

Lyminge Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of Lyminge Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting.
Held on Tuesday 5th August 2025 in Lyminge Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Baldwin, Pottage, Arnold and Heywood. Other committee members: Mr Harris, Mr Barnes, Mr Fenley (in place of Mr McCombe)

In attendance: Chani Sanger (Clerk) and Simon Horton (Locum Clerk)

08.01 Apologies: Cllr King and Mr McCombe.

Declarations of interest: None

08.02 Minutes:

[Council resolved to approve the minutes of 1 July as an accurate record.](#)

08.03 Working groups:

It was noted that the working groups document circulated ahead of the meeting had captured the ambitions of the committee and wider plan and had been supported by the Full Council.

It was raised that it would be useful for each working group to have a councillor chair and the following suggestions were given:

- Ecology and environment - Cllr King
- Local economy - Cllr Pottage

Actions:

- An email to be circulated to ascertain who is still interested in helping with the plan.
- Contact to be made with Cllrs Hollingsbee, Martin and Hespe to ascertain whether they would like to be involved in the plan.
- Cllr Baldwin to create a draft plan over the weekend.

08.04 Objectives policies and projects:

It was noted that during casual discussions, certain changes had been suggested for the circulated document and that this would be an ongoing discussion as the plan develops.

08.05 Designation of Green Spaces:

Discussion took place surrounding the designation of Green Spaces and it was highlighted that this would be a formal designation requiring the space to meet specific criteria, not just physically being a green space. It was also highlighted that designation should not be treated as 'protection' from development. Any designation would need to be considered alongside evidence as to how the space meets the criteria.

Cllr Arnold entered.

It was noted that further engagement would need to take place to discuss potential sites for designation and that it may be a way of pursuing a Conservation Area.

Several sites were mentioned as they had been raised in previous public engagement and some of those sites included:

- Tayne Field
- Etchinghill Cricket Ground
- Jubilee Field
- Nailbourne Stream
- Etchinghill Golf Course
- Court Lodge Green
- Various fields through the parish etc

It was noted that the criteria needing to be met included aspects such as local importance, local character, proximity etc.

08.06 Contents page:

A draft contents page was circulated. It was noted that for the plan to be effective it needed to be able to be implemented and reviewed by the Parish Council and wider community. This could mean keeping to more of a simple plan rather than anything overly complex.

It was noted that all evidence should be kept in case the examiner chooses to review it.

08.07 Examples of policies:

It was noted that the policies are less wordy than originally anticipated and that the examples circulated help to highlight that. They are more statements than lengthy policy documents people may typically be familiar with which will help with implementation of the plan and general understanding.

Meeting closed: 18:15