



Minutes: Ordinary Meeting of Leysdown Parish Council
Tuesday 24th February 2026 at Leysdown Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Cllr. Switters, Cllr. Bidgood, Cllr. Lammin, Mrs E O'Neill – Clerk, Mrs S Poole – RFO.

Members of the Public: 6 parishioners

LOSPCM25/26-147 Apologies:

Cllr. Noe, Cllr. Partis, Cllr. Moore, Cllr. Sandle sent their apologies

LOSPCM25/26-148 Public Session (30 minutes)

Nothing was raised for discussion.

LOSPCM25/26-149 To receive any report from Borough Councillor:

No reports noted.

LOSPCM25/26-150 To receive any report from County Councillor:

No reports noted.

LOSPCM25/26-151 To receive any report from Community Warden Claire Jones and PC Neil Kinrade

Cllr. Switters read through the report from PC Kinrade, which can be viewed at **Appendix 1**.

Cllr. Switters noted that Claire Jones could not attend the meeting but has sent a written report, which was read out. **See Appendix 2.**

LOSPCM25/26-152 For Members to make or receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

None to note.

LOSPCM25/26-153 Approval and Adoption of Minutes

The minutes from the Full Council Meeting of 27th January 2026 were circulated to Councillors, prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Bidgood proposed that the minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting. Cllr. Lammin seconded. All agreed.

Resolved; accepted.



LOSPCM25/26-154 Matters arising from the previous minutes and not covered by other agenda items

None to note.

LOSPCM25/26-155 Community Engagement – Working Groups

a Eastern Sheppey Resilience Meeting with Warden and Eastchurch Parish Council is on 3rd March 2026

Councillors will attend Hug in a Mug at Eastchurch Parish Council to discuss resilience measures in place at the east end of the island.

b Update from the Pride in Place workshops attended on 12th February 2026

The Clerk and the RFO provided the Parish Council with an overview of the workshops attended. The theme of the day was that the Pride in Place funding should be ‘grassroots up’ and that the Board, once it is up and running, should have flexibility regarding their funding. Anything that is funded needs to be sustainable and provide a legacy for future generations.

LOSPCM25/26-156 Interim Committee Reports

a Footpaths, Properties and Greens Committee recommendations from the 3rd February

i. Buy a new noticeboard to go near the bandstand/bus stop

The wooden noticeboard will be repaired by Cllr. Lammin and will be re-sited near to the bandstand.

ii. To Review Bandstand Tenders

The Parish Council discussed Tender 1 and Tender 2.

Cllr. Switters proposed that Tender 2 (Astral Ltd) be accepted and commissioned, with the upgrade to marine paint being used. The Clerk is to contact Astral Ltd involved to ascertain what extra cost an epoxy covering would be. If this is within an extra £2000, it will be accepted. Cllr. Lammin seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

The public were asked which colour they would like the bandstand to be – either black with red poppies or blue with red poppies. 26 votes were cast for black, and 19 for blue.



iii. To review the Village Signs Tenders

This item has been deferred to the next Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committees Committee.

iv. Relocate the old post office noticeboard to prom wall

Cllr. Lammin has removed the noticeboard for review.

v. Update on War Graves

The Clerk is to contact Cllr. P McDonald and Cherished Services to ascertain the works that need to be completed.

vi. Bus shelter to be cleaned at the end of March

The Clerk noted that this is in hand.

b

Planning & Transportation Committee

i. Buy the Neighbourhood Planner from GovAssist to write our neighbourhood plan

Cllr. Switters proposed the planner is purchased. Cllr. Lammin seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

ii. KCC Speed Review Consultation

This was noted.

iii. Consultation Regulation 18 Update

This was noted.

iv. Consultation Ministers want your views on how Kent and Medway's Council's should be organised.

This was noted. It has been shared on Facebook and on the noticeboards.

v. Meeting with KCC on 19th February 2026: Highways and Transportation Committee

Cllr. Switters, Cllr. Bidgood, the Clerk and the RFO attended the meeting with Cllr. Maxwell Harrison. Issues including the flooding at the bottom of Jenkins Hill were raised with the cabinet member at KCC. It is important that potholes are reported in a timely manner.



c

Staffing Committee

i. Set a date for the next meeting

The meeting was set for Saturday 21st February at 9.30am. It will be held at the Eastern Sheppey Community Hub.

d

Finance Committee

i. Recommendations from committee meeting on 6th February 2026:

i. To clean the bus shelters every 6 months

This has been actioned.

ii. Inspection of the lynch gate

The Clerk will discuss this with Cherish Services.

iii. Purchase signs for the lynch gate

Cllr. Bidgood proposed that a 'Maintained by Leysdown Parish Council' sign and a 'no smoking' sign are to be ordered. Cllr. Lammin seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

LOSPCM25/26-157 Update from Outside Bodies

a. Local KALC Meeting, 16th February 2026

Cllr. Switters and Cllr. Bidgood attended.

b. Greenway Light Railway Meeting, 25th February 2026

c. Joint Transportation Board (JTB) – 9th March 2026

Cllr. Sandle to attend.

d. Sheppey Area Committee – 3rd February 2026

Cllr. Moore attended.

e. Swale Liaison Forum – 9th February 2026

The RFO attended. The Local Government Reorganisation was discussed.

f. Sheppey Island Forum – 24th February 2026

The Isle of Sheppey Festival and the Festival of Sheppey were discussed.



LOSPCM25/26-158 General matters raised by Parish Councillors Reports for discussion

Nothing to note.

LOSPCM25/26-159 Financial Statement and Authorisation of Payments

- a. The Clerk will make payments under the delegated powers of the Clerk/RFO and to seek approval of any additional payments as necessary. See Appendix 3.**

Cllr. Switters proposed that the payments be approved. Cllr. Bidgood seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; Accepted.**

The bank account as of today, before the above payments have been made, is £55,187.44.

LOSPCM25/26-160 Correspondence

- a. KALC Newsletter February 2026**

Noted.

- b. Request for Councillor Support: Sheppey Pulse Network Housewarming Starter Parks Initiative**

The Clerk received further information from Sheppey Pulse Network. The Council discussed the initiative. Cllr. Switters proposed that the initiative cannot be funded by the Parish Council at this stage. Cllr. Lammin seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

- c. Request from Sheerness Carnival for attendance at the event**

Noted.

- d. Email from Stanford Hill Prison re: work in the parish.**

The Clerk will ask the representative to speak at a future meeting.

- e. Swale Community Activities Directory**

Noted.

- f. Loneliness Champion Training CVS**

Noted.



LOSPCM25/26-161 Training

a. Clerk to update on who has done the basic training

The Clerk will forward the details of the Nuts & Bolts Training onto Cllr. Lammin.

b. Update of the Clerk's ILCA

The Clerk continues to work on the iLCA qualification.

LOSPCM25/26-162 Recommendations to next Full Council

- Newsletter draft
- New printer to be purchased

LOSPCM25/26-163 Dates of Next Meeting

- 12th March 2026: Planning & Transportation Committee at 7pm
- 17th March 2026: Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee at 7pm
- 31st March 2026: Full Council at 7pm

LOSPCM25/26-164 Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Appendix 1: Report from PC Kinrade.

Appendix 2: Report from Claire Jones.

Appendix 3: Payments to be made.