



**Draft Minutes Ordinary Meeting Leysdown Parish Council**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Leysdown Village Hall 7pm**

**Present:** Cllr Martin (chair), Cllr Partis, Cllr Brennan.

**Members of the Public:** 3

**24/127 Welcome and Apologies:**

No apologies received from Cllr Probet

**24/128 Does the council wish to appoint a temporary clerk?**

Yes, proposed by Cllr Partis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Martin, all agreed.

**24/129 Declaration of Interests:**

Cllr Martin expressed a non-financial interest in items. 24/138.4, 24/139 and 24/144.5-6

**24/130 Approval of Minutes for the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Proposed Cllr Partis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Brennan all agreed

**24/131 Matters arising**

**1, Bandstand Repairs update from Cllr Partis**

Cllr Partis explained that he is still awaiting a quote from the architect to assess the site for any outstanding works, and the expected cost of any works, there is also still issues with the electrical supply not being charged to the council, and land registry having not been completed.

A gentleman who is involved with the refurbishment of the red sands fort has offered his services for free, to shot blast and repaint the bandstand if necessary (materials would need to be paid for).

Council will await the architect report and once the expected cost of the outstanding work is known will survey the public for their views.

**2, Christmas Lights update from Cllr Martin and Cllr Brennan**

Cllr Brennan stated that his preferred lights had doubled in price and were no longer a financially viable option.

Cllr Martin explained that the expected cost of the wrap around golf ball lights quote is from last year at a cost of £282.66 each including siting, removal and storage. Plus renewal of the existing permit at £39 would cost £5409.54

Council agreed to order 19 and have them along the Leysdown road from Wing road turning, into and through the village on both sides. Colour scheme of red white and blue.

A new permit at a cost of £134 would be applied for to cover all available columns in the parish meaning that extra lights could be purchased in the future to add to the display without the need for a new permit, the previous one could be renewed.

The budget this year for lights was £3800, as the council did not have a fun day the monies for that could be used for the shortfall. Budget could be increased next year to be discussed at future meeting.

Cllr Martin to action.

**3, Request for funding towards Graveyard, Reply from Warden Parish Council.**

Warden Parish Council have refused the funding request. Cllr Partis explained that they are suffering from budget restraints.

**4, Details of Transport Consultation published.**

Kent County Council is holding a public transport consultation in the Gateway in Sheerness. Leysdown Parish Council will advertise this event in the hope that people will attend.

#### **24/132 Police report**

The report was read out Theft, criminal damage and a dog attack all reported.

Cllr Martin noted that only one incident of antisocial behaviour in regards to motorbikes / quads had been reported. Cllr Martin again pressed the need for the public to report crimes, if they are not reported then they do not exist on paper.

A new beat officer for Leysdown to start next week, PC Neil Kinrade.

A new CCTV registry has been launched, allowing private and public CCTV locations with contact information of the owner to be registered via an interactive map. meaning that the police can obtain digital evidence more easily and quickly to aid in prosecutions.

#### **24/133 External Councillors report**

None in attendance

#### **24/134 Public Session (limited to 15 minutes):**

MOP asked if there were any grants obtained to build the bandstand, the council is not aware of any.

Cllr Peter MacDonald is registered and trained to look after war graves, the block of 31 are maintained by the war graves commission, and he takes care of the other war graves on behalf of the MOD. He was invited to speak on the plans to protect the graves from the wildlife. He suggested the area be rotavated and a steel wire mesh could be laid preventing future damage then reseeded. This was the plan pre covid. He also suggested that a rose bed be placed where the German soldiers had once been buried.

#### **24/135 Planning**

None

#### **24/136 Does the council wish to put a CCTV camera in the office.**

The camera would not be used to spy on the clerk, the camera would not be viewing their desk, it would be to ensure that they are not disturbed by the public, and that the office is secure. Cllr Martin to look at price of an amazon blink motion activated camera with an intercom.

Cllr Martin proposed, Cllr Partis 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Brennan against. Motion carried.

#### **24/137 Does the council wish to purchase CCTV camera to be placed on lamppost ELDH022 Leysdown Road (opposite school entrance).**

The council agreed to the principle of another camera but not on the specific location, Cllr Martin to contact the relevant people for an assessment of the site.

