



**Draft Minutes Ordinary Meeting Leysdown Parish Council
Thursday 9th November 2023 at Leysdown Village Hall @ 6pm**

Present; Cllr. Martin (Chair). Partis. Cllr. Brennan.

Members of the Public: 2

23/198 Apologies: Cllr Curtis, Cllr Proberts.

23/199 Councillors resignation Melanie Rumbol; Resigned due to commitments to the village hall

23/200 Declaration of Interests Cllr Martin declared an interest in agenda item 23/213 (employee of Curly's Farm), and 23/204 (Committee member for SLRG)

Cllr Partis also declared an interest in item 23/204 (Committee member for SLRG)

23/201 Approval of Minutes for the meeting on 14th September 2023: The minutes were unavailable due to technical issues, will be approved officially at next meeting

23/202 External Councillors Reports: None

23/203 Police Report None

23/204 Presentation from Sheppey Light Railway Greenway Group

A presentation was given by the chair of the SLRG explaining the projects goal is to create an active travel corridor across the island following where possible the old Sheppey light Railway route. Cllr Brennan proposed afterwards a vote of support for the project, Cllr Martin seconded the motion, All agreed.

23/205 Public Session (limited to 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

The member of the public declared that the SLRG project was a non starter and that it would be a white elephant.

Small Industrial units in Leysdown was suggested as a long term project for the council. Cllr Martin proposed that it be made an agenda item for the next meeting. Cllr Partis Seconded the motion, all in favour.

KCC Cllr Mike Whiting arrived and informed the council of the following.

1. The cones on the Sheppey crossing were to be removed.
2. Blackburn lodge was closed due to water contamination.
3. Works were being planned to fix the potholes on Jenkins Hill.
4. A consultation was now open on the proposed changes to the islands secondary school. East Kent College is to take over the sheerness site, whilst the Leigh academy is to take over the Minster campus.

23/206 Councillor co-option

Notices of vacancy are to be placed in the notice board.

23/207 Clerk Vacancy

Job to be advertised with an aim to conduct interviews in December 2023.

23/208 Planning

23/504737/FULL PROPOSAL: Section 73 - application for variation of condition 8 (to allow extension of the period for which the club house can be used from 1st March to 31st December) pursuant to SW/02/0479 for - Replacement clubhouse.

ADDRESS: Little Groves Social Club Leysdown Road Leysdown

No objections raised

23/209 CCTV Cameras update

LPC has received an invoice for the camera, however the council does not recall seeing one in place. A site visit was planned for the following day to ascertain if in fact a camera had been installed. And if not weather weather the council was in fact happy with the proposed site.

23/210 Green party/litter pick update

Litter picks suspended until the spring

23/211 Bus-Stops Improvements

1. Cllr Brennan to arrange quotes for jetwashing the plastic shelters.
2. A brick built shelter with seating to be commissioned to replace the wooden one in Bayview.

23/212 Highways Improvement Plan

Council agreed that the SLRG proposal is to be added.

23/213 Xmas Party

Council agreed to £500 sponsorship of Curly's carols as a childrens christmas event in the Parish.
Proposed Cllr Partis, seconded by Cllr Brennan. Cllr Martin abstained

23/214 Xmas Lights

Council to have a site visit to decided on location of lights found in the parish office.

23/215 Leysdown four-year Improvement Plan

Defered

23/216 Precept

Precept is to be based on proposed budgeted expences for the following year. Will be proposed and agreed at next meeting.

23/217 Finance

BT (September)	£67.03	Direct Debit
BT (October)	£58.78	Direct Debit
Clerk's wages	£407.25(Inc. Holiday pay)	002796
Swale Borough Council (cctv)	£4,047.36	002797
Bank Charges	£18.33	Direct Debit
Blain Pritchard	£88.20	002798

Balance of NatWest Account as at 25th September 2023 £17,794.82

Council agreed to all finances, except the SBC unless camera in place, Email to be sent explaining reason (23/209)

23/218 Bandstand Repairs

Council agreed to the principle of employing a handyman to repair bandstand and other low skill jobs around the parish.

23/219 New Printer for office Epson Eco Tank £180.16

Proposed Cllr Partis, Seconded Cllr Brenan, all agreed

23/220 Safe for Office

Proposed Cllr Martin, Seconded Cllr Brenan, all agreed to principle

23/221 New 7 lever door lock for office

Proposed Cllr Brennan, Seconded Cllr Martin, all agreed to principle

23/222 New filing cabinet

Proposed Cllr Martin, Seconded Cllr Partis, all agreed to the acquisition of a locking filling cabinet.

23/223 Key safe for office

Proposed Cllr Martin, Seconded Cllr Partis, all agreed to principle

23/224 St Clements Church Yard maintenance

Council agreed that the works should be brought "in house" and handyman to be employed to maintain the graveyard.

23/225 Second Public Session (limited to 5 minutes)

Council confirmed that remembrance services would take place at the church in Harty, aswell as at the lynchgate.

23/226 Date of Next Meeting 14th December 2023

Proposed Cllr Martin, Seconded Cllr Partis, all agreed

23/227 Close of Meeting 9.46pm

Signed

Kirstie Martin Parish Chair

