

## Unconfirmed Minutes of a Meeting of Lyminge Parish Council held on 29 March 2010 in Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church.

Present: Cllrs G Baldock; Mrs R Bergin; Mrs M Chubb; R Chubb (Chairman); P Hawken; C Manvell; and, D Smith.  
In attendance: 6 local residents, Community Warden G Harrison and the Clerk.

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** were accepted from Cllrs T Collins; Mrs N Hunnisett; and, D Monk. Apologies were also accepted from County and District Councillor Miss S Carey.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllrs Mrs M Chubb; R Chubb; P Hawken; C Manvell; and, D Smith all declared personal interests in minute 13.
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 February 2010** – The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were **agreed** and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 4 **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2010:**
  - 4.1 **Dungeness Power Station** (minute 4.2) – Cllr R Chubb enquired when a decision on the status of Dungeness C was to be made. It was **agreed** that the Clerk will report to the next meeting.
  - 4.2 **Joint Membership of Action with Communities in Rural Kent** (minute 11.2) – The Clerk reported a positive response from Etchinghill Village Hall.
- 5 **Report from Ward Councillor** – In the absence of Cllr Miss Carey there was no report.
- 6 **Planning Committee:**
  - 6.1 **Planning Consultations received** – a list of consultations received since the last meeting had been circulated with the agenda together with the views expressed by the Parish Council. The Council had made no objections to additional application 10/0203 for the erection of a 2 storey extension at 28 Mount Pleasant Close, Lyminge. The Council had made no objections to application 10/0226 on the list. The list was **accepted**.
  - 6.2 **Planning Decisions** – a list of decisions made by Shepway DC since the last meeting had been circulated with the agenda. The list was **accepted**.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to express reasons for their objections to the “informal” consultation on a proposal to re-route bridleway HE39 at Stone Street in the vicinity of Farthing Common. Councillors asked questions to fully understand the objections. The Chairman thanked the public for their comments and viewpoint. The Council anticipated making its decision on the issue at the General Purposes Committee on 12 April 2010. The meeting was re-convened.

- 7 **General Purposes Committee** – the minutes of the meeting of 1 March 2010 were presented by Cllr Mrs Bergin. There was a brief discussion on the following items:
  - 7.1 **Thoroughly Wood** (minute 4.9) – Following publication of a letter in the March issue of the Lyminge Newsletter there was a discussion about the future use of the site.
  - 7.2 **Purchase of Football Equipment** (minute 5.3) – the grant had been received and banked. It was **agreed** to receive the minutes of the General Purposes Committee of 1 March 2010.
- 8 **Finance Committee** – the minutes of the meeting of 10 March 2010 were presented by Cllr R Chubb. There was discussion on the following item:
  - 8.1 **Management Accounts** (minute 5) – As there was an outstanding question that could not be immediately answered the accounts to the end of February 2010 were **not agreed**. With the exception of minute 5 it was **agreed** to receive the minutes of the Finance Committee of 10 March 2010.
- 9 **Mission Statement** - a draft had been circulated prior to the meeting. An amended statement was **agreed**.
- 10 **Woodland Road Telephone Kiosk** – After discussion it was **agreed** to accept BT’s “option 1” contract whereby BT was initially responsible for electricity supply upon adoption of the kiosk by the Parish Council. It was **further agreed** that the contract be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- 11 **Use of Jubilee Field on 17 July 2010** – After discussion it was **agreed** to give consent for a helicopter landing at Jubilee Field on 17 July subject to all necessary consents being obtained; emergency services being notified; appropriate security to ensure public safety; any damage to the field to be repaired; and, advance warning to be given via the Lyminge Newsletter.
- 12 **Report of Community Warden** – G Harrison reported a quiet period in Etchinghill with reported dog fouling being identified as cat fouling. There was nothing to report at Rhodes minis but Lyminge had seen continued dog fouling on the path between Church Road and the High Street, breaking of windows at the church and parking on the zig zag lines outside the school.
- 13 **Reports from Outside Bodies:**
  - 13.1 **Age Concern** – Cllr Mrs R Chubb reported that the next Board meeting would be on 30 March. The Easter raffle produced a pleasing result and there would be fundraising at B and Q this coming weekend.

