



Minutes: Ordinary Meeting of Leysdown Parish Council
Tuesday 26th May 2026 at Leysdown Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Cllr. Switters, Cllr. Bidgood, Cllr. Lammin, Sarah Poole – RFO.

Members of the Public: 4 parishioners, PC Kinrade, Cllr. Maxwell Harrison

LOSPCM26/27-21 Apologies:

Emily O'Neill - Clerk, sent apologies.

The Council noted the emailed resignation of Cllr. Sandle.

LOSPCM26/27-22 Public Session (30 minutes)

Nothing was raised for discussion.

LOSPCM26/27-23 To receive any report from Borough Councillor:

No reports noted.

LOSPCM26/27-24 To receive any report from County Councillor:

Cllr. Harrison sent his report prior to the meeting.

LOSPCM26/27-25 To receive any report from Community Warden Claire Jones and PC Neil Kinrade

PC Kinrade presented his report, which can be viewed at **Appendix 1**.

Cllr. Switters noted that Claire Jones could not attend the meeting and a report was noted. This can be viewed at **Appendix 2**.

LOSPCM26/27-26 For Members to make or receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests

None to note.

LOSPCM26/27-27 Approval and Adoption of Minutes

The minutes from the Full Council Meeting of 28th April 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.



LOSPCM26/27-28 Matters arising from the previous minutes and not covered by other agenda items

None to note.

LOSPCM26/27-29 NALC Civility and Respect Pledge

LOSPCM26/27-30 Community Engagement – Working Groups

a Update from the Cake & Craft Night on 21st May 2026

Cllr. Switters confirmed that the last event was well attended with some parishioners are now attending regularly.

b Leysdown in Bloom 2026

Four households have applied so far.

c Plan to develop a Leysdown Foodbank or Community Cupboard

This will be deferred to the next Full Council Meeting for further discussion.

d Litter picking dates for June, July, August

June's litter picking will be 4th June 2026. July's will be held on Sunday 26th June at 10am, location to be confirmed. There will not be a litter picking date in August.

e Initial ideas for Christmas events 2026

A celebration of Christmas lights on the bandstand will be held. This item will be deferred to the next Full Council Meeting for further discussion.

LOSPCM26/27-31 Interim Committee Reports

a Footpaths, Properties and Greens Committee recommendations from the 17th March 2026

These items were reported on previously.

b Planning & Transportation Committee

Nothing to report.

c Staffing Committee

Nothing to report.



d **Finance Committee**

Nothing to report.

LOSPCM25/26-32 **Update from Outside Bodies**

a. Local KALC Meeting:

The next meeting will be going ahead on 15th June 2026.

b. Greenway Light Railway Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

c. Joint Transportation Board (JTB)

The next meeting was noted as going ahead on 29th June 2026.

d. Swale Councillors and Residents Forum

The next meeting will be going ahead on 11th June 2026.

e. Swale Liaison Forum – date of next meeting to be confirmed

f. Sheppey Island Forum

The next meeting will be going ahead on 16th June 2026.

g. Sheppey Beach Users Forum – 5th May 2026

Cllr. Switters attended and found the meeting useful.

LOSPCM26/27-33 **Appeals**

Nothing to note.

LOSPCM26/27-34 **General matters raised by Parish Councillors Reports for discussion**

Nothing to note.

LOSPCM26/27-35 **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.

The RFO noted that payments to Top Source, acrylic paints/markers, Village Hall rent are ready to be approved.



LOSPCM26/27-36 Consultations

Nothing to note.

LOSPCM26/27-37 Correspondence

a. KALC Newsletter May 2026

Noted.

b. Swale Borough Council Elections Cycle Consultation

Cllr. Switters proposed that the Parish Council feedback to Swale Borough Council that they support being part of the same election cycle as the unitary authority. Cllr. Lammin seconded. All agreed.

Resolved; accepted.

LOSPCM26/27-38 Training

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

LOSPCM26/27-39 General matters raised by Councillors for discussion

Nothing to note.

LOSPCM26/27-40 Recommendations to next Full Council

- Plans to develop a Leysdown Community Cupboard
- Ideas for Christmas 2026 events

LOSPCM26/27-41 Dates of Next Meeting

- 30th June 2026 at 7pm

LOSPCM26/27-42 Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Appendix 1: Report from PC Kinrade.

Appendix 2: Report from Claire Jones

Appendix 3: Payments to be made.