne Parish Council	Z	264.56		264.56
Total									6,259.10	68.00	6,327.10