

Draft minutes of Lyminge Parish Council Full Council Meeting.  
Held on Monday 10th June 2024 in Rhodes Minnis Methodist Church.

**Present:** Cllrs Fagg, King, Huntley, Fuller, Heywood, McWhinnie and Rising (Chair).

**In attendance:** Chani Sanger (Clerk) and six members of the public.

**Welcome and apologies:** Cllrs Munns, Bojangles and Arnold.

**Declarations of interest:** None

**06.01 Minutes of 8th April 2024:**

**06.01.1** It was noted that a small change had been made prior to the meeting, this was to include the Climate Action committee membership at minute 05.08.15.

[Motion - To approve the minutes as accurate.](#)

Proposed: Cllr King | Seconded: Cllr Hunley | Motion passed

**06.02 Public open session:** None

**06.03 Grounds Maintenance:**

It was noted that the Clerk had not sent out the most recent version of the schedule and that shortly before the meeting, Cllr King had circulated an updated copy with minor adjustments.

[Motion - To approve the schedule as circulated by Cllr King.](#)

Proposed: Cllr King | Seconded: Cllr Fuller | Motion passed

**06.04 Training:**

**06.04.1** [Motion - To approve allowing the Clerk to have delegated powers to organise training for employees and councillors, so long as the cost is within budget. This is to include organising bullying and harassment training as a matter of urgency.](#)

Proposed: Cllr McWhinnie | Seconded: Cllr Heywood | Motion passed

**06.05 Hustings:**

**06.05.1** [Motion - To approve organisation of a non-selective hustings event with an allocated budget of £100.](#)

Proposed: Cllr Fuller | Seconded: Cllr Heywood | Motion passed

**06.06 Jubilee Field:**

**06.06.1** [Motion: To remove the small football goals, from Jubilee Field, for the summer months.](#)

Proposed: Cllr Huntley | Seconded: Cllr Heywood | Motion did not pass

**06.06.2** [Motion: To approve the production of signs relating to the use of Jubilee Field and to delegate the content of the signs to the Community Engagement and Events committee.](#)

Proposed: Cllr Huntley | Seconded: Cllr Fuller | Motion passed

**06.06.3** The motion relating to grass cutting was withdrawn.

**06.06.4** It was noted that further information is needed before decisions can be made about how to best use Jubilee Field in the summer months. Given the short time between meetings, the information that can be acquired will be discussed at the meeting on 15.06.24.

Motion: To approve Lyminge Youth Football Club using Jubilee Field, subject to times and contracts.

Proposed: Cllr King | Seconded: Cllr Huntley | Motion passed

**06.07 Planning:**

<p><b>24/0560/FH</b> 11-13 STATION ROAD, LYMINGE, FOLKESTONE, CT18 8HS</p>	<p><b>Erection of a single storey rear extension together with the installation of 3no. condenser unit</b></p>	<p><b>To approve below comments: Proposed: Cllr Heywood Seconded: Cllr Fuller Motion passed</b></p>
<p>No objection subject to the below:</p> <p>We welcome the return of retail use of this building and the condensers being proposed are suitable. We do have some concerns that we would like allayed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Neither of the side views of the extension show the rise of the land at the rear of the building. Please could the applicant provide new plans to show this as the rise is substantial and could impact the rear access to the building.</li> <li>2. No refuse collection access is shown.</li> <li>3. Materials, bricks, roof treatment etc need to be supplied.</li> </ol> <p>We would expect that the Biodiversity Net Gain management plan shown for the garden area is put in place and monitored for 50 years as indicated.</p>		
<p><b>24/0637/FH</b> ETCHINGHILL GOLF CLUB, CANTERBURY ROAD, ETCHINGHILL, FOLKESTONE, CT18 8FA</p>	<p><b>Single storey rear extension and extension of driving range structure to provide 4 new bays to include 10m tall netting, increased size of range enclosure and the installation of PV panels to the clubhouse roof, driving range roof and greenkeepers shed roof</b></p>	<p><b>To approve below comments: Proposed: Cllr Fuller Seconded: Cllr McWhinnie Motion passed</b></p>
<p>No objection subject to the below:</p> <p>We welcome the solar panels and have no issue with the extension to the building which we assume is to house the increase in bays in the driving range. If this is not the case then the application needs to be more clear.</p> <p>We are concerned about the use of exterior lighting and while we appreciate that it is required, we want to stress to FHDC and Etchinghill Golf Club that the dark skies in Etchinghill and the wider parish are incredibly important. While our Neighbourhood Plan is still being drafted, key information has been gathered for it, including assets and features of the parish that our residents care most about. One such important feature is the dark night skies and the positive impact that has on our local wildlife. We would ask that FHDC and Etchinghill Golf Club consider this when dealing with lighting.</p> <p>We object to the change of the netting support surrounding the driving range. The existing netting is supported by creosoted timber poles which blend into the countryside scenery. The proposed pylons called 'steel lattice posts' would be prominent features and greatly impact not only the street scene but the general aesthetics of the beautiful AONB countryside. That said, we are happy to work with Etchinghill Golf Club on this matter and would suggest painting the pylons a natural shade to better camouflage the</p>		

structure (Olive green - RAL 6008 is suggested). We would also suggest planting native trees to act as a tree screening.

We recommend a Tree Survey to enable the positioning of these pylons to be such that there will be a minimum loss of trees. Native tree planting as described above would help to enhance the street scene and the AONB.

The fence on the east side currently does not envelop the East Brook Chalk Stream however the proposal does. We would ask that FHDC and Etchinghill Golf Club work with us to ensure that the East Brook is protected at all costs. As outlined in our emerging Neighbourhood Plan, the precious Chalk Stream is one of only 200 worldwide and is an incredibly rare and valued asset to Lyminge Parish, Great Britain and the wider world.

Given that in 2021 our Government outlined the importance of Chalk Streams in their Chalk Stream Restoration Strategy, we feel that FHDC as a council can set an example of helping preserve this incredibly important feature and that as a business/charity, Etchinghill Golf Club could work with Lyminge Parish Council on ensuring that their proposal will not impede the Chalk Stream. Please note that 85% of the world's chalk streams are in England and as such we make an important contribution to the world's biodiversity. Chalk streams are already at risk of drying out and Lyminge Parish Council is passionate about protecting them and helping them flourish.

**24/0472/FH**

Telephone Exchange,  
Canterbury Road, Lyminge,  
CT18 8HX

**Retrospective application to include expansion of storage area to include perimeter security fencing to the compound area**

**To approve below comments:  
Proposed: Cllr Huntley  
Seconded: Cllr McWhinnie  
Motion passed**

No objection

We would ask that the railings are painted a natural colour to integrate better with the leaf tones in the surrounding area (Olive green - RAL 6008 is suggested).

### **06.08 Correspondance:**

**06.08.1** It was noted that as expected, correspondence had been received regarding the 2024/2025 budget and that responses were being drafted and included in the July newsletter.

**06.08.2** Contact had been received from Lyminge Library asking for the handyman's assistance with some of their new furniture.

### **06.09 Information:**

**06.09.1** It was noted that an extraordinary meeting would need to be held in order to deal with the 2023/2024 AGAR.

### **06.10 Employment - Withdrawn**

**Date of next meeting:** 15th June

Meeting closed at 20:45

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair (Date \_\_/\_\_/24)