

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JULY 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
LUDESDOWN AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Noel Clark	Chairman
	Cllr Stuart Barclay	
	Cllr Chris Mileson	
	Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse	
	Cllr Matt Newnes	
	Mrs Roxana Bammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Tony Rice	Gravesham Borough Council
	Clive Stanley	Web Master
	2 Police Community	
	Support Officers	
	4 Members of the public	

Item *Action point*

Minute number 2019/20/

1 APOLOGIES

50 All parish councillors present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

51 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2019

52 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019 signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

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54 a **C/05/19/9a Minute 2019/20/14 Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Mrs Moorhouse reported she had heard nothing since the last meeting but would follow it up after the holiday period.

55 b **C/05/19 Public Session Defibrillator**

It was understood from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee that the Parish council would be able to install a defibrillator on the outside of the hall. It was then proposed by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse, seconded by Cllr Milson and agreed the council provide a defibrillator for which grants would be sought.

SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING FOR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S AND POLICE REPORT

The Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Cllr Rice give his report.

Cllr Rice reported that a motion had been carried at the first full council meeting declaring a climate emergency and that Gravesham would aim to be carbon neutral by 2030. A working group had been set up to work on it. He said that he had attended a meeting of the finance and audit committee and a commercial committee had been put in place. He said that the borough council had a funding gap and were trying to make it more self sufficient. He reported that the council would build homes around the re-development around the St Georges Centre. The Chairman thanked Cllr Rice and invited the PCSOs to speak.

The PCSOs apologised on behalf of PCSO Hartley who was still on sick leave. They came from the urban areas and were not as familiar with local issues but reported theft of a vehicle and a break in to a shed. The police had no reports of fly tipping or nuisance vehicles but advised such incidents to be reported through 101 or use the police website.

Cllr Newnes said he understood that the rural crime team had started a WhatsApp group.

Cllr Mileson had read that the law on exhaust were going to be tightened up the PCSOs replied they had not heard about it but would check.

The Chairman thanked the PCSOs and reconvened the meeting.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

- 56 **20190615: 20190616** Reynolds Farm, Henley Street, Luddesdown
Application and Listed Building Consent for erection of a single storey rear extension to form kitchen and incorporating an extension to the existing basement with associated works.

No objection.

57 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A was received.

c Appeals and Other Matters

None

58 i Green Belt Review

It was reported that the proposals would probably come forward at the end of the year.

6 FINANCE

59 a Bank Mandates

The Clerk would remain on the bank mandate for the meantime but the inclusion of Cllr Clark was progressing.

60 b Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

61 c Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting

The cheques signed since the last meeting as listed on appendix B was ratified.

62 d Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Milson and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 100125 - 100130) as listed in Appendix B be approved. With the addition of £36.00, CPRE subscription (cheque 100131).

As the Webmaster was present the Chairman suspended the meeting to allow Mr Stanley give a report.

Mr Stanley reported he had set up new email addresses. The Clerk had been given all the passwords for safe keeping. The issue of the old email addresses was raised. Mr Stanley said these ran out in August and suggested that old emails were printed out and kept. The Chairman thanked Mr Stanley and reconvened the meeting.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

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None.

8 RECREATION GROUND

64 It was reported that the playground needed new equipment and the surface was poor. This will be reported to Gravesham Borough Council.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

65 a Public Rights of Way

Cllr Clark reported that he attended the Luddesdown Rights of Way Group AGM and that some of the volunteers had been unwell and there was a downturn in clearance.

67 c Lower Thames Crossing.

A meeting with the Highways England Lower Thames Crossing Team would be arranged for a date in August. The Chairman and Clerks of Shorne, Cobham and Cuxton Parish Councils will be invited. It was understood from Cllr Rice that he had asked for a detailed area plan and had been given the impression that there wasn't one. The traffic modelling was flawed – the technology only captured residential developments that had planning consent.

68 **d Flytipping**

Cllr Newnes reported he had contacted Stuart Alford about the best place to put cameras. He reported that Pepperhill Recycling Centre was closing for 9 weeks from 18h August 2019. It was understood from Cllr Rice he would find out the Kent County Council Plan for publicising this. They would also encourage people to use proper licensed waste contractors.

69 **e Spring Clean**

Cllr Newnes was organising the Autumn clean which would take place on Saturday 12th October 2019.

f Other Highways Issues

No matters were raised.