#### **24/138 Does the council wish to ask Cleanscape to quote for additional services**

- 1, trimming of trees and shrubs in Churchyard.** All agreed.
- 2, using a selective weed killer** Cllr Partis and Cllr Martin in favour, Cllr Brennan against
- 3, Removal of rubbish left by public** Council agreed that Swale Borough Council should be contacted in the event of fly tipping, Litter picking bags to be made available for litter by public.
- 4, Pest control** Cllr Martin to arrange the dispatch of the resident rodent infestation
- 5, fixing problem holes caused by rabbits,** All agreed to fill the holes
- 6, Fixing damaged bricks on Bandstand,** All agreed
- 7, Returning beds around Bandstand to grass.** All agreed
- 8, Painting the Boundary Marker signs.** All agreed
- 9, Cleaning the 2 bus stops in Bayview.** All agreed

#### **24/139 Does the Council wish to finance the purchase of Sports Trophies for St Clements?**

Cllr Martin explained that St Clements is a new school since splitting from Eastchurch Primary. Cllr Martin to speak with school regards price, Cllr Brennan suggested that Warden be asked to match fund the project.

#### **24/140 Does the council wish to host a Christmas dinner in December with entertainment.**

**Venues to be contacted for written quotes.** Cllrs to contact venues to get quotes on price per head, entertainment, venue capacity and available dates.

- 1, Leysdown village Hall,** Cllr Martin to action
- 2, Rose and crown Pub,** Cllr Brennan to action
- 3, Bayview Pub,** Cllr Martin to action
- 4, Saddlebrook.** Cllr Martin to action
- 5, Corrigans proposed by Cllr Martin, Cllr Brennan to action
- 6, Park avenue / Southbank Club proposed by Cllr Brennan and to action

- 5, does the council wish to hold the event during the day or evening. Afternoon all agreed  
 6, does the council wish to hold the event during the week or weekend. Weekday

**24/141 Christmas lights,**

1, how many wrap around golf ball Christmas lights does the council want? 19

2, how many fixed triangular Christmas lights does the council want? 0

3, which columns are they to be placed on? Agreed earlier matters arising

**24/142 does the council wish to replace the bus shelter opposite the Bayview pub? Applying For grant funding from South-eastern Rail next year. All in favour, Cllr Martin to action**

**24/143 does the council wish to apply for grant funding from South-eastern Rail to pay for Wet pour surfacing in Spinney play area. All in favour Cllr Martin to action**

**24/144 Does the council wish to update its Highways improvement plan**

1, No right hand turn into school, All in favour

2, Yellow box junction on road outside school entrance All in favour

3, zebra crossing outside school All in favour of a panda crossing

4, 30mph outside school Cllr MacDonald from SBC suggested that it start at the Bayview. boundary and continues into and through Leysdown village, All agreed

5, 30mph on Mustards Road will be included in previous point.

6, children crossing sign by Curly's farm entrance. All agreed

7, Pedestrian safety railings along Warden Bay Road All agreed

8, Pedestrian safety railings along Leysdown Road. All agreed

**24/145 Does the council wish to apply for funding to replace the defibrillator outside the Bayview pub. Current defibrillator is not on the circuit, Cllr Partis proposed, Cllr Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup> all agreed.**

**24/146 Finance Cheques for approval:**

<b>BT (23/6/24)</b>	<b>£63.84</b>	<b>Direct Debit</b>
<b>BT (23/7/24)</b>	<b>£66.75</b>	<b>Direct Debit</b>
<b>Bank Charges</b>	<b>£11.51</b>	<b>Direct Debit</b>
<b>Cleanscapes</b>	<b>£490.00</b>	<b>002842</b>
<b>Clear councils (insurance)</b>	<b>£670.73</b>	<b>002843</b>
<b>Blain Pritchard</b>	<b>£102.60</b>	<b>002844</b>
<b>Thermalink</b>	<b>£2580</b>	<b>002841</b>

**Balance of NatWest Account 10th July 2024 £29,427.15**

Cllr Martin proposed, Cllr Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup>, all agreed

**24/147 Second Public Session (limited to 5 minutes):** None

**24/148 Any Other Business:** Cllr Brennan asked if a thank you had been received from Macmillan, Cllr Martin confirmed that it had.

Cllr Brennan asked if the meetings could return to Thursdays, to be added to next agenda

**24/149 Date of Next Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 7pm** All agreed

**24/150 Close of Meeting: 9:17pm**

**Signed:**