



**Draft Minutes Ordinary Meeting Leysdown Parish Council
Tuesday 17th January 2023 at Leysdown Village Hall @ 7pm**

Present; Cllr. Pat Sandle (Chair). Cllr. Mel Rumbol. Cllr. Anthony Brennan. Cllr Evellyn Howell. Cllr Paul Day. Cllr Geoff Partis advised running late- arrived 7.25pm

Members of the Public: Two

23/01 Apologies:

Apologies from Cllr Kirstie Martin.

23/02 Declaration of Interests:

None

23/03 Approval of Minutes for the meeting held on 20/12/2022:

Proposer: Cllr Rumbol

Agreed: Cllr Brennan

23/04 Matters arising:

The proposal of more beach huts discussed at the last meeting 20/12/22, was explained briefly to Cllr Howell as she was not at the last meeting. Nothing has come back from Swale Borough Council with regard to concerns raised.

23/05 Public Session:

Councillor Bill Tatton present. Advised Swale Borough Council are coming down to view Beach huts and issues raised.

Access is being denied to visitors as gate locked to car park where beach huts are, access should be all year round to members of public to park up.

Discussed the issue of Holiday camp sites not shutting down for two months but instead operating all year round.

Cllr Sandle discussed the ten-month leases on caravans, site owners are responsible for enforcing the ten-month rule. Councillor Bill Tatton assured the Parish Council that notices have been sent out to site owners addressing this.

MOP wanted help in who she could complain too about the fly tipping happening near to Sheppey Beach Villas. It has become an environmental health issue and very distressing for the local residents.

The Swale Borough Council fly tipping number to be provided by Councillor Tatton.

Cllr Howell raised the issue of dangerous pavements near the doctors in Leysdown and shops. It needs to be addressed as several elderly residents have had serious falls resulting in hospital treatment.

Cllr Sandle advised need to find out exactly where fall happened as if directly outside shops, then it might be responsibility of the shop owner but if more on pavement, then it is Kent County Council.

23/06 Correspondence:

Head of Governance & Compliance (Aquila Trust) ref: St Clement's CE Primary School. The two sites at Eastchurch are in the process of becoming two separate schools. They are seeking help from local councils is either suggesting volunteers or spreading the word that the school needs local people to be governors to support the school.

Briefing note from KCC, Public transport:

Chalkwell Swale Commercial Bus Network Changes (13th February 2023): Various services

Summary of Changes:

- The 367 service between Warden Point and Sheerness comes out completely.
- The first rounder on the 360 comes out (0557 ex Leysdown and 0655 ex Sheerness).
- The three evening 360's are rationalised into two. 1615, 1700 and 1745 ex Sheerness become 1615 and 1715.
- Service 360, 0844 from Eastchurch is extended to start at Warden Bay.
- 361 rounder at 1415 ex Sheerness comes out, and so does the NSD 1515.
- 362 journeys at 0825 and 0855 come out and so does the 1555 (NSD)

- Similar changes on Saturdays across the board, but the 362 is reduced to hourly instead of every 30 minutes.

Elections Bulletin information.

23/07 Planning:

Vanity Farm Camp application to have a year-round operating license would mean it will become residential and by all accounts this is already happening. The difference between 10 month and 12-month occupancy on these sites needs to be addressed. Cllr Howell stated what has already been complained about numerous times of no infrastructure to support permanent residency, strain on doctors, schools etc. These are holiday camps and should not be permanent occupancy. A meeting to be arranged with Steve Whitehead, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer with Swale Borough Council with Councillor Bill Tatton present.

23/08 Website update:

Clerk in touch with Aubergine and it is in the process of being built with the view to mid to late February of the launch.

23/09 PCSO Update.

Theft of Motor Vehicle, Sheppey Beach Villas, Leysdown. Enquiries still ongoing.

Theft from Motor Vehicle, Danes Drive, Leysdown. Number plates removed. Under investigation.

23/10 Defibrillators:

There is one outside the Bayview and needs to be refixed, this to be arranged. One outside public toilet on promenade. Cllr Howell requesting a new defibrillator be provided outside the Village Hall as the one inside the Village Hall isn't accessible at all times. The one at the Rose and Crown is also inside.

Cllr Day to look into having another defibrillator and will give an update for next meeting.

23/11

King's Coronation – Cllr Day suggested family fun day for everyone. Warden and Leysdown to do it jointly suggested. Cllr Day suggested just banners and bunting as so near Parish Elections. Working Party set-up.

Roxeth Day Centre – Email sent to Age concern asking when ownership was obtained. Cllr Day to look up registered owner as need answers.

Over 60 Lunch – Sixty-five responses.

23/12 Finance cheques for approval:

BT	£42.54	Direct Debit
1 st Responder (agreed Nov)	£200.00	
Aubergine (website)	£1234.80	
Act. Clerk's wages	£253.00	
Blain Pritchard	£54.00	
Village Hall Over 60's lunch	£1240.00	

Amount in Bank 25/11/22 £21926.00

Precept for 23/24 £25.97 per resident going on Council tax precept.

Cllr Partis had to leave briefly 9pm.

22/13 Second Public Session:

No public in attendance.

23/14 Any other business:

23/15 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 21st February 2023

23/16 Closed Session:

Act. Clerk not present.

New Contract maintenance of flower boxes – (Not Agreed). To be renegotiated.

Staffing Issues:

Agreed to appoint Lynne King as Parish Clerk, was discussed and all agreed as happy with work.

Close of Meeting:

21.30