- 13.2 **Footpaths** – Cllr R Chubb reported that there had been a muddy March walk with 14 walkers over 6 miles. The next Parish Walk will be on 18 April.
- 13.3 **Lyminge Village Hall** – There was no report in the absence of Cllr Mrs Hunnisett.
- 13.4 **Etchinghill Village Hall** – Cllr Manvell reported that the new seats had been purchased and the annual accounts audited. The “Open House” is well attended. The surface water problem is not a priority for the relevant authorities but ploughing the adjacent field makes a significant improvement. At the AGM on 16 May Rodney Watts, the Chairman, is standing down.
- 13.5 **Etchinghill Residents Association** – Cllr Manvell reported that the cap and ball will be replaced at the entrance to Meriden Park. Shepway DC has requested the removal of rubbish outside the carpet shop. ERA will contribute to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lyminge Association in a way yet to be decided. A flower trough will be placed on the “Triangle” and the two benches on Canterbury Road will be refurbished. As the benches are owned by the Parish Council it was **agreed** to welcome the refurbishment in principle and to offer to assist with funding. It was **further agreed** to consider a small grant at the Finance Committee.
- 13.6 **Lyminge Youth Action** – The Community Warden reported that the 5-a-side goals were installed. The planting of the nature garden is postponed until the autumn. The concept of exercise equipment for the elderly is being pursued. It was **agreed** the Clerk ascertain the current position of the Lyminge Challenge Project
- 13.7 **Tree Warden** – Cllr R Chubb reported that the removal of one yew tree at the entrance to the churchyard had caused local concern.
- 13.8 **Lyminge Association** – The first of 2 garage safaris will be held on 10 April. The first planning meeting for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held on 16 March.
- 13.9 **Lyminge Primary School** – Cllr Hawken reported that planning consent for the fence along Church Road was awaited. A small storage hut is being erected at the back of the school.
- 13.10 **Lyminge Parochial Church Council** – Cllr Hawken reported that there was no significant progress on the roofing of the nave. The annual accounts have been audited and will be sent to the Charity Commission. There is thought of using the field as a possible burial ground.
- 14 **Correspondence and Documentation Received** – a list of correspondence received since the February Council meeting had been circulated with the agenda. It was **agreed** that:
- 14.1 KALC subscription invitation is considered at the April Council meeting.
- 14.2 Notice of the external audit is referred to the April Finance Committee.
- 14.3 Registration with the “Government Gateway” for electronic submission of HMRC returns is referred to the April Finance Committee.
- 14.4 Letter from residents at Farthing Common re Bridleway HE39 be referred to the April General Purposes Committee.
- 14.5 Cllr Smith expanded on his written report of KCC’s “Kent Rail Summit”
- 15 **Other Matters Raised by Councillors:**
- 15.1 **Nailbourne Stream** – Cllr Smith reported on a recent email that he would circulate.
- 15.2 **Speedwatch** – Cllr Manvell reported on 11 motorists caught speeding in Etchinghill – one at 47mph - and 2 in Lyminge.
- 15.3 **Highway Issues** – Cllr Manvell asked for the outstanding meeting with Donna Rixon is arranged.
- 15.4 **Station Car Park** – Cllr Mrs Hunnisett had received complaints about the litter. The Clerk was asked to contact Shepway DC.
- 15.5 **The Sidings** – Cllr Hunnisett had received complaints about the litter. The Clerk was asked to contact Shepway DC.
- 15.6 **Rhodes Minnis Allotments** – The Clerk reported on a waiting list of 4 persons and a letter recently sent to a plot holder requesting the removal of horse manure.
- 16 **Accounts for Payment** – a list had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting. Details of payments can be obtained from the Clerk on 01303 239500 but did include a grant of £3,000.00 to Etchinghill Village Hall to assist purchase of new chairs.
- 17 **Date and Venue of next Council Meeting** – Confirmed as 7.30pm on Monday 26 April 2010 in Lyminge Methodist Parlour.

<p><b>REMINDER</b></p> <p><b>THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN LYMINGE VILLAGE HALL</b></p> <p><b>ON THURSDAY 20 MAY AT 7.30PM.</b></p> <p><b>ALL ELECTORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND ASK QUESTIONS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>AND ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING.</b></p>
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