

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th July 2020 AT 7.30 pm

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

Item		<i>Action point</i>
	<i>Minute number 2020/21</i>	
1	APOLOGIES	
58	An apology for absence was received from Cllr Matt Newnes	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
59	Cllr Tony Rice declared an interest as he is a Cllr with Cobham Parish Council, Cllr Chris Mileson declared an interest with Dode Church, Wrangling Lane.	
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st June 2020	
60	It was agreed that the minutes from the meeting held on 1 st June 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 Anne Moorhouse and all voted in favour.	
4	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN	
61	It was proposed by Cllr Mileson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse and agreed that Cllr Clark be Chairman for the year.	
5	CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE	
62	Cllr Clark signed his declaration of acceptance of office before the Proper Officer of the Council.	
6	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN	
63	a It was proposed by Cllr Mileson and seconded by Cllr Clark and agreed that Cllr Mrs Moorhouse be Vice Chairman for the year.	
	b Cllr Mrs Moorhouse signed her declaration of acceptance of office before the Proper Officer of the Council.	
7	APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES	
64	a Environmental Cllr Mileson & Cllr Clark	
	b Public Rights Of Way Cllr Clark	

- c **Recreation Ground**
Cllr Newnes
- d **GBC Transport Panel**
Cllr Mileson
- e **KALC Gravesham Area Committee**
Cllr Mrs Moorhouse & Cllr Newnes
- f **Police Liaison**
Cllr Newnes

8 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

- 65** Cllr Clark received a letter from The Chairman for Cobham Parish Council regarding the Cobham Traffic Survey.

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

PCSO Hartley sent a report through for May & June 2020, there was only one crime to report, damage to a window in Luddesdown Road. Anti-social behaviour in May in Cutter Ridge Road, nuisance vehicles. Increased visibility to deter incidents, working with neighbouring ward PCSO's and Rural Partnership PCSO to patrol byways and lanes.

Items of good work in May, co-ordinated police operation weekend of 16th and 17th May involving officers from the Community Safety Unit, Special Constabulary and the Rural Liaison Team. Officers were deployed in both unmarked and marked vehicles and also included a Police drone operator. The operation resulted in seven riders being served notices under the Police Reform Act for ASB, two vehicles being seized and one rider being arrested.

Items of good work in June included weekend of 20th and 21st June 2020 Community Safety Unit ran an Operation to deal with nuisance vehicles. X1 s59 warning issued. Increased visibility. Speed gun used, no offences.

Borough Cllr Tony Rice

Cllr Tony Rice has lobbied GBC to accelerate the refurbishment and improvement of the play site in the Luddesdown recreation ground. This is currently planned for 4 or 5 years' time, however Tony pointed out that as the site is rated the lowest quality in the borough, it should be higher in the pecking order. GBC are looking into the possibilities and will report back. Noel Clark is going to follow up to GBC with more details on usage and its importance to the parish

Cllr Rice reported that there is a new planning application for a Travellers site in White Post lane near Sole Street. This follows a similar application in Heron Hill which was refused by GBC, but allowed on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. Tony is objecting to this application because it is inappropriate development on the Green Belt and there is an existing injunction against using the land as a Traveller site.

Regarding activities centrally within GBC, Tony stated that GBC were considering a very large investment on the Greenwich Peninsular and the building of a new 300 room Travelodge Hotel. This is an investment purely for financial yield. Due to the current economic uncertainties and risks associated with this deal, together with the fact that there is no social purpose for the people of Gravesham, Tony said that he will not support it unless due diligence demonstrates that the risk is low for the anticipated financial returns.

Regarding the LTC, Tony said that he had contacted KCC Highways for an update on the LTC wider area traffic model, which few people believe to be robust. KCC has commissioned a consultant to evaluate the LTC model and when the report is available it will be shared and discussed. If it demonstrates that there are flaws in the model which expose our local area to unacceptable traffic, then this information will be useful in challenging LTC when it applies for planning permission.

Cllr Rice reported