

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT
THE VILLAGE HALL, LUDESDOWN AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Chris Mileson Cllr Paul Gillard Cllr Mrs Mandie Jones Cllr Mrs Sally Stanier	Chairman
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
In attendance	Cllr Bryan Sweetland Cllr Alex Moore	Kent County Council Gravesham Borough Council

Item	<i>Action point</i>
<i>Minute number 2013/14</i>	

1 APOLOGIES

66 An apology for absence due to illness was received from Cllr Nick Rogers, which was accepted by the Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

67 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2013

68 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stanier, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2013 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

69 No matters were raised.

The Chairman then suspended the meeting to allow the County and Borough Councillors to speak.

Cllr Moore said that it was fairly quiet at the Borough Council. They had been awarded £5 million to improve waste recycling and it was likely a decision would be taken to provide wheelie bins. Main waste would continue to be collected weekly. He reported that Fleet Leisure had gone into administration. With regard to the proposals for a crematorium at Chalk, the loss of farmland and traffic issues were major areas of consideration. There were suggestions of two 80m wind turbines on Shorne and Higham marshes.

Cllr Sweetland said it was also quiet at Kent County Council. The Government should be making an announcement about the Lower Thames Crossing in October. He had attended a briefing on the proposals for airports in the South East. The Commissioner was planning to make an announcement by the end of the year. He reminded the Parish Council of his ward member's grant. Money from central Government was being cut back again. The organisation would have to be slimmed down. They were trying to continue to provide services but in a different way and this would mean a total reconstructing of the County Council. Highways were investigating whether sections of the A227 could be reduced from 50mph to 40mph, especially between Istead Rise and Meopham. Schools had done well and more money was being received from central government to enable the primary schools to expand.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Sweetland and Moore and reconvened the meeting.

5 PLANNING**a Applications**

- 70 **i 20130764:** Bramble Hall Farm, Oakenden Road, Luddesdown: Change of use of farm to equestrian use and construction of a 20 x 60 metre outdoor riding area

After discussion it was agreed to respond as follows:

Luddesdown Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application, but asks that conditions are imposed that no commercial use is permitted and use is personal and restricted to the occupier of the property.

- 71 **ii 20130765:** Bramble Hall Farm, Oakenden Road, Luddesdown: Demolition of existing building and erection of stable block comprising six stables

Luddesdown Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application, but asks that conditions are imposed that no commercial use is permitted and use is personal and restricted to the occupier of the property.

72 Out of Time

The response to the out of time application as listed on appendix A was ratified.

73 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted

c Appeals and Other Matters

- 74 **i APP/H2265/A/13/2199486: TM/13/00017/REF:** Dode Church, Wrangling Lane, Great Buckland: Appeal against refusal to be heard by written representation

Appeal still in progress

- 75 **ii APP/H2265/C/13/2199492: TM/13/00018/ENFNOT:** Dode Church, Wrangling Lane, Great Buckland: Appeal against enforcement notice to be heard by written representation

Appeal still in progress

6 FINANCE**76 a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

77 b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting

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

78 c Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 469 – 470) as listed in Appendix B be approved, together with £543.02, Gravesham Borough Council (cheque 472).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

79 None.

8 RECREATION GROUND**80 a General Matters**

Cllr Mrs Stanier reported she had spoken to Martin Wates and two swings had been installed. The wood chips had been cleared of weeds.

81 b Bench

The bench had now been installed with plaque. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mr Wates.

82 c Trimming of Bushes

After discussion it was agreed to trim back near the corner of the football pitch and to leave the rest to the Borough Council.

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**83 a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Mrs Stanier reported that Kent County Council was installing steps and handrails where public footpaths were on banks.

84 b GBC Transport Panel

Nothing to report.

10 KALC – GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE

85 Nothing to report.

11 POLICE MATTERS

86 Cllr Mrs Stanier reported that the mobile police unit visited the Golden Lion car park.

12 MEETINGS REPORTS**87 a GBC Parish Council Chairmen**

Cllr Mileson said there was a meeting in October. He would ask for the issue of wheelie bins in rural areas to be put on the agenda.

13 BEATING THE BOUNDS

88 Cllr Mrs Jones said she would arrive at 1.30 pm to set up, before joining the walk.

14 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PUBLICATION SCHEME

89 The Clerk had prepared a draft scheme for discussion. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

15 CONSULTATION

90 a Lower Thames Crossing

Cllr Mileson said he had nothing further to report.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

91 None.

17 BUDGET MEETING

92 Cllr Mileson offered his home as the venue for the budget meeting, for which he was thanked.

18 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

93 None received.

19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

94 No matters were raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2013