



**Draft Minutes Ordinary Meeting Leysdown Parish Council  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Leysdown Village Hall**

Present; Cllr. Pat Sandle (Chair). Cllr. Mel Rumbol. Cllr. Anthony Brennan. Cllr Geoff Partis. Cllr Kirsty Martin.

Members of the Public: None

**22/194 Apologies:**

Apologies from Cllr Evelyn Howell and Cllr Paul Day.

**22/195 Declaration of Interests:**

None

**22/196 Approval of Minutes for the meeting held on 15/11/2022:**

Proposer: Cllr Martin

Agreed: Cllr Sandle

**22/197 Matters arising:**

Church Pathway discussed, will research the general location of where the old pathway was and put on the agenda for February. Cllr. Sandle still awaiting on bank for her cheque signature to be authorised. New contract and quote received for churchyard maintenance and flower boxes, boat etc, plants not provided. King's coronation briefly discussed with Cllr Martin suggesting Leysdown work with Warden and stage a coronation Olympics with money raised going to the school. Will put on the agenda for January.

**22/198 Public Session:**

Swale Borough Council, Head of Environmental and Leisure, Martyn Cassell.

Discussed the proposed siting of an additional beach huts at Leysdown in line with Minster. Currently has 350 on waiting list and the selling and rental of the beach huts raise money for KCC. At present there are 20 at Leysdown and the aim is for additional 10 to 12.

Councillors all raised concerns: – Reducing access to beach front for day visitors and visual viewing of coast line, parking would be restricted, lack of amenities, i.e., toilets. Fence placed in front of beach huts as a safety guard for children gives the impression that the land from the beach huts to the fence is private and so deters visitors from walking along sea front. More traffic, speed restrictions are not enforced and with no footpath, it is dangerous to have to use road rather than beach frontage where the beach huts will be sited.

Cllr Partis suggested an area further along from existing beach huts might be more suitable and Mr Cassell agreed to look into it.

A letter is to be done listing the objections and concerns.

**22/199 Correspondence:**

Kent fire brigade safety and wellbeing plan, website link to look at and a survey monkey for views.

NHS initiative with house and Health committee for frail patients are to use part of Sheppey hospital as a stop gap for elderly patients, whilst their care packages are being organised, in order to free up Medway Hospital.

4<sup>th</sup> May Borough Elections.

A copy of Cllr Partis letter regarding Harty Ferry Road changes available to see.

Letter received in reference to the Beaches Children Centre enquiry. Letter claiming fixed sessions are being done along with Adhoc drop ins. Cllr Sandle and Cllr Martin do not agree with some of the letter's findings and feel it is not being used fully and not being made available to other organisations, its full potential not being realised. Further investigations to be done and addressed in a letter to the Chief Executive of Swale.

**22/200 Planning:**

Thanking Cllr Partis in his research into the Harty Ferry Road closure application and raising legitimate concerns on behalf of the Leysdown Parish. All records of his findings to support the Council's objections are filed in the Parish office and were supported by all councillors.

The change of use of the former Roxeth Day Centre. To contact planning officer and find out who is making the application as the Parish council were of the understanding that the property was bequeathed for the benefit of the people of Leysdown and have no knowledge of it being passed to anyone else.

**22/201 Website update:**

All agreed with Aubergine new website proposal. Costings all on print-out for Councillors to look through. Website will be much more user friendly and easier to update by Parish Clerk. £800 + VAT. Package, along with costings for support, training etc and yearly subscription.

Proposer: Cllr Martin All Agreed.

**22/202 PCSO Update.**

Theft of number plates Shellness Road, Leysdown.

Criminal damage, Grove Avenue, Leysdown.

Burglary x 2 Eastern Holiday Camp, Leysdown.

Burglary Vanity Village Holiday Park, Leysdown.

Burglary and taking a vehicle without consent, Leysdown Road.

**22/203 Beach Huts proposals.**

Spoke at length about proposals during Public Session with Martyn Cassell, Head of Environmental and Leisure.

All councillors present not in favour and will continue to oppose.

**22/204**

**Beaches children centre** – letter to be sent in New Year requesting more information.

**Lights** – Now fitted on bandstand with a timer to be added.

**Over 60 Lunch** – Replies coming in.

**Banking** -

**22/205 Relocation of a camera.**

Cllr Sandle discussed resiting of a CCTV camera with Martyn Cassell and though not his department, he will take the request back to Swale Council. Requesting one be moved to where the fatality happened in December on the Leysdown Road. If resiting isn't viable then the suggestion of having an additional CCTV and putting it in the precept for 22/23.

**22/206 Finance cheques for approval:**

<b>BT</b>	<b>£51.31</b>	<b>Direct Debit</b>
<b>BT</b>	<b>£47.34</b>	<b>Direct Debit</b>
<b>McAfee yearly subscription</b>	<b>£29.99</b>	
<b>Lights for Bandstand</b>	<b>£45.00</b>	
<b>Churchyard maintenance</b>	<b>£2300.00</b>	
<b>Stationary/printer cartridges</b>	<b>£31.50</b>	
<b>Act- Clerks wages</b>	<b>£253.00</b>	
<b>Gala Lights</b>	<b>£5184.00</b>	

Amount in Bank 25/11/22 £24770.31

Precept for 23/24 £30,000 All Agreed

**22/207 Second Public Session:**

No public in attendance.

**22/208 Any other business:**

Agar have been questioning why auditors reports not posted on website. Cllr Sandle has explained in previous correspondence that website is being changed and all Parish Agenda meetings and Minutes are posted on notice boards as required.

Cllr Martin has been approached about suggesting Parish council purchase High VIS jackets for children attending school. Viability discussed and agreed stretch of road dangerous for school children but maybe better to try for speed restrictions and enforcement measures. Joint letters to be sent to the transport boards, (AGN).

**22/209 Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**22/210 Close of Meeting:**

21.10