

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr Noel Clark Chairman
 Cllr Matt Newnes From item 3
 Cllr Chris Mileson
 Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse Vice Chairman
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk
 Mrs Jo Barker Assistant Clerk

In attendance 2 members of the public

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2019/20/

1 APOLOGIES

81 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Stuart Barclay, who was on holiday, which was accepted by the Council. Apologies for absence were also received from - Cllrs Tony Rice and Bob Lane

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

82 None.

Cllr Matt Newnes arrived 7.33pm

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th July 2019

83 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse, seconded by Cllr Newnes and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2019 be signed as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

Item 3 Minute 2019/20/52 insert "be" between "2019" and "signed".

Item 4 b Minute 55 substitute "Mileson" for "Milson".

Item 6 d substitute "Mileson" for "Milson".

Item 6d Finance minute 2019/20/62 Insert "to" between "Stanley and give".

Item 9 a minute 2019/20/65 insert "footpath" between "in and clearance".

Item 9 d minute 2019/20/68 correct to 18th.

Item 10 70 delete "head of planning" and substitute "leader of the council". Insert "looking at" between "be" and "using".

Item 17 a “had purchased” and substitute “is going to purchase”.

4 **MATTERS ARISING**

84 a **C/07/19/4a minute 2019/20/54 Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Mrs Moorhouse reported that Helen Marchant was in contact with the Neighbourhood Watch Co Ordinator and she could be emailed on oaklandsfarm@hotmail.com

85 b **C/07/19/ PCSO’s Report**

Cllr Mileson reported that he had read that the government intended to run a trial of a prototype noise camera to measure decibels emitted by car and motorcycle exhausts. The level must be over 90db for the police to regard this as nuisance and take action. Cllr Newnes said he understood that the rural crime team had started a WhatsApp group.

86 c **C/7/19/17 minute 2019/20/77 Post for Village Sign**

Cllr Clark had organised for the replacement oak post to be delivered. This could be mid-October. Cllr Newnes offered to store it at his house for safety and would help install it.

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BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Rice’s written report is appended to these minutes (Appendix B)

5 **PLANNING**

85 a **Applications**

None.

86 b **Decisions**

None

87 c **Appeals and Other Matters**

None

88 d **Green Belt Review**

Nothing further had been reported.

6 FINANCE**89 a Bank Mandate**

Cllr Clark had now been added to the bank mandate. It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse and agreed Mrs Barker be added and Mrs Brammer be removed. The Clerk would contact the bank to put this into motion.

*RB***90 b Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix A were noted. There was one outstanding cheque, number 100127 for £180.87. Balance on community account amount needs to be changed, this was a clerical error as was the date. Amendments to be made and emailed out accordingly.

*JB***91 c Transactions Signed Since the Last Meeting**

The cheque signed since the last meeting as listed on appendix A was ratified. The Parish Council paid the Information Commissioner £35.00 on 4th June for our annual registration fee by direct debit. The Parish Council received a donation of £120 from Cobham Colts on 20th June.

92 d Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A be paid (cheques 100134 – 100138).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS**93 a Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed a grant of £30 be made for the annual poppy wreath (cheque 100139). The grant was made under Section 137 of the LGA 1972.

8 RECREATION GROUND

An email had been sent to Gravesham Borough Council after a member of the public had complained about the poor state of the playground area at July's Parish Meeting. An email was received from them confirming that an inspection is carried out weekly and that the bark pit was low. A visit was carried out to resolve this. Mrs Barker to forward email onto Cllrs. It was suggested that Cllr Barclay find out about clear up of recreational area. Luddesdown needs to find out about boundary area so this can be accessed for a clean-up.

*SB***9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT****95 a Public Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

96 b **GBC Transport Panel**

Cllr Mileson was not aware that any meeting had been held recently.

97 c **Lower Thames Crossing.**

Cllr Mileson reported on the meeting with employees of Highways England and the Council. Others present had been Borough Cllr Rice and representatives of Cobham and Cuxton Parish Councils. Cllr Mileson said that local roads were not taken into account when assessing the impact of the crossing on the local area. Cllr Rice was helping to co-ordinate with other parishes the formation of a strategy with the aim to keep traffic out of the lanes. Highways England hopefully should be able to help. Stephen Jones from KCC Highways had said that by December 2019 HGVs would have to register for a map of the roads that they are not allowed access on and use sat navs specifically for HGVs. Project update; there will be another consultation in the next few months. Traffic flow data for the route from Bush Road Cuxton and up Cobhambury Road will be taken into account in the traffic forecasts. Cllrs need to meet with Cllr Rice and discuss what they want to achieve in order to discourage traffic from using the lanes. It will be up to KCC to put any measures into place. Safety is another issue as lanes are extremely narrow. It was suggested that maybe Cobham, Cuxton, Meopham and Luddesdown should all be involved, possibly with the help of KALC. Cllr Mileson would contact Cllr Rice for the next step and would email everyone.

