



**Minutes: Leysdown Footpath, Properties and Greens Meeting**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Leysdown Village Hall at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllr. Switters, Cllr. Bidgood, Cllr. Noe, Cllr. Partis, Mrs Poole - RFO

**Members of the Public:** 5 parishioners

**LOSPCFPG25/26 - 1**

**Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Switters welcomed everyone to the meeting. Miss A Stuart (Assistant Clerk) sent apologies.

**LOSPCFPG25/26 - 2**

**Appoint a Chair/Vice Chair of the Committee**

Cllr. Noe proposed as Chair by Cllr. Switters, seconded by Cllr. Bidgood.

Cllr. Bidgood proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr. Switters, seconded by Cllr. Partis.

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**Public Session as per our Standing Orders 3 f, g & h and shall not exceed 30 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. An individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. The chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given**

Nothing to note.

**LOSPCFPG25/26 - 4**

**For Members to make or receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests in regard to any items on the agenda under the Council's adopted Code of Conduct**

Nothing to note.

**LOSPCFPG25/26 – 5 –**

**Assetstore – Civic+ly**

- a. Defibrillator
- b. Noticeboards
- c. Band Stand
- d. Bus Shelters
- e. Planters
- f. Benches
- g. Village Gateway Signs

- h. Village Sign
- i. Signs
- j. Aviator Statue
- k. Spinney Sign by Bandstand
- l. Village Sign by Harty Ferry
- m. Tranquillity Sign Harty Ferry Road
- n. Birds and Bees Sign – Nudist Beach

Cllr. Partis to gather pictures of the signs, with how much they cost and forward to RFO and Assistant Clerk.

Planters by Promenade are technically owned by Swale Borough Council but have never planted them, Leysdown Parish Council provide the plants and plant them. Cllr. Partis to gather pictures of all the planters and forward to RFO and Assistant Clerk.

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**Defib Report from the Assistant Clerk**

Proposed to obtain a quote for locksmith for the Bayview Defibrillator. **Deferred.**

Proposed to carry out service on the Defibrillator by the Promenade Toilets by Cllr. Switters, seconded by Cllr. Partis for Seal Calibration all agreed. **Resolved. Accepted.**

Battery and pads need replacing. Research prices independent of Seal Calibration. **Deferred.**

Rose & Crown Public House has no visible signs of a defibrillator on site.

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**Bus Shelter Report from the Assistant Clerk**

Bayview Bus Shelter – Proposed removal of the broken panel. Assistant Clerk to contact local tradesman.

Cleaning of Bus Shelters Proposed Ecowash for initial clean by Cllr. Noe seconded by Cllr. Switters, all agreed.

**Resolved. Accepted.**

No decision made on when regular cleaning will take place, this will be voted on once initial clean has taken place.

**Deferred.**

Wooden Bus Shelter – No quotes received. RFO along with Assistant Clerk to obtain quote. **Deferred.**

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**Leysdown Cemetery Report from Sue Hopper**

Mrs Poole, RFO and Mrs O'Neil, Clerk have spoken to Sue Hopper, Church Warden and she is concerned about the church yard. She needs to meet with Leysdown Parish Council first as the church government does not allow Leysdown Parish Council to pay for works to be carried out on an Open Graveyard. The church receives money from the government to carry out works and maintenance.

Joseph Fowler, Church Parish Administrator has refused Leysdown Parish Council permission to carry out maintenance due to being an Open Graveyard.

In relation to the portable toilet this may be approved in the future but, will need to be financed by the church.

Any concerns regarding the church yard are to be directed to Sue Hopper not to Leysdown Parish Council.

All agreed nothing can be done at this current time.

**Resolved. Accepted.**

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**Footpaths within the Parish (PROW)**

RFO was recently asked about the size of Warden Bay. Included with the agenda are maps outlining the boundaries and footpaths. There are no keys to show public right of way or bridle paths. **See Appendix 1.**

RFO has requested from the Public Rights of Way Officer at KCC accurate copies of the maps detailing boundaries and footpaths including a key detailing bridle way, walks and pathways etc.

