



**Draft Minutes Ordinary Meeting Leysdown Parish Council  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7pm at Leysdown Village Hall**

**Present: Cllr Pat Sandle (Chair), Cllr Oliver Eakin (Vice Chair), Cllr Pauline Wenham (PW), Cllr Geoff Partis (GP), Cllr Anthony Brennan (AB), Cllr Evelyn Howells (ES), Cllr Paul Day (PD)**

**It is courtesy to inform the councillors that this meeting was recorded (audio only) by attending this meeting you agree to be recorded.**

MOP in attendance: 8

**22/01 Apologies**

None all councillors attended

**22/02 Vote for position of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

PW offer to remain as vice chair unless any other councillor would like be vice chair. PD put forward OE however OE explained he thinks the chair should be available during the day and that by having other full time employment that is not possible. EH proposed PS for chair. Cllr Sandle was appointed chair. OE was appointed Vice Chair.

**22/03 Declarations of Interest (to declare any interest relating to the business of the meeting)**

Cllr Day regarding Saddlebrook Planning application.

**22/04 December 2021 Minutes Review & Approval**

Minutes reviewed per page. Page 5 removal of negative comment made by EH about lighting. GP suggested not queried donation to Salvation Army. Page 6 22/132 PS queried comment on LPC sat on money for years does not recall saying that clarified she was referring to past bank balance £167,000. Comment on precept attributed to PS & GS should have been GP not GS so needs correcting.

Page 1 21/127 PS asked for clarification of Jimmy G's planning decision

Minutes approved with corrections.

**22/05 Councillors Reports**


OE Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) 20MPH zone and enforcement of zebra crossing added to the HIP. PD queried speed bumps on Shellness Road as the ones on Warden Road don't work suggested Iwade solution pinch points having to give way in sections, PS suggested the platform narrow sections near Sittingbourne. PD advised pinch points do still allow larger vehicles to get through. Caravan access was discussed. OE to change speed bumps to speed restriction measures.

**22/06 Public Session (limited to 5 minutes)**

MOP raised no one from Leysdown or Eastchurch Parish have attended meetings at Swale House regarding 12 month occupancy of caravans and chalets. Alcohol licence extensions are also being applied for. ~~Saddlebrook~~ has received a warning for being open during the closed season. Mention of council tax payments and receiving benefits.

PS stated its not always clear what SBC planning meetings can be attended as they are on Skype or Zoom. Written submissions can be made.

Children's Centre use raised by MOP. PS explained Doctors would like a shared use of the building and that Children's Centre when it open was only allocated 18 hours a week use.

  
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MOP confirmed that strong objections have been made against Central Beach 12 months by residents of Grove Avenue.. PS mentioned access to be on housing lists is an issue after living somewhere for ~~18~~ months. EH raised changes in permissions due to Covid people staying in the closed months. <sup>2 YEARS</sup>

MOP raised why residents don't find out about applications, Grove Avenue residents were written to about Central Beach. PS advised MOP to write in to oppose 12 month opening.

MOP raised issue of noticeboards and not knowing where they are. Clerk explained the three locations and that minutes and agendas are also on the website.

### **22/07 Planning**

APPLICATION REF: 21/506728/FULL PROPOSAL: Section 73 - Application for variation of condition 2 (to allow occupation between 2nd January 2022 and 1st March 2022) pursuant to SW/14/0478 for - Variation of conditions on the planning permissions listed below attached to allow 10 month occupancy of all chalets and caravans on the park: NK/8/52/16, SW/00/0978, SW/00/1031, SW/02/0261, SW/02/0672, SW/03/0663, SW/03/0664, SW/03/0665, SW/03/0666, SW/03/0667, SW/03/0668, SW/03/0690, SW/03/0691, SW/03/0692, SW/03/0715, SW/03/0716, SW/03/0717, SW/03/0718, SW/03/0719, SW/03/0720, SW/03/0721, SW/03/0745, SW/03/0813, SW/03/0844, SW/03/0928, SW/03/0937, SW/03/0938, SW/03/0951, SW/03/1285, SW/03/1357, SW/03/1420, SW/03/1421, SW/04/0106, SW/04/0234, SW/04/0257, SW/04/0690, SW/05/0493, SW/05/0535, SW/07/1428, SW/08/0501, SW/08/0898, SW/80/1129, SW/91/0053, and SW/93/0277. ADDRESS: Saddlebrook Park Warden Bay Road Leysdown Kent ME12 4LT COMMENTS DUE BY: 27 January 2022, DECISION DUE DATE: 24 March 2022

21/506563/FULL PROPOSAL: Section 73 - Application for Variation of condition 2 (occupancy restriction) pursuant to application SW/11/1522, to allow the caravan park to open/be occupied for 12 months per year as a holiday park. (Resubmission of 20/505388/FULL). ADDRESS: Central Beach Caravan Park Grove Avenue Leysdown Kent ME12 4QE COMMENTS DUE BY: 13 January 2022, DECISION DUE DATE: 22 March 2022

PS suggested working with Clerk to write a response to planning opposing 12 months

### **22/08 Parish In Bloom 2022**

Registration open will Leysdown Parish enter for 2022.

