

Minutes: Leysdown Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 7pm at Leysdown Village Hall

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

LOSPCM26/27 - 43 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Noe sent apologies.

LOSPCM26/27 - 44 Public Session

No members of the public present.

LOSPCM26/27 - 45 To receive any report from Borough Councillor

Cllr. Moore provided an update to the Parish Council and confirmed that a motion relating to the objection of car parking charging in free-to-park car parks across the island had been sent to Full Council at Swale Borough Council.

LOSPCM26/27 - 46 To receive any report from County Councillor

Cllr. Maxwell Harrison had sent his report prior to the meeting, and it had been circulated to the Parish Council.

LOSPCM26/27 - 47 To receive any report from Kent Police and Community Warden

PC Neil Kinrade had sent his report prior to the meeting, and it was noted by Councillors.

LOSPCM26/27 - 48 For Members to make or receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests regarding any items on the agenda under the Council's adopted Code of Conduct

None to note.

LOSPCM26/27 - 49 Approval and Adoption of Minutes

from the previous meetings Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 26th May 2026. Cllr. Bidgood proposed that the minutes be approved. Cllr. Lammin seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

LOSPCM26/27 - 50 Matters arising from the previous minutes not covered by other agenda items.

Nothing to discuss.

LOSPCM26/27 - 51 Community Engagement - Working Groups

a. Leysdown in Bloom 2026

Cllr. Switters proposed that the presentation evening go ahead on 3rd September 2026 at 7pm at the Footpaths Committee, that all entrants will receive a laminated certificate, that the winners of each category would receive a commemorative plaque and a voucher for Stones Garden Centre and that

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second place would receive a voucher for Stones Garden Centre of a lesser value. Cllr. Moore seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

b. Plan to develop a Leysdown Foodbank or Community Cupboard

This item was deferred to the next Full Council Meeting.

c. Initial ideas for Christmas events 2026:

Cllr. Moore proposed that the Christmas Lights Switch On event goes ahead on Sunday 29th November 2026 at 4pm, on the bandstand. Cllr. Partis seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

Cllr. Moore proposed that a Craft Fayre is also held on Sunday 29th November 2026 between 10am and 2pm at Leysdown Village Hall. Cllr. Switters seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

Cllr. Switters proposed that vendors to the Craft Fayre be charged £15 per stall. Cllr. Moore seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

Cllr. Moore proposed that a budget of £480 be allocated to Christmas presents which will be given out at Santa's Grotto at the Craft Fayre. Cllr. Partis seconded. **Resolved; accepted.**

Cllr. Switters proposed that six banners for the Craft Fayre be produced (non-date specific) by Sheppey Graphics. Cllr. Partis seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

Cllr. Moore and Cllr. Bidgood to gather quotations for Christmas lunch options, including dinner and entertainment, and will bring them to next Full Council in July 2026.

Cllr. Moore proposed that a donation of £2000 be made to support Leysdown Carnival. Cllr. Partis seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

LOSPCM26/27 - 52 Interim Committee Reports

a. Footpaths, Properties and Greens Committee

Works to wooden entry signs into Leysdown and Bay View: Cllr. Lammin is to complete the works this week.

Noticeboard to be re-sited on The Spinney: Astral Ltd have been commissioned to complete the works and will pick the noticeboard up from Cllr. Lammin.

b. Planning and Transportation Committee – no update, next meeting 23rd July 2026.

c. Staffing Committee

No update.

d. **Finance Committee**

No update.

LOSPCM26/27 - 53 Update from Outside Bodies

- a. **KALC SAC:** the next meetings will be going ahead on 21st September 2026, 7th December 2026, 15th March 2027 and 7th June 2027.
- b. **Greenway Light Railway:** no further updates.
- c. **Sheppey Island Forum** Joint Transportation Board (JTB): next meeting in October 2026.
- d. **Swale Councillors and Residents Forum:** Cllr. Moore provided an update from the last meeting.
- e. **Swale Liaison Forum:** date of next meeting to be confirmed.
- f. **Sheppey Island Forum:** Cllr. Moore provided an update from the last meeting.
- g. **Sheppey Beach Users Forum:** date of next meeting to be confirmed.
- h. **Eastern End Forum for Councillors/Clerks to discuss Resilience:** going ahead on 5th July 2026 with a further meeting to be arranged at Eastchurch Village Hall at the end of July.

LOSPCM26/27 - 54 General matters raised by Parish Councillor's Reports for discussion.

Nothing to discuss.

LOSPCM26/27 - 55 Financial Statement and Authorisation of Payments

The Clerk will make payments under the delegated powers of the Clerk/RFO and to seek approval of any additional payments as necessary.

- The RFO noted that the bank balance is currently £85,227.

Cllr. Moore proposed that the payments listed on the payment list were to be authorised. Cllr. Switters seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

LOSPCM26/27 - 56 Consultations

- a. **Swale Borough Council Adoption of Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (HMO SPD)**
Noted.

LOSPCM26/27 - 57 Correspondence

- a. **KALC Newsletter June 2026**
Noted.
- b. **Clear Councils Renewal Invitation for Council Insurance 2026/27**
Cllr. Bidgood proposed that the renewal be accepted. Cllr. Lammin seconded. All agreed. **Resolved; accepted.**

LOSPCM26/27 - 58 Training

- a. **Clerk to update on who has done the basic training.**
Cllr. Moore and Cllr. Switters had recently completed the Finance for Councillors training courses. Cllr. Moore and Cllr. Switters will also be undertaking the Charing Meetings Effectively Training sessions.

- b. To note the opportunity for the Clerk to join the KALC CiLCA Cohort 2 Programme, with the introductory session taking place on 30th June 2026, and to consider the Clerk's intention to commence the CiLCA qualification.
Noted.

LOSPCM26/27 - 59 General matters raised by Councillors for discussion.
Nothing to note.

LOSPCM26/27 - 60 Recommendations to next Full Council

- Christmas events ideas
- Remembrance event
- Leysdown Foodbank / Pantry

LOSPCM26/27 - 61 Dates of Next Meeting

Cake & Craft Night: 2nd July 2026

Footpaths, Properties & Greens Committee: 14th July 2026

Cake & Craft Night: 16th July 2026

Planning Committee: 23rd July 2026

Full Parish Council: 28th July 2026

Cake & Craft Night: 30th July 2026

LOSPCM26/27 - 62 Closure of Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.48pm.

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