

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18th January 2021 AT 7.33pm

PRESENT:	Cllr Noel Clark	Chairman
	Cllr Chris Mileson	
	Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Matt Newnes	
	Borough Cllr Tony Rice	
	Mrs Jo Barker	Clerk

Item

Minute number 2020/21

Action point

1 TO ACCEPT AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

163 None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

164 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd November 2020

165 It was agreed that the minutes from the meeting held on 23rd November 2020 will be signed as a true record at the next Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall. This was proposed by Cllr Chris Mileson and seconded by Cllr Noel Clark and all voted in favour. There was one amendment from Borough Councillor Tony Rice's report on page 22, paragraph 3. This should read "2021" not 202.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

166 None

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

PCSO Meader sent two reports through for November and December 2020. November 2020, there was one note of crime reported – 22.11.2020 Great Buckland fly tipping. Anti social behaviour updates, Wrangling Lane, nuisance vehicles. Patrols have been increased to deter nuisance vehicles. December 2020 there were no crimes to report. One item of anti social behaviour Buckland byway gate, locks continue to be broken off the gate. These get replaced when noticed. Byways are being patrolled when 4x4 available. Items of good work, 2 reports of fly tipping reported to Local Authority and collected, further multi agency work to deter nuisance vehicles.

Cllr Matt Newnes asked if the Clerk would contact PCSO Meader to speak to him about the padlocks on the gates being broken on a regular basis. Is there anything Luddesdown Parish Council can do to help with this situation.

Cllrs agreed that they had noted more police presence in the village.

Report from Borough Cllr Tony Rice:

Cllr Rice reported that he has asked GBC officers for an update on the number of responses to the Local Plan Regulation 18 Stage 2 Consultation. They are unable to provide any further info at this stage, pending their analysis.

He informed Cllrs that GBCs evaluation of an opportunity to invest in the development of a Travelodge Hotel on the Greenwich Peninsula has concluded with a decision not to proceed.

Tony mentioned that the new GBC Local Authority Trading Company, Rosherville, is now underway. A vehicle maintenance subsidiary has been set up, offering retail car servicing to the public. It is currently trialling the offer with GBC employees.

He spoke about the recent Planning Committee decision to approve a new industrial site at the old Nurlalite site in Higham/Shorne. It will result in an additional 500 jobs and the remediation of the asbestos contamination. However, the conservation area village of Lower Higham will be inundated with HGV traffic movements as a result. The local roads in that area are similar in rural characteristics to those in Luddesdown.

Tony stated that he has OBJECTED to the telecoms mast planning application on Batts Road.

Regarding the Luddesdown GBC owned play site, Tony took an action to speak with GBC officers to find out what a typical financial model looks like for play sites from the ground up. This may assist with local fundraising and then possible part funding towards its refurbishment, which is currently seen as very low priority within GBC.

Cllr Newnes enquired about the play equipment in Luddesdown. Cllr Rice explained that unfortunately no progress has been made to date. Stuart Alford has said that it's on his agenda and it hasn't been forgotten about. Signs have been put on the play equipment to say do not use. Cllr Newnes wanted to know if Luddesdown could help with fundraising towards groundwork for the play area. LPC would need to find out what play surface area would be suitable/appropriate. Cllr Rice to find out this information from Stuart Alford. Cllr Clark would like to see the plans for upgrading the play equipment, what is proposed and who is the supplier. Cllr Anne Moorhouse said that she would enquire about the play equipment in Vigo's play area.

Visitors to Luddesdown have been parking on the village green opposite the village hall. Where the cars have been parked the edges are now very muddy and at some point someone has driven over the green causing tyre marks. Cllr Rice suggested emailing Matthew Scott, Kent Police to see if Enforcements can help. It was suggested that large logs could be placed around the green to deter people from parking there. Another suggestion was to place No Parking Signs around the area, Cllr Newnes to look into signage for the village green. LPC are aware that the village green is public land.

