

Luddesdown Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Luddesdown Parish Council held on Monday 26 September 2022 at 7:30pm in Luddesdown Village Hall

Members Present: Cllr N Clark
Cllr A Moorhouse
Cllr C Mileson
Cllr M Newnes
Cllr J Rossouw

In Attendance: S Fishenden – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Item 1: Apologies for Absence: To receive and approve apologies

F.C. 52 There were no apologies for absence.

Item 2: Declarations of Members' Interests: To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for this meeting

F.C. 53 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 3: To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting: 25.07.22

F.C. 54 The minutes were approved subject to two amendments;
- Replace 'Harvel Road' with 'Lockyers Hill' in F.C. 41
- Replace 'Recreation Ground reserve' with 'general reserve' in F.C. 45

PROPOSED: Cllr Mileson. SECONDED: Cllr Moorhouse. All in favour.

Item 4: Public Session & Reports

4.1 Public Session

F.C. 55 There were no members of the public present.

4.2 Borough Councillors, County Councillor and PCSO Reports

F.C. 56 There were no reports received.

Item 5: Financial Matters

5.1 Schedule of Payments: To approve the payments awaiting authorisation in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.2

F.C. 57 The schedule of payments was approved. The schedule is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

PROPOSED: Cllr Newnes. SECONDED: Cllr Rossouw. All in favour.

5.2 Receipts & Payments Report: To receive the Receipts & Payments report as of 20.09.22

F.C. 58 The Receipts & Payments Report up to 20.09.22 was noted.

5.3 Bank Statement: To receive the bank statement as of 20.09.22

F.C. 59 The Bank Statement up to 20.09.22 was received.

Item 6: Planning

6.1 Planning Applications: To consider any applications received

F.C. 60 There were no applications to consider at the time of the meeting.

6.2 Planning Decisions: To note any decisions received

F.C. 61 There were no decisions received.

6.3 Planning Enforcements: To receive any enforcement updates

F.C. 62 GBC had confirmed they had arranged an appointment/site visit at Greenacres to take place on 27.09.22. They have advised a small-holding application may be coming in the future.

Item 7: Highways and Environment

7.1 Highways Improvement Plan: To receive an update on progress of the Highways Improvement Plan and signage

F.C. 63 Cllr Mileson advised KCC would not provide indicative costings without us submitting our Highways Improvement Plan. It was therefore noted he would begin to draft the HIP for consideration at our next meeting.

7.2 Autumn Clean: To consider making any arrangements required for the next Autumn Clean on 8 October 2022

F.C. 64 It was agreed to the skip would be ordered by Cllr Newnes. This will be located at the old farm barns and Cllr Rossouw offered to use his trailer to transport collected materials. The litter pick would commence at 9am on 8th October.

7.3 Recreation Ground Play Area: To receive an update on the installation of the additional play equipment and official opening ceremony

F.C. 65 The Mayor has been provisionally booked for the 15th October. The Luddesdown Society have offered to assist with refreshments.

Cllr Moorhouse will continue to liaise with GBC and the Luddesdown Society.

Item 8: Lower Thames Crossing: To receive an update on Lower Thames Crossing

F.C. 66 Cllr Clark provided an update on the meeting organised by Kent County Council to look at the wider impacts of Lower Thames Crossing. No data around mitigation has been provided by KCC.

Item 9: Clerk's Report: To receive a report from the Clerk

F.C. 67 - The new Kent Police District Commander for Gravesham is Chief Inspector; William Lay

- Meopham Parish have currently raised with GBC the low number of planning enforcement officers across the borough
- Meopham Windmill is due to undergo restoration works within the coming weeks which will last for up to a year.

Item 10: Parish Council Representatives on External Bodies: To receive reports from Councillors/the Clerk representing the Parish Council at KALC, Police Liaison, Rights-of-Way and any other relevant bodies

F.C. 68 A KALC Area Committee meeting is to be held on 12 October. There is no new date for the GBC Parish Chairs meeting.

F.C. 69 Cllr Newnes reported on his recent conversations with PCSO S Mummery. PCSO's were now expected to cover a large area, and this meant his current focus was on urban Gravesham. The number for the Rural Crime Team isn't currently working.

In light of this, it was agreed the Parish Council would approach landowner; Lafarge about access into their land/byways and asking them to implement protective measures.

F.C. 70 Cllr Clark reported on the Rights-of-Way group whom held their last social event last Saturday. They are continuing steadily although membership numbers are plateauing.

Item 11: Chairman's Announcements

F.C. 71 There were no Chairman's Announcements

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that due to the confidential nature of the next item, the public and press are asked to leave the meeting.

Item 12: Personnel: To agree the contract of employment for the Clerk

F.C. 72 It was agreed the draft contract prepared by Cllr Mileson was approved. He would send to the Clerk and Cllr Moorhouse to sign.

PROPOSED: Cllr Clark. SECONDED: Cllr Newnes. All in favour.

F.C. 73 The Clerk agreed to send the latest NALC Pay Scales and the section from his Meopham contract about CiLCA in terms of pay scales to Cllr Mileson.

The meeting closed at 8:57pm