

NEWS FROM LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL January 2018

Forthcoming Council and Committee Agendas are displayed on the Council's notice board outside the Lyminge Post Office and on the notice boards in the Rhodes Minnis bus shelter and at Etchinghill (on the notice board at the entrance to the Village Hall car park). Recent Council minutes are displayed on the Council's notice board outside the Lyminge Post Office. Agendas and minutes are published on the Council's website: www.lymingepc.kentparishes.gov.uk

NOTICEBOARDS

Whilst we are happy to accommodate promotion of forthcoming events and activities, advertising space for commercial ventures is not permitted. Any such advertisements will be removed. Please only use drawing pins or notice board pins NOT staples to secure any notices you put up.

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

The Parish Council has set a date for a litter pick in Lyminge Village. Join in on Saturday 3 March 2018 – meet at 10am at Lyminge Village Hall, equipment will be supplied.

PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Every responsible dog owner will naturally make sure they're carrying plenty of bags to clean up after their pet, which is why it's always galling when you come across mess left behind by someone who just couldn't be bothered. Not only is it socially unacceptable, it's unhygienic, especially in parks and green spaces where people regularly walk or play. Many parasites and illnesses can be spread in this way, so beyond being unpleasant it's actually dangerous not to dispose of waste appropriately. So please take enough poo bags with you and dispose of them appropriately. REMEMBER ... Fixed penalty notices can be issued resulting in an "on the spot" £80.00 fine.

ADDITIONAL WASTE BINS?

The Parish Council would like to hear of any suggested sites for dual purpose (waste and dog poo) bins from Lyminge Parish residents. Ideally the bin could be affixed to an existing post. Please contact the Clerk (details below) with your suggestions.

SALT AND GRIT BINS

There are a number of salt and grit bins in the parish where the contents are available for public use – on public footways and on public roads. Please do NOT use the salt and grit on private property. When the salt bin near you is empty please contact the Clerk for a refill.

GRANTS FROM LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

A new budget for the 2017/18 year is available – are you a voluntary or community organisation? Can your village organisation benefit from one of these grants? Grants are for one off capital costs **not** for normal running costs. If your organisation wants to know more, email the Clerk (details below) or download the pack from the Parish Council dropdown menu on the Parish Council's website at: www.lymingepc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Applications must be submitted to the Clerk by the 1st Monday of the month for consideration at that month's F & A Committee meeting. Applications received after that date will be held over to the following month's F&A Committee meeting.

COMMUNITY SAFETY CONTACTS

The new **PCSOs for Etchinghill, Lyminge and Rhodes Minnis**, are PCSO Daniel Mills and PCSO Nicholas Holley. Both can be contacted on 101.

KCC Community Warden Gary Harrison can be contacted on 07977 982185.

ALLOTMENTS AT RHODES MINNIS

Fertile land is bringing great rewards to our allotment holders. There are still some of the renovated plots available. Allotments are rented on an annual basis with a complete year beginning in April. Allotments rented this year will be on a pro-rata basis. If you are interested please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Clerk. (contact details below).

FLY TIPPING

There has been an increase in fly tipping in the Parish especially on Jubilee Field. The Parish Council are asking all residents to report any and all incidences seen to Shepway DC at:

<http://www.shepway.gov.uk/report-a-problem/fly-tipping>

Please note - cuttings from your garden, if not disposed of correctly, constitutes fly tipping! Contact Shepway District Council for details of their garden waste scheme – follow the link below:

<https://www.shepway.gov.uk/recycling-waste-and-bins/garden-waste>

BLOCKED DRAINS AND POTHOLES

Autumn and winter bring particular problems for our Parish drains. Blocked drains can cause local difficulties. Please report these direct to KCC via:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads_and_transport/highway_maintenance/fault_reporting.aspx

This portal should also be used for reporting potholes

Only reported potholes and blocked drains will be filled and cleared!

If you think that a situation may be an emergency, please call KCC immediately on 08458 247 800 to report it.

SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS WANTED

For over 8 years, a small band of volunteers, have given up an hour or two of their time every four or five weeks to man a session of Speedwatch at various sites in Lyminge, Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis. These volunteers carry out a public service on behalf of all the residents of the Parish of Lyminge. Speedwatch is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated, enforcement and prosecution follow.

Too many vehicles are speeding through our Parish not considering the weather and road conditions especially in winter months – **Think - could you stop in time on wet roads if a child ran out of a gate!**

Speedwatch is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community. The scheme aims to:

- Reduce collisions and the severity of injuries on local roads
- Improve the quality of life for local communities
- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase drivers' perception of the risks from speeding and encourage them to slow down

Volunteers are currently required to carry on this important public service, if you can spare a few hours a month, please contact the Clerk.

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FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Monday 9 January 2018 – Finance & Administration Committee at 7pm in the Rigden Room, Tayne Centre.

Monday 29 January 2018 – Council meeting at 7:30pm at the Rigden Room, Tayne Centre.

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