PS Jubilee should take precedence .General discussion that Bloom should be part of Jubilee celebrations.

Donated planters on promenade potential for relocation? GP requested this agenda item. PS read sections of email from SBC confirming the land where the planters are is SBC land. Roadside space is Kent County Council and permission would need to be granted by KCC.

GP commented need planters along Leysdown Road. PS commented on grass mowing of verge and needing to be practical. EH commented as part of Jubilee why not have planters and flags along Bayview into Leysdown.


PS asked clerk re promenade planters maintenance. Clerk advised SBC planted bulbs on Christmas Eve but the parish will need to monitor water levels.

Village Hall Garden on Wing Road EH commented left hand side garden is wanted but she now needs to pay someone to maintain it. EH wants right smaller garden removed <sup>for</sup> ~~see~~ jubilee bench .

PS suggested grant for village hall garden maintenance to be on the next agenda

### **22/09 Children's Centre Building GP Campaign**

Covered in first public session

  
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## 22/10 Bandstand Electrical Works

PD advised need permission from SBC for ground works. EH commented we had permissions six years ago. PD current wire from the tree is not compliant. Clerk commented need to lay an underground cable and therefore digging up the Spinney.

EH work needs to be done as soon as possible. PS commented all work in the survey report needs to be done. Clerk commented need professional quotes. PS agreed and asked if anyone know of any brick workers.

EH commented floor needs to be done and that there was a brass plaque that was never installed originally. PS Commented original floor was going to be polished concrete. PW suggested asking if the survey company Richard Baker if they have any approved suppliers.

MOP commented G5 tower will need power. Clerk advised that planning was not granted.

PD to contact Graham Tuff to confirm permission for electrical works.

## 22/11 Tree planting

Clerk advised not had a response from the Woodland Trust applications for trees.

## 22/12 LPC Residents Communication Afternoons

PS asked clerk for clarification of what this was. EH explained the idea was for a once a month on a Wednesday afternoon. OE suggested he had experiences recently the working with PCSO and hosting a surgery on the food bank bus and that was a good way to get to speak to residents.

PS asked if the bus also goes to Warden OE confirmed it does but the bus has had mechanical problems.

## 22/13 Shellness Road Slip Way

Clerk explained that SBC don't have the resource to support the slipway at the moment and that parish were trying to get the contacts for key parties involved. PS asked if this was a priority for the parish. Clerk advised it was something that the parish voted to give their support to & does a *but not* councillor want to follow this up.

PS Commented there was a proposal in the past PD commented they wanted our support. PW confirmed there was no request for money. PS requested the item is removed from the agenda.

## 22/14 Cycle Path

Clerk confirmed no response from Sustrans clerk to follow up

## 22/15 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

PS suggested working party. EH asked for clarification on the money available and asked MOP's if they would be interested in forming a working party. PS proposed £5,000. EH proposed £10,000 as it's a big achievement.

PD seconded £10,000/. Clerk asked for clarification if the approval for £10,000 budget was including or excluding vat. Confirmed £10,000 excluding VAT.

PS commented looks like EH is the lead councillor. PS & EH suggested the two people who were in the election ballot could ~~lead~~ <sup>join</sup> a working party. One in attendance said she would consider it and come back to the parish. Three MOP's committed to getting involved EH to arrange a working party meeting.

## 22/16 Promenade Fitness Trail/Games Installation

Clerk showed a map of the planned installation area on the promenade, avoiding the emergency vehicle access point and the café seating area. PS asked installation date. Clerk advised 6 to 8 weeks. PW confirmed parish only needs to pay the VAT. Clerk commented that SBC needed clarification that the installation will be non slip as issues with Minster Parish in the past.

## 22/17 Donation for Salvation Army £200.00

EH suggested £100 . £200 donation approved by all councillors.

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## 22/18 Clerks Report & Correspondence

Clerk resigned notice period ends on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

Joint Transportation Board Agenda Items & Attendance

A reminder to send items for the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting on 28 February 2022 to [democraticservices@swale.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@swale.gov.uk) by noon Thursday 3 February 2022.

Planning Enforcement

Hi Councillors,

SBC have rescheduled the Planning Enforcement meetings that were previously cancelled. Swale House on the 8th February at 7pm or 10th February at 2pm, if you would like to attend either session then please let me know as KALC would like RSVP's ASAP.

PS 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 anyone else?

