

Report:	Update/Info:	Note:
<b><u>Built Environment:</u></b>	<p>We need to conclude the acceptance of the leases for the Mount Pleasant land and the play area at Meriden Park.</p> <p>Has there been a response from Kingsfords/FHDC legal department?</p>	Awaiting payment from FHDC.
	A working group should be set up to decide on the design and use of the Mount Pleasant land.	Play park working group has been set up.
	<p>A working group should be set up to discuss the replacement of equipment at Meriden Park - to assist council in the discussion for this, I have obtained a costed proposal for consideration.</p> <p>I suggest that an item be placed in the February newsletter asking for ideas/suggestions for the upgraded play park.</p>	See above.
	<p>Tayne Field - I suggest that we plan for the celebration of the opening/erection of the acknowledgement panel as a priority. Clerk to update on the order for this.</p> <p>Probable date for ceremony during the summer 'Lyminge Festival'.</p>	If FC agree to setting up the Community Engagement and Events committee they will be the ones to organise this event. Cllr Arnold has suggested working alongside Lyminge Primary School and coordinating the event alongside their school fete.
	I suggest a working party be set up to discuss the highways/street lighting improvements and other matters including the defunct street lights at the library and embellishment kits for the Conservation Area.	
	Parking on the pavement in the restricted area outside the convenience store was discussed at the KALC Shepway Area Committee on 21 December and Kent Police suggested involving our Community Beat Officer, PC Brace.	Clerk has contacted PC Brace.
	Cleaning of village portal signs, shelters and other items of street furniture are now undertaken by the parish handyman.	
	Rhodes Minnis land (including play area) - The council will work with residents to resolve issues that have been raised and to consider improvement works to land in our ownership (or disposal or redevelopment).	This is likely to be taken on by the play park working group.

	The contracts for the allotments are in hand with the clerk.	
	Woodland and Uphill Cottages - There is an active exchange between officers of FHDC and the PC regarding the development of the Woodland Cottages site. We will pursue this on behalf of the residents.	
	Lyminge Village Hall - As we are to assume the role of 'Sole Trustee', we need to include an item in the 'Built Environment' portfolio. A working party of councillors should be formed. This working party will discuss the future development and management of the wider village hall site, in the interest of all users.	This is currently being looked in to, LPC will need to discuss how this will be managed in the long term. Suggested: Keep LVH as part of the main council meetings and provide updates as and when needed.
<b>Historic Environment Working Group:</b>	The following was agreed by F+A to formulate the remit of the Historic Environment Working Group:	
	1. Signage at St Eadburg's Well To recommend the best place for the new sign to be fixed.	
	2. Restoration of the name St Eadburg's Well To continue with the pursuit of changing the name of the Well House.	
	3. Royal Kentish Camino To work alongside other organisations in relation to the Royal Kentish Camino. This is to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To gather content and information for a landing page on the LPC website</li> <li>- To gather further content for the website by liaising with residents and those involved in the works.</li> </ul>	
	4. To investigate the Ornamental Willow Tree by St Eadburg's Well (see NE report) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When was the tree planted?</li> <li>- Why was the tree planted?</li> <li>- Is it necessary to get professional advice on the potential impact of the tree?</li> </ul>	TO VOTE ON
<b>Natural Environment:</b>	<b>Tayne Field stream:</b>  Following the decision at the LPC full meeting in January 2024 to approve the request by	Motion: Council agrees to the organisation of a Chalk stream monitoring and awareness session during 2024, with the participation of local experts.

	<p>Lyminge Scout Troop to conduct regular monitoring and occasional cleaning of the Nailbourne stream along the boundary of Tayne Field, it has been suggested that it would be good to organise a Chalk stream monitoring and awareness session open to everyone in the community. This would probably be best organised as an LPC event. Various local experts would be invited to participate, so it needs a bit of time to select an appropriate date, but April, May or June are likely to be good months to organise such an event. I therefore suggest that LPC approves the idea in principle and then we can start thinking about a date and other details.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Bumblebee workshop with Bumblebee Conservation Trust on 27th March:</u></b></p> <p>Following our successful bee Walk &amp; Talk last August (see September report and also July and September newsletters), the Bumblebee Conservation Trust team has kindly offered to run a beginners bumblebee identification workshop for us this spring. It will take place on Wednesday 27th March from 9.30am to 3.30pm, based at the scout hut in Lyminge. They will bring a host of resources to teach participants how to identify our local bumblebees, and will have numerous resources available to purchase including identification books and leaflets. This event will also help us to set up a monthly bumblebee monitoring programme in the Parish (see <a href="http://beewalk.org.uk">beewalk.org.uk</a>). The workshop has been advertised in the February Lyminge newsletter. The proposed monthly monitoring programme would include areas of PC-owned land, including Court Lodge Green, Well Field, and Tayne Field, so I suggest that LPV approves this idea in advance</p>	<p>Motion: Council agrees to the development of monthly bumblebee monitoring walks, to be undertaken by local volunteers along public rights of way, including on PC-owned land within Lyminge Parish.</p>
	<p><b><u>Ornamental willow tree by St Eadburg's Well:</u></b></p> <p>There is a young ornamental willow tree growing by the stream close to St Eadburg's Well. I am not sure when or why this was</p>	<p>Motion: Council agrees to the LPC Historic Environment Working Group investigating issues related to the ornamental willow tree growing close to St Eadburg's Well.</p>

