



**Minutes of the Meeting of Lenham Parish Council  
Held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 7:30pm at Lenham Community Centre**

**PRESENT** Cllr. J Britt, Chairman presiding.

Cllrs. M Ballard, P Culver, D Garland, K Hammond, S Heeley, N Osborne,  
J Bate (RFO), L Westcott (Clerk)  
2 Members of the public.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The members of the public had nothing to report.

L Westcott read out a report from T and J Sams who have sent their apologies. Points to note:

- We would like to thank everyone for their support during the election.
- We are thankful for the efforts of so many, alongside KCC, to establish the 20mph speed limit for parts of the village.
- We met with parish Cllrs. recently regarding a Maidstone Road / junction of A20 issue which they and ourselves have highlighted to the The Lenham School.
- We were delighted that the newly elected green councillor, Stuart Jeffery, at his first council meeting made a stand to oppose the 8% rise in councillors allowances. We supported Stuart's move however the pay rise was voted through. We will be donating our additional allowance this month to Maidstone homeless care who run the vital food bank.
- We really hope for good weather for the Jubilee celebrations. We really appreciate the efforts that have been made on behalf of residents to make a time for celebration, much needed by us all.

There being no further input from members of the public the chairman opened the meeting at 19:40h.

**22/25 APOLOGES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. M Cockett, Mike Lowe, Mic Lowe, M Michaelas, A Ratcliffe & A Walmsley.

**22/26 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS**

Declarations of interest on Agenda items, Cllr. N Osborne made a declaration relating to Lenham Nursery school.

Declarations to changes to the Register of Interests. No declarations received.

Requests for dispensations. No requests received. Cllr K. Hammond has a standing dispensation (relating to SOHL).

**22/27 NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH OR RECORD ITEMS**

There were none.

**22/28 TO SIGN AS CORRECT THE MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

Cllr. N Osborne proposed, Cllr. D Garland seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022** are a true record and were approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.

**22/29 PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS**

22/15 – Grant applications article still to be progressed.

**22/30 FINANCE**

- a. Responsible Financial Officer Report (by J Bate) - The internal audit date has changed to 21<sup>st</sup> June, this does not affect the external audit deadline.
- b. To authorise payments and note income (details of payments and income to be tabled):

Name	Frequency	Description	Date	Amount
Amazon	One off	Jubilee - cut out queen	27/04/2022	39.99
Amazon	One off	Jubilee - cut out befeater	27/04/2022	31.15
Argos	One off	Jubilee - Prize Vouchers	27/05/2022	90.00
BT Group	Monthly	Telephone and Broadband for the office	19/05/2022	90.01
Co op	One off	Drinks for Annual Assembly	25/04/2022	10.30
Down to Earth Garden Maintenance	Monthly	High street borders, SID battery change, Mow churchyard, cemetery ivy removal	30/04/2022	834.00
EDF Energy	Monthly	1A High Street	15/04/2022	656.74
Gardenscape Direct Ltd	One off	Top soil for planter	16/05/2022	120.50
Hallett & Co	One off	Sale of Strip of land at WPF	11/05/2022	4200.00
Jackie Bevan	Annual	Geraniums for planters	17/05/2022	420.00
Josh Roots Music	One off	Jubilee - music entertainment	16/05/2022	200.00
Lenham Community Centre	Monthly	Room charges	31/03/2022	170.00
Nathan Beale	Monthly	Waste Bins, litter picking and cleaning WCs	31/05/2022	735.00
Nigel Turner	Monthly	Cemetery Maintenance	31/05/2022	150.00
Orchids	One off	Annual Parish Assembly food	05/05/2022	452.00
Mike Lowe	One off	Food for Volunteer meeting	09/05/2022	51.42
Peter Goodwin	One off	Round Planter Replacement	15/05/2022	625.00
Peter Goodwin	One off	Rectangular Planter Replacement	19/05/2022	495.00
Post Office	One off	Recorded delivery of WC lease	25/03/2022	3.45
Printerland	Ad hoc	Printer ink for office	11/05/2022	253.07
RBLI	One off	Jubilee - Lamp post signs	27/04/2022	53.50
SSE Southern Electric	Monthly	Ham Lane Allotments	07/04/2022	48.69
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>9729.82</b>

Cllr. K Hammond proposed, Cllr. P Culver seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to make these payments.  
Cllrs. N Osborne and D Garland to authorise the payments on-line.