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98 d **Flytipping**

Cllr Newnes reported that he and others had been in touch with Gravesham Borough Council pushing for cameras to be placed on areas that are popular with fly tipping (hotspots). This is a possibility, however, the Borough Council is not so keen. Fly tipping gets tidied up as soon as possible by the council. Following up a number of incidents it has been hard to prosecute anyone as there is no photographic/video evidence. Bush Road is particularly bad. It had been suggested by a member of the public that cameras could be mounted on gates of properties. It was thought that footage from this would probably not be able to be used in a court.

99 e **Autumn Clean**

Cllr Newnes advised that this is still scheduled for Saturday 12th October 2019. The skip might have to be paid for this time. Cllr Newnes would arrange the skip and equipment and put up posters. He would contact the vineyard to ask permission to put the skip in the farmyard as usual. Alternatively it might be possible for it to be sited in the Golden Lion car park.

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100 f **Other Highways Issues**

No matter were raised.

10 GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN

101 A meeting would be held on Wednesday 18th September 2019. Cllrs Clark and Mrs Moorhouse were unable to attend, Cllr Mileson said he might be able to. Cllr Clark to email him with details.

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11 DEFIBRILLATOR

102 The Clerk had recently purchased two defibrillators for other parishes. She suggested that when it had been installed a training course should be given on how to use it. *JB*
 It was suggested that Colin Dickens might know of a qualified electrician to install once it had been ordered. The Assistant Clerk was pursuing various organisations for grants. Borough Cllrs Rice and Lane and County Cllr Bryan Sweetland could be approached for members' grants. Funding needed to be secured before ordering.

12 KALC/Gravesham Area Committee

103 Cllr Mrs Moorhouse reported on the recent KALC meeting she had attended. The Meopham Café, St John's Church Hall was open on Tuesdays 10-12 for Alzheimers and Dementia sufferers and their carers. Dementia Support Services attended every third Tuesday.

Emergency Planning; it was suggested that the councils should know who their vulnerable parishioners were so that in any emergency or extreme weather, they could organise door knocking to ensure people are all right.

Long term sickness of Clerks; KALC would be able to find a locum clerk but Parishes should check insurance cover for the cost *JB*
 of sickness pay and/or temporary Clerk costs. The Assistant Clerk to enquire.

On Saturday 26 October 2019 an Inaugural Transport Conference will take place in Faversham. On Saturday 30th November 2019 there is the KALC AGM Ditton meeting, deadline for any motions is 4th October 2019.

Cllr Newnes had described and showed photos of the parish's problems with fly tipping and the efforts being made by our residents and our Borough Councillors to get funding for CCTV cameras in problem spots from KCC. Cllr Newnes was asked to find a speaker on the subject for the next KALC meeting on 9th December 2019. *MN*

After recent flooding, Vigo stressed again that there is no regular drain clearance and that residents should report any blocked drains to the relevant authority.

13 MEETING WITH LUDESDOWN VINEYARD

104 A meeting has been organised for Thursday 3rd October at the Golden Lion at 12.15. The Chairmen, Clerks and Assistant Clerks of Luddesdown and Cuxton, together with Holly Dewale and Gary Smith of the Vineyard.

14 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**105 a KALC Councillors' Conference**

The Assistant Clerk would be attending the Clerk's Conference on 17th September and would report back at the November meeting. *JB*

106 b KALC Dynamic Councillor Course

The Clerk reported that Cllr Barclay would be attending the Dynamic Councillor course to be held on Saturday 28th September in Wainscott. The event was being hosted by Frindsbury Extra Parish Council and as their Clerk she had asked the Assistant Clerk to help her. This meant that Mrs Barker would get the training free.

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16 MAYORS WALK SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019

106 Neither the Clerk nor Assistant Clerk was available. Cllr Mileson, Cllr Clark and Cllr Moorhouse said they would be present. Cllr Mrs Moorhouse to organise refreshments.

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17 CONSULTATION

107 None

18 CORRESPONDENCE

108 a 5G

Cllr Clark had received an email from Judith Dutfield regarding 5G. He asked whether the Council should raise this with the Borough Council. He thought that Environmental Health might help and also Planning. It was agreed he would investigate.

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19 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

109 a Countryside Voice

Received.

20 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

110 a Communication with Residents

Cllr Mrs Moorhouse raised the issue of communicating with residents and various suggestions were made, including an additional newsletter each year. The item to be placed on the agenda for the November meeting.

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PUBLIC SESSION

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

No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.07 pm

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2019