The walks need to be walked and checked to make sure they are clear of foliage and the finger sign is there pointing in the right direction. This can then be included within the newsletter.

The new King Charles Coastal Path is now open as of the 24 June 2025, the only area that is not complete is the Minster/Eastchurch part due to the cliffs.

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**Christmas Lights – Working Group**

New Working Group set up to include Cllr. Bidgood, Cllr Moore, Mrs Poole – RFO, Miss Stuart – Assistant Clerk.

Load Testing will be required. RFO and Assistant Clerk to arrange this through KCC.

Gala Lights has been selected as the company to provide the lights.

Working Group to carry out survey prior to meeting with Gala Lights.

**LOSPCFPG25/26 - 11**

**Planters**

£500 has currently been spent on compost and plants. Further plants are required to complete.

Cllr. Switters proposed an additional budget of £200, seconded by Cllr. Partis, all agreed. **Resolved. Accepted.**

a. Boat and benches with planters

These have been planted by Leysdown Parish Council with plants purchased by Leysdown Parish Council.

b. 2x Planters - Entrance to Village

These have been planted by Leysdown Parish Council with plants purchased by Leysdown Parish Council.

c. 2x Benches with planters, 2x Wall troughs – Promenade

These have been planted by Leysdown Parish Council with plants purchased by Leysdown Parish Council.

32 small plants are still required to complete these planters.

d. 2x 3 tier planters – Merlins

These have been planted by Parishioners who have volunteered their time and the plants.

e. 3x Blue Wooden tubs - by toilets

These are falling apart Cllr. Switter, Cllr. Noe, Cllr. Bidgood to remove. Research to be undertaken to replace them.

f. Bandstand Flower Bed

These have been planted by Leysdown Parish Council with plants purchased by Leysdown Parish Council. Local Parishioners will be helping with the ongoing watering of these.

**LOSPCFPG25/26 - 12      Storage**

Prices to be obtained for a shed, to be discussed with Mel Rumble, Chairperson Leysdown Village Hall.

**LOSPCFPG25/26 - 13      Litter pick**

a. Dates for next 6 months

Saturday 28 June 2025 10am Church

Sunday 20 July Coastal Path

None in August

Saturday 20 September 2025

Sunday 19 October 2025

Saturday 15 November

b. Litter picking equipment

Delivery due anytime.

**LOSPCFPG25/26 - 14      Request to use Bandstand**

A local band has applied to use the Bandstand in July. Proposed by Cllr. Noe and seconded by Cllr. Switters, all agreed. **Resolved. Accepted.**

Please note that this is not for the Carnival on Saturday 26 July 2025.

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**Observation and queries from members**

Cllr No raised a query regarding the Bandstand and Land Registry as per the report by the Assistant Clerk. An enquiry was made to Swale Borough Council and an email was received from the Legal Team – Property & Regeneration at Mid Kent Legal Services, informing Leysdown Parish Council that the registration for the lease is still outstanding. Leysdown Parish Council are required to make a renewed application as soon as possible. Cllr. Noe Proposed, Seconded by Cllr. Bidgood, all agreed. **Resolved. Accepted.**

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**Correspondence**

Nothing to note.

**LOSPCFPG25/26- 17**

**General matters raised by Councillors for discussion**

Cllr. Partis raised the issue on the fly tipping by Harty Ferry, this has been removed by Swale Council but, is an ongoing issue as it is private farmland. It has been put forward to speak to KCC about have CCTV installed to enable prosecution.

It has been noted that the CCTV camera up by Warden has been reinstalled.

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**Recommendations to next Full Council**

Christmas Lights.

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**Dates of Next Meeting**

12 August 2025 19.00pm.

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**Closure of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 20.38pm.