

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
LUDESDOWN AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Noel Clark Chairman
 Cllr Chris Mileson
 Cllr Matt Newnes

 Mrs Jo Barker Clerk
 PCSO Jo Hartley

Item *Action point*

Minute number 2019/19/

1 APOLOGIES

119 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Anne Moorhouse who is unwell which was accepted by the Council. Apologies for absence were also received from Cllr Tony Rice who is on annual leave.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

120 Cllr Chris Mileson declared an interest in the planning matter.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th September 2019 and 21st October 2019

121 It was proposed by Cllr Chris Mileson, seconded by Cllr Noel Clark and agreed that the minutes of the meetings held on 16th September 2019 and 21st October 2019 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

122 a **None**

Meeting suspended for PCSO Hartley's Report

PCSO Hartley reported that there have been several incidents of burglary in Luddesdown this month (November). Several other incidents have happened in neighbouring villages Shorne and Higham. PCSO Hartley to email Police Report for 4th October 2019 – 9th November 2019.

Cllr Clark asked what could be done with cannabis waste that was found whilst the autumn clear up took place. Should it be something that the public should clear up? PCSO Hartley will find out information and email.

Cllr Clark asked PCSO Hartley who we can speak to about the cannabis issue. She will contact her Sergeant Carli Deacon to contact the parish council. She will email the Clerk with the details.

5 PLANNING**123 a Applications**

20191123 – Tranklyn, Wrangling Lane, Luddesdown, Gravesend Kent. Erection of a replacement dwelling and associated works.

124 b Decisions

Cllr Mileson abstained as he has a declaration of interest.

No formal objection but the Parish Council wish to express concern about the scale and architecture of the property and therefore request a detailed review of compliance of planning policies within the AONB. *JB*

The Clerk to inform Gravesham Borough Council of this decision.

125 c Appeals and Other Matters

None

6 FINANCE**126 a Bank Mandate**

Cllr Mileson was asked by Barclays to confirm his signature as bank claimed “it had changed over time”. Cllr Clark spoke to Barclays and they have sent out a new form and agreed that we can add other signatories. The Clerk to send form off to Barclays Mandate Centre. *JB*

127 b Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted. *JB*

128 c Transactions Signed Since the Last Meeting

Cheque number 100148 made payable to HMRC for £107.80 was raised, signed and sent off on 7th November 2019.

A cheque was received from Northfleet and Ebbsfleet Rotary Club for £50.00 which will be put towards the purchasing of the defibrillator.

129 d Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix B to be paid (cheques 100147 – 100154).

- 130 a KCC Members grant received from Bryan Sweetland in the amount of £1454.00 for the purchase of the Defibrillator (and cabinet).

8 RECREATION GROUND

- 131 a Cllr Stuart Barclay to report at next meeting. SB

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

132 a Public Rights of Way

Luddesdown and District Rights of Way Group met last month, no path clearance occurring at present. Gravesham Rights Of Way Committee met 17th October; a number of consultation streams related to Lower Thames Crossing are underway. The group is attempting to get funding to raise the parapet on Dear Leap Bridge (a bridleway across the M2) from Highways England, as well as to understand the full impact of the Lower Thames Crossing project on local rights of way and obtain mitigation where possible. There are several specialist meetings being run by Highways England about the project.

133 b GBC Transport Panel

Not met since last meeting.

134 c Lower Thames Crossing.

We will be continuing work with neighbouring parishes to mitigate the effects of traffic (see Other Highways Issues below).

135 d Flytipping

Nothing to report.

136 e Autumn Clean

Cllr Clark thanked Cllr Matt Newnes for his efforts in organising the Autumn Clean up.

137 f Other Highways Issues

Based upon the initiative by Cllr Rice of Cobham, the council wish to conduct their own survey of signage in Luddesdown before meeting with Cllr Rice again to progress the issues with KCC and Highways England. Cllr Mileson will lead the initiative, Cllr Newnes will photograph and report all signs in Henley Street and on Luddesdown Road towards Cuxton. Cllr Mileson will cover Buckland Road through to Wrangling Lane and Lockyers Hill. Cllr Clark will cover Luddesdown Road to Dene Road and Leywood Road to Old Cromorarty. Cllr Mileson to coordinate and draw a draft report together. CM

10 GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN

- 138 Cllr Clark was unable to attend the last meeting but the minutes are however available. There was a lot of concern over fly tipping and the Borough's response to it. The next meeting is this week (at which we will be discussing Fly Tipping, Cannabis waste and Country Eye funding).

11 DEFIBRILLATOR

139 The Clerk ordered the defibrillator from Welmedical on 18th November 2019. The delivery will be within the next 4-5 weeks. A quote for the defibrillator to be installed on the side of Luddesdown Village Hall needs to be obtained from a fully qualified electrician. Training on how to use the equipment needs to be organised. Cllr Clark to investigate. *NC*

12 KALC/Gravesham Area Committee

140 Nothing to report.

13 MEETING WITH LUDDESDOWN VINEYARD

141 On Thursday 3rd October at The Golden Lion, Holly Dewale and Gary Smith from the Vineyard met with The Chairmen, Clerks and Assistant Clerks of Luddesdown and Cuxton. It was an opportunity for everyone to meet Holly and Gary and hear how the Vineyard will have an impact on the surrounding areas.

14 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**142 a KALC Councillors' Conference**

The Assistant Clerk Jo Barker attended a Clerks conference on 17th September 2019. She reported back that the information provided was extremely useful and would very much like to attend other courses offered to her.

143 b KALC Dynamic Councillor Course

Cllr Barclay attended the Dynamic Councillor course held on Saturday 28th September in Wainscott. He will report back at the next meeting in January 2020. *SB*

The Assistant Clerk Jo Barker also attended this course and found it very helpful.

15 VILLAGE SIGN

144 Cllr Clark to brush and clean up sign and paint where necessary. Cllr Newness offered to help. Oak post has been delivered and needs several coats of paint. The old post needs taking out. The new post is planned to be installed Saturday 30th November (all welcome). *NC MN*

16 CONSULTATIONS

145 a Cllr Clark replied on behalf of the Parish Council as a matter of protocol; regarding the Consultation for the proposed changes to local NHS urgent care services in Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley. *NC*

17 CORRESPONDENCE

146 a None

18 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

147 **a** The Clerk to enquire what address the CPRE publication goes to.

JB

19 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION

148 **a** None

PUBLIC SESSION

There was no public session as there were no members of the public attending the meeting.

No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.35pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.30pm at Luddesdown Village Hall.

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2019