	<p>planted here. Concerns have been raised by local residents that the location of this tree may compromise the integrity of the nearby wall. Personally I am not sure of how likely it is that the tree will impact the wall, so I suggest that LPC tries to get some advice on this matter. Given the historic nature of the wall, perhaps the LPC Historic Environment Working Group could investigate, by getting qualified advice on the potential impacts of this tree, and also by trying to find out when and why the tree was planted</p>	
	<p><b><u>Tree planting:</u></b></p> <p>900 native tree whips were provided by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) to Lyminge Climate Action, they were delivered on the 24th January and almost all have been planted by LCA volunteers by the end of the month. A few remain to fill in the gaps in the hedge at the top of Tayne Field and to plant in appropriate places along Ethelburga Grove (see Sep 2023 report and Full Council meeting minutes). This latest delivery brings the total number of trees donated by TCV over the past 6 years to 8,000. In addition we have planted at least 242 other trees during this time, provided by various other organisations including LPC. The six Salix trees donated by Kent Men Of The Trees as part of the succession plan to replace the weeping willows along the stream in Tayne Field are still waiting to be planted, we will try to get that organised as soon as possible.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Grounds maintenance schedule 2024:</u></b></p> <p>Every winter LPC reviews the grounds maintenance schedule in order to make any appropriate modifications. Therefore please take the time to have a look at last year's schedule, attached separately, and prepare any proposed modifications in time for discussion at the next FC meeting in March.</p>	
	<p><b><u>Lyminge pond:</u></b></p>	

	The contractors continue to say they intend to carry out the additional ground works on the new pond; we hope the works can be completed this year.										
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Previous applications:	<p>*22/1122/FH - Fuserail</p> <p>22/1274/FH - 4 Fox Close</p> <p>23/1923/FH - 3 St James Close</p>	<p>I have been promised a response by the Case Officer. I will provide this when in hand.</p> <p>Council have agreed that a delegation should discuss the matter with the applicant and Cllr Huntley is to arrange.</p> <p>Works to a tree - LPC did not comment - Application approved</p>									
Action still required:	23/0410/FH - Broad Street	Approved at committee on 03.10.23 - decision notice still not issued while details of S106 are ironed out with FHDC - now 4 months overdue									
Update:	<p>23/1802/FH - Highlands</p> <p>23/1841/FH - 26 Station Road</p> <p>23/1668/FH - Raynards</p> <p>23/2061/FH Land opposite Kinross, Rectory Lane</p>	<p>We have commented owing to the impact on the AONB. This application has been withdrawn from the public register owing to validation issues.</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>No objection but this application has been withdrawn</p> <p>Objection submitted.</p>									
To note:	An Article 4 direction (No 2 of 2024) has been imposed on land in Longage Hill. We have asked if this affects the enforcement on planning ref 21/0964/FH on the										

	<p>land adjacent. Enforcement are investigating.</p> <p>Planning Enforcement have looked at a building in the garden of 3 Fox Close and deemed that it does not require planning consent (despite our view the it fills the garden and overlooks a neighbour - who brought it to our attention) Case No 23/0233/CM</p> <p>At a recent (21 December) meeting of the KALC Shepway Area Committee, planning was discussed and it was suggested that the KALC SEC canvass all 32 councils in the district to ask about their experience with issues such as 22/1122/FH above and the following item:</p> <p>*Cllr Joyce described two case studies in the LPC area (i.e. 22/1274/FH - Fox Close and 23/0061/FH - Kingfishers) where, despite resident and LPC objections, officers had recommended approval, claiming negative impact of the proposals on amenity. I have invited the head of planning and the officers concerned to visit the site(s) in question, so they can see for themselves that local objections are sustainable and the officers' judgement is flawed.</p>	
<b>Finance</b>	<p>Committees:</p> <p>Planning Committee:</p> <p>Community Engagement and Events Committee:</p>	<p>TOR circulated</p> <p>TOR circulated</p>
Neighbourhood Plan:	An application for a Locality grant has been made - Clerk to report	Approved
	NHP is added to the LPC website	
	A meeting has been arranged for 24 February, to which all residents will be invited	'Look to the future' event
	<p>A pre-meeting is arranged for 13 February in the Coach and Horses pub.</p> <p>Clerk to inform all and send reminders</p> <p>Clerk and Alison to liaise on materials required for the meeting.</p>	
	Cllr Joyce is pursuing the designation of a Conservation Area with the LPA.	
Correspondence	<p>I'm enquiring about the use of the field/football pitch at Lyminge where the village hall is.</p> <p>I used to play for Lyminge years ago, and since I am now starting a veterans over 40's team. I wanted to ask if there is any possibility of having the use of the pitch between September &amp; April/may.</p> <p>Games would be around 10:30 kick offs</p>	I have asked which days they are aiming to use.

	<p><b>Broad Street Development</b></p> <p>The above development will require a number of new street names, and Pentland would like to offer the Parish Council the opportunity to propose suggestions for consultation with FHDC. The following had previously been agreed with FHDC: Mead Hall / Stag Close, and they reference the archaeological character of the area – you may wish to build on this theme, or start afresh. It is likely that 6 suggestions will be required.</p> <p>FHDC have a published policy structure, which details the parameters for new street naming, and copy is attached for your ease of reference</p> <p>A resident in Fox Close is asking whether our tree can be pruned so that the branches are not in her garden. She could do this herself but thinks that trimming the branches on her side would create instability in the tree. Has offered to pay half for the work.</p>	<p>Suggestion: A working group to work with residents on this.</p> <p>I have asked if Spearpoint can go and have a look before FC so we have an idea of what we are actually dealing with.</p>
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