10 GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN

70 Cllr Clark reported that election charges had been discussed. He also reported that the Parish representation on the standards committee had been removed.

Re the Greenbelt review, the response was "in hand". The head of planning said they would be using compulsory purchase orders in respect of the brown field sites.

11 KALC GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE

71 Cllr Mrs Moorhouse reported that Cllr Clark or Roxanna liaised with Paul Hassell, Community Warden for Higham, Cobham and occasionally Shorne, to discuss any issues that might be of concern in Luddesdown? Alan Howard, Higham, said their only worry was that Paul's time would be too stretched?

Rosemary was keen that we should all take up as much Kalc training as possible. She herself is doing the Dynamic Councillor course this year. Anne suggested that both Stuart and Matt intend to do a Dynamic Councillor course but was not sure which one. The Planning course was filled very quickly and another is being organised locally. A Social Media course is being held on 18/7/19.

A Government initiative to encourage implementation of 20 mph speed limits. KCC is trialing this in a number of areas with Police input, as well as looking at introducing speed-humps in appropriate places.

Vigo was the only parish in Gravesham Rural to have made a Neighbourhood Plan, which was turned down. We were all asked if we had a Parish Plan.

Policing issues - Higham and Meopham are asking KCC to implement weight limits on their railway bridges and Meopham have been told there is more chance on environmental grounds/air quality than health and safety grounds.

Luddesdown Parish Council were asked whether we had any dementia friendly initiatives. Mandy Cason, Community Warden, holds a special meeting at Meopham Cafe and the Meopham Clerk will supply us all with details so that we can advertise it. Any other similar events would be welcome.

We were asked if we had a Resilience Plan. I did not think we had? Vigo had just added flooding to their emergency plans as they have residents who have had to leave their houses because of flooding in the recent heavy rains. 127mm of rain fell in one day. Sole Street has sandbags at hand. One gentleman was locked in his car when his electrics failed after he drove through floodwater at the bottom of Heron Hill. He telephoned relatives and was shoulder deep in water by the time help arrived.

I did not know if we had had any flooding issues that needed addressing?

There is a call for interesting stories from the parishes for the Kalc website. Any ideas?

4/10/19 is the deadline for motions that we might want to include in the Kalc AGM agenda.

Meopham have had legal holdups on their Judson (partly FA funded) project but it is still going ahead.

Vigo had 6 travellers' caravans on their village green recently. A wooden bollard opposite the pub had been loosened in preparation for their arrival (criminal damage) and it was seen on CCTV which helped to move them on quickly.

Cobham have entered the Britain in Bloom competition and have recently raised £1700 towards repairs on the Sole Street church rooms with an Open Gardens Day.

Q - Have LPC renewed Kalc membership? Are we doing anything for the 75th anniversary of VEDay on 8/5/20?

Next Kalc Gravesham meeting dates 9/9/19 9/12/19 and 9/3/20

12 MEETINGS REPORTS

72 None

13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

73 It was agreed that future meetings would revert to the 3rd Monday in September, October (Budget Meeting), November, January, March and May.

14 CONSULTATION

74 a Police
Some members had responded to the police consultation.

15 CORRESPONDENCE

75 a Sally Stanier

Former Cllr Mrs Stanier had sent a letter of thanks for the gift made by the Council to acknowledge her long years of service.

16 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

76 None received.

17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

77 a Village Sign

Cllr Clark had purchased a replacement oak post and will get this installed.

PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

No matters were raised.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

78 It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse and agreed to exclude the press and public from the following item as it concerned personnel matters.

19 PERSONNEL

79 a Resignation of Clerk

Cllr Clark reported that Mrs Baylis had resigned on her first day in post due to unexpected workload at another council that she worked for. The former Clerk Mrs Brammer had agreed to continue until a replacement had been found and initiated into the job.

80 b Appointment of Clerk

The former Clerk had been asked to approach Gravesham Parish Councils and introduced the Clerical Assistant to Meopham Parish Council Joanne Barker.

Members interviewed Mrs Barker and after consideration she was offered the position which she was pleased to accept. She would start 1st August 2019 as Assistant Clerk and takeover fully from Mrs Brammer on 1st November 2019.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 10.10 pm

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2019