Precept Submitted as per required deadline £35,890 0.54p less per household than the previous year

Swale Grant Schemes Publicised Received from Cllr Bill Tatton

Good morning councillors,

We just wanted to let you know that the following grants are now live on the website:

- community health and wellbeing
- heritage and culture
- environment grant schemes

These use the new online grant application forms, and information on all our grants can be found at [www.swale.gov.uk/grants](http://www.swale.gov.uk/grants)

Thermmark Promenade Activity Trails Installation

Hi Nicola,

Thank you for getting back to me. Those certainly look like our markings already installed in the area! Our design team has put together a plan to show how the markings would fit inside the area. This can be changed on the day when you meet with the installers.

Our current lead time is around 6-8 weeks for installations. If you are happy to go ahead, I can confirm the order and our installations manager will organise a date and time that works for you.

Our markings are non-slip. I have added in a statement about the safety of our markings below:

*Our thermoplastic has been tested for slip resistance in accordance with BS 7188 and received results of: Slider 96 (Designed to represent walking bare foot) Dry: 69 Wet: 63 Slider 55 (Designed to represent walking with a standard rubber soled shoe) Dry: 100 Wet: 84 Reference BS7188:1998+A2:2009- "The minimum slip resistance measured on any specimen, in any direction of test, under either wet or dry conditions, shall not be less than 40."*

If there's anything else I can help you with at this point, please let me know!

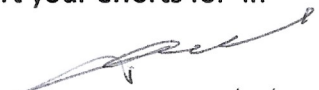
Many thanks, Ash Ash Williams Thermmark

Response from SBC In Bloom Promenade Planters

I had an enquiry from a resident too, about moving four of the planters to the bus stop area at Bayview. The planters have been placed here to improve the area for the community and visitors, to encourage people to visit the sea front.

Both the planters and the land belong to Swale borough council. We work in partnership with volunteer groups - previously Sittingbourne in bloom were maintaining these with us as a feature for their town.

We are looking forward to working with you and the bloom team to support your efforts for 'In

  
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Bloom' 2022, after your fantastic achievements and improvements over the past three years. I explained to the resident that any road side green space is likely to belong to Kent County Council and she could contact them about adding planters by the bus stop but this is not something they would usually supply. I suggested once permissions were agreed with them, she could look at funding the planters through her parish councillors and the local area funding.

KALC SAC meeting 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Swale House or Zoom

Dear Sheppey Area Committee Member, Parish/Town Councils and Kent County Councillors

We are pleased to invite you to an Extraordinary Sheppey Area Committee meeting on Tuesday 8 February 2022, from 6.30pm – 8.00pm. This meeting can be attended in person, at Sheerness Working Men's Club, or virtually via Teams. Please note that these arrangements may change, subject to Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines in place at the time.

This meeting will have a single item agenda focussing on Swale Borough Council's Levelling-Up Fund bid. This bid will centre on Sheerness and officers and members are keen to seek your views to shape the project proposals. Further details on the Levelling-Up Fund bid will be provided closer to the date along with details about arrangements for the evening. Please extend this invitation to anyone who would like to be involved.

PSCO Laurent Bolt Promoting My Community Voice

Happy New Year,

As previously discussed, The My Community Voice Kent is a great way to receive instant news/safety advice etc for Kent and more specifically the areas that you live/work.

This is being used by lots of Police forces already and has now been adopted by Kent Police. The role out is due imminently and has already started to be used.

If you have any members of Parish or residents that wish to be signed up let me know and I can add them to it or they can do it themselves using the following link:

[Home Page - My Community Voice Kent](#)

All of their details are not visible to members of the public. Only Police Personnel can view members details. Have a look at the page and see what you think.

Kind Regards

PCSO Lauren Bolt

Leysdown, Warden & Eastchurch

UK Paper Band asking if there are dates the parish wants to book for 2022

### 22/19 Finance Cheques for Approval

- Clerks Wages £350.00
- Christmas Lights Invoice £4,500.00 + vat
- Ink expenses reimbursement to clerk £14.81

Accounts


Balance of NatWest Account as of 24 December 2021 £41,840.87

Income £0.00


DD BT £39.80

### 22/20 Second Public Session (limited to 5 minutes)

MOP raised the terrible condition of the roads around Sheppey Beach Villas and how it is restricting access for emergency service vehicles. Ambulance and Police and KCC have expressed concern but ownership of the road is never owned up to. PD suggested withholding ground rent but MOP said not possible as that could impact on leases.



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PS. ~~advised taking a court case against Mitchell~~ as past cases have won by working together and getting a lawyer

MOP said 50% are renters so they don't care so the owners feel stuck.

**22/21 Notice of Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Grant for village hall maintenance

Christmas Lights working party

**22/22 Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed 20:42

Signed *Nicola* Nicola Scott (Clerk)

  
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