



**Draft Minutes Ordinary Meeting Leysdown Parish Council
Tuesday 21st February 2023 at Leysdown Village Hall @ 7pm**

Present; Cllr. Pat Sandle (Chair). Cllr. Mel Rumbol. Cllr. Anthony Brennan. Cllr Evellyn Howell. Cllr Paul Day, Cllr Geoff Partis and Cllr Kirstie Martin advised running late.

Members of the Public: One

23/17 Apologies:

Cllr Day arrived 7.10 followed by Cllr Martin. Cllr. Partis arrived 7.45pm.

Meeting started 7.15

23/18 Declaration of Interests: None

23/19 Approval of Minutes for the meeting held on 17/01/2023:

Wording, Leases on caravans changed to Holiday Park (23/05)

Proposer: Cllr Sandle

Agreed: Cllr Day

23/20 Matters arising:

Beach Huts – Head of Environmental and Leisure, Martyn Cassell will be coming to visit and other issues will be discussed – Rubbish bins with no lids, more bins on Spinney.

Cllr. Sandle asked if anything else relevant to report and bring to notice.

Fly tipping behind Sheppey Beach Villas discussed at last meeting. MOP should report any fly tipping to The Swale Borough Council Fly Tipping Website: <https://swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/littering/report-fly-tipping>

Phone Swale contact centre if unable to log via website: Tel: 01795417850

23/21 Public Session:

Local resident collected rubbish from the streets between Bayview and the Beach Huts during the week and again on the Sunday. Also, the MOP has scrubbed away graffiti from benches. The parish thanks the resident for doing this.

Councillors all in agreement about rubbish build-up in streets and Kent County Council cutbacks are causing a lot of issues.

Seasonal cleaning starts from mid-March to October and a beach clean-up is usually organised by church and Sealife officer but more needs to be done.

A litter drive was suggested and extra bins be provided. Also, local school's involvement.

Cllr. Howell suggested using the community prisoners' payback scheme, to help paint benches and clean-up as they have done in the past and will try and find out who to contact for this.

Empty premises are the responsibility of the owners and the Parish have no power to get them to tidy up.

Cllr Sandle suggested MOP contact MP Gordon Henderson as he is involved in litter groups.

23/22 Correspondence:

MOP emailed a copy of the letter she has sent to Kent County Council about the withdrawal of Bus Route 360 Sheerness to Leysdown on Sundays/Bank Holidays. The Clerk has emailed Swale Borough Council with a copy of the letter and asking for their comments but to date has received no reply.

KFRS are offering a free basic life support training session for Area Committees.

An email from The Ferry House requesting a copy of the minutes when the Harty Ferry Road closure application was discussed and objected to and dates of the Parish next meeting. A reply email was sent with this information.

An invitation to attend Swale Corporate Peer Challenge Focus group and to nominate a councillor from each Parish to attend if they can. Councillor Kirstie Martin would like to attend on behalf of Leysdown.

23/23 Planning: No applications received.

23/24 Website update:

Clerk in regular touch with Aubergine and it is hoped the website will be ready to go live in the next couple of weeks.

23/25 PCSO Update.

Affray Leysdown Road- Youth making flame thrower on school bus using deodorant can. Youth and parents spoken to and currently under investigation.

Traveller Encampment on Shellness Road reported. Moved on and ended up on Leysdown Road. Now moved on following a joint working with Swale Borough Council and KCC.

Nuisance vehicle in Shellness Road reported. Believed involved in illicit behaviour. Owner of vehicle spoken to and warned about this.

Email from New Community Safety Unit Inspector for Swale, Vanessa Foster introducing herself.

23/26 Defibrillators:

Defibrillator outside the Bayview 24/24, By toilets bottom of prom 24/24. Rose & Crown PH and Village Hall and Curley's Farm are not assessable all the time.

23/27 King's Coronation – Committee has been set up and it will be a joint venture between Warden and Leysdown. Next meeting in March for committee. £2500.00 Budget agreed.

Roxeth Day Centre – still no reply from Age Concern.

23/28 Hearing Aid Support Clinic requesting funding help. Councillors agreed. £250.00.

23/29 Song Signing Academy request for funding discussed. Cllr. Howell and Cllr. Martin knows of the work they do and attendance levels okay in Warden. The Academy want to host one in Leysdown and an information pack was provided. To find out more so that cheque can be done in March's meeting.

23/30 Nore Fort (Dismantled 1945) Original gun found and offer to place in Leysdown.

As Leysdown is a small Parish and the legalities involved and where to site it in Leysdown, Councillors agreed that unfortunately it would not be achievable. Cllr. Partis will contact Mr Fourkes with a suggestion of the Eastchurch Aviation Museum or Sheerness Dockyard.

Finance cheques for approval:

BT	£49.68	Direct Debit
PKF Accountants	£408.00	
Gala Lights (add Xmas lights)	£2340.00	
Clerk's wages	£258.50	

Amount in Bank £13,756.85

External Audits Certificate signed off and placed on notice boards.

23/31 Second Public Session:**23/32 Any other business:****23/33 Closed Session:**

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Maintenance of planters and bandstand. Agreed 6 and 1 against.

Cllr. Martin and Cllr. Partis will source plants.

23/34 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Close of Meeting:

20.45