### **22/31 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION (P&I) COMMITTEE REPORT**

All agreed this was an accurate record of planning comments from May.

### **22/32 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2022**

Cllr. S Heeley proposed, Cllr. N Osborne seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the reports and minutes of the P&I meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 are a true record and were approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman of the P&I Committee post meeting.

Points to note:

- The information received from Thakeham following the complaint about working hours on site has been passed onto the resident.
- Cllrs. J Britt and N Osborne along with P McCreery met Countryside who hope to sign an agreement within the next three weeks. The new Solicitors are progressing with this.
- A20/ Maidstone Road improvements are including on the Highways Improvement Plan.
- The Neighborhood Plan Review Group met with Simon Bell, from the Clerks Room practice, to prepare for the Local Plan Review. Other works includes preparing a brief for transportation and visual impact assessment work.



- Homes England cannot make the suggested meeting dates with MBC, other dates to be suggested.

### **22/33 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

Cllr. D Garland proposed, Cllr. N Osborne seconded and it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the F&GP meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 are a true record and were approved, adopted and signed by the Chairman of the F&GP Committee.

Cllr. N Osborne proposed, Cllr. K Hammond seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to purchase a payment card.

**ACTION** J Bate to begin process of applying for payment card.

### **22/34 LENHAM NURSERY**

Cllr. N Osborne presented the following resolutions:

- Lenham Parish Council to support the construction of Lenham Nursery School to provide nursery and early years learning and other community family support facilities in the area, on land owned by Lenham Parish Council at the Ham Lane Allotment Site. Lenham Parish Council shall grant a 99 year lease on the land for the erection of the nursery school to provide nursery facilities, early years learning and other family support services in the community. (Terms to be agreed between Lenham Parish Council and the Lenham Nursery school trustees prior to commencement of construction on site).*

**ALL IN AGREEMENT**

- Lenham Parish Council to approve a request to Maidstone Borough Council to apply for S106 monies from Tanyard Farm North (Abbey Homes, Old Ashford Road) in favour of the Lenham Nursery.*

There was a discussion about what else s106 money may be needed for to ensure there are enough funds available for other projects, there is currently over £200k s106 money available.

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### **22/35 RECONFIGURATION OF PUBLIC TOILETS**

Cllr. J Britt presented the proposed resolution:

- Lenham Parish Council to approve an application to Maidstone Borough Council for Strategic CIL funding for the reconfiguration of the public toilets in Maidstone Road.*

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### **22/36 TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING PROVISIONS**

L Westcott reported on the campaign a resident has begun for a school crossing patrol. Cllr. P Culver provided more information on how such a provision would operate and be financed. As stated at P&I, LPC cannot implement or finance such an initiative.

### **22/37 PROJECTS**

- Possible extension to Maidstone Road Car park – Cllr. J Britt has met with RB Plant with a view to convert some of their garden to a car park and accessed via the existing car park. A formal report will be brought to F&GP.
- The Lenham Cross – working group parties planned for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July, the centenary event will held on 6<sup>th</sup> September at 5:30pm.
- Picnic site – Cllr. N Osborne reported that there are a lot of ash trees that are suffering from die back and require attention. **ACTION** Cllr. N Osborne to get a quote for the works required.
- Cllr. D Garland reported that two planters have been refurbished and the geraniums have been planted.
- Cllr. D Garland reported that fence panels along the Ham Lane/Maidstone Road footpath have been kicked in, this was reported to the police and Golding Homes who are responsible for maintenance.
- Cllr. M Ballard reported that the Alms Houses project is hoping to be completed by September.

### **22/38 CORRESPONDENCE**

All to note the planned overnight closures of the A20 near Junction 8.

**The meeting closed at 21:40**