Cllr Newnes wanted to know who we contact to have an additional dog waste bin installed in the village. Currently there is one in the recreation field and no others in the area of the Golden Lion up to the Village Hall. Cllr Rice will take action to find out the process to install a new dog waste bin to be maintained by GBC.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rice for his report.

08.31pm Cllr Rice left the meeting.

Item No	Item	Action
5	PLANNING	
167 a	20201080 – Barn At Oaklands, Leywood Road, Luddesdown Gravesend Kent DA13 0UD	
	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate in respect of the proposed conversion and change of use of an agricultural building to a class C1 guest house under Class R of the permitted development rights.	

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	20201121 – Telecommunications Cabinet, Batts Road, Cobham, Gravesend Kent DA13 0XE	
	Proposed telecommunications installation comprising proposed 20m High Swann 703UP lattice on new 3.3 x 3.3 x 1.0m deep concrete base and associated works. Please refer to drawings.	
168 b	Decisions	
	20201080 - Luddesdown Parish Council decided not to comment as Gravesham Borough Council were only asking for a technical ruling by the officer and it is in Meopham just over Luddesdown's border.	
	20201122 – Object on grounds of being in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.	
6	FINANCE	
170 a	Bank Mandate	
	Cllr Newnes has signed the paperwork and has sent this off to Barclays. LPC are awaiting confirmation.	
171 b	Bank Balances	
	The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.	
172 c	Payments Made Since the Last Meeting	
	Payments made from the Finance Report Appendix B were proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Moorhouse for the meeting to accept, all voted in favour.	<i>JB</i>
173 d	Accounts for Payment	
	None.	
7	GRANT APPLICATIONS	
174	Cllrs Clark and Newnes with the support of our Borough Councillor Tony Rice have applied for another community grant from our County Councillor Bryan Sweetland for £1,755. LPC are still awaiting confirmation of the application made for the funding of enforcement cameras. As LPC underspent on the previous project (defibrillator) KCC are proposing to reduce the payment on this grant by £204. Those wishing to look after and maintain the cameras will need training. The owners of the Vineyard may be able to help with fund raising of the cameras/training.	<i>NC MN</i>
8	RECREATION GROUND	
175	Please see Borough Councillor Tony Rice's report on page 27.	
9	HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT	
176 a	Public Rights of Way	
	Nothing to report.	
177 b	GBC Transport Panel	
	Nothing to report.	

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178 c	Lower Thames Crossing Nothing to report.	
179 d	Fly tipping Fly tipping is continuing, it is still being reported and being cleared away in a satisfactory time frame.	
180 e	Signage Cllr Mileson is working his way through reporting the faults on KCC's portal. He is concerned about the amount of faults that are on there already. Cllr Mileson is going to send the list of faults already reported to Tom Williams to follow up. Some of the signs around Luddesdown just need cleaning, Cllrs suggested that this could be done at the Spring Clean in April (if this can take place due to Covid restrictions) by volunteers. The rest of the work will need to be carried out by KCC Highways.	CM
181 f	Litter Picking A date for the Spring Clean will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 15 th March 2021. By this date we should know what the new restrictions will be from the Government regarding Covid 19.	
182 g	Other Highways Issues or Transport Matters Nothing to report.	
10	GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN	
183	Cllr Clark will attend the Parish Chairs meeting which will be held on Wednesday 20 th January 2021. Cllr Clark will report on this at the next Parish Council meeting.	NC
11	KALC/GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE	
184	Cllr Moorhouse enquired if there are any meetings planned. At the moment anything to be discussed will be taken to the Parish Chair meetings.	AM
12	REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA	
185	Nothing to report.	
13	CONSULTATIONS	
186	Cllr Clark compiled and sent a letter regarding the Local Plan Core Regulations 18 consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllrs were happy with the letter that Cllr Clark wrote and thanked him for responding.	NC
14	CORRESPONDENCE	
187	None	
15	REPORTS AND CIRCULARS	
188	None received.	

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16	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION	
16	Cllr Newnes has made at least five deliveries of road salt around the village and said that he is happy to deliver more should anyone need some. The remaining bags will be stored in his barn at his property.	

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2021

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