

**Lynsted with Kingsdown Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 8pm**  
**Belle Friday Centre, London Road, Teynham**

**Present: Cllrs Bowers (Chair) Bailey; Carter; Prescott; Bowen (SBC) and M Mulley (Clerk)**

**Cllr Bowen left the meeting at 9pm**

**Meeting commenced at 8.05pm**

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllrs Jones; Bonds; Barnicott (SBC)

**2. Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Bowers has a long standing declaration regarding any gardening work carried out at St Peters Place as she is related to the gardener.

**3. Time for members of the public to address the Council** – None

**4. To confirm minutes of meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

Minutes agreed as correct. KP Proposed KB seconded.

**5. Matters arising from previous minutes**

**Jubilee Pump-Action point:**-Clerk to email TPC and inform them LKPC are considering their position regarding the Jubilee pump and may withdraw their financial support when the insurance premium is renewed.

**Parish Churchyard extension-Action point** Clerk to contact Julia Kitt of PCC or Steve Lillicrap and ask what financial implications the closing of the front half of the Churchyard extension would have on the funding LKPC give to its upkeep.

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**Parking issues in Teynham**-KCC had replied saying unless there were a specific number of serious accidents in one area then it was not considered a hot spot, and therefore their budget would not cover any improvements.

**Barriers-Lynsted School-Agenda item January**-Clerk to forward quotation to the parents of Lynsted School and suggest they contact Chris Blanford of SBC regarding regeneration funding.

**6. Finance**

**a) Receipts**-None

**b) Payments**

£944.80	945	Supremus Computers-New Laptop
£42.13	946	HMRC-PAYE (Dec)

### **c) Budget & Precept**

The draft budget figures were discussed and areas where money could be saved were debated. Even with the cutbacks taken into consideration there would still be a shortfall of £8,400 between the existing precept figure and the budget figure. The precept had been reduced in 2010/2012 and not increased in 2011/2012 & 2012/2013 & 2013/2014. After deliberation it was decided to increase the precept by £4,000 with the £4,400 shortfall being met by reserve funds. The increase in precept would represent a rise of .34p per month for each of the 990 LKPC electors. AB proposed that the precept be increased by £4,000 and any shortfall on funds be met by reserve funds. KP seconded. Therefore the 2014/2015 precept will be set at £17,049.00. However AB suggested a proviso that members were asked to actively seek opportunities for funding or grants for any new projects within the parish to help reduce the budget figures. An appraisal on the reasons for the increase to be inserted into the Lynsted Parish Magazine January 2014 and displayed on the notice boards.

### **7. Projects**

#### **World War I Centenary Project.**

AB informed the meeting that this was the time of year to prepare the flower beds at St Peters Place for the poppy planting. The lavender and roses in the beds at present were now past their best, therefore it was agreed for the beds to be cleared and re-designed by the LKPC contracted gardener, incorporating the poppy planting for the centenary project. The Clerk was still waiting for confirmation from the PCC that the proposed donation from LKPC of a display case for the book of remembrance was acceptable. Clerk was also waiting for details of the exact size of the remembrance book from Lis Heriz-Smith. KP informed the meeting that Lucy Hewitt from the KM was interested in this project and wished to be kept informed of progress. **Action point**-Clerk to contact Lis Heriz-Smith to ascertain if a plot of land had been identified for the planting of the Flanders Poppies. **Agenda item January meeting**

### **8. Planning**

TP/13/0140 AJS-Reduction in height by 3m + 20% overall reduction of deadwood + basal growth to Holm Oak.

The Old Stables, The Vallance. Lynsted. Kent. ME9 0RP **NO OBJECTIONS**

### **9- LKPC Laptop**

The Clerk had ordered a new laptop and software from Supremus computers in Teynham at a cost of £787.33 + Vat with delivery expected early January 2014.

### **10. Consultations None**

### **11. Correspondence**

Receipt for £51.16 donation to Poppy Appeal-Duly noted

### **12. Complaints None**

### **13. AOB**

The Clerk informed the members about the theft of the metal bike barriers on the concrete path end of the footpath running from Teynham to Lynsted. This incident had been reported to police and a crime ref number obtained. A replacement quotation was being sought. **Action point:** - Clerk was asked to buy some paint and mark the remaining barrier with LKPC in bright paint for identification and deterrent purposes.

The Clerk informed the meeting she would be on annual leave from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Cllr Bowers as Chairperson was keen to share the responsibility of running the LKPC with other members and urged them to actively seek new members for early 2014

### **14. Date of next meetings**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2014

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014-AGM, Annual Parish & Monthly Parish Meeting.

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2014

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014-Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014-Budget/Precept meeting

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2014

### **15. Standards meeting**

**Action point:**-Clerk to email Cllr Bonds the Chair of the standards committee with a view to setting a Standards Committee meeting date.

**Meeting closed at 9.25 pm Minutes prepared by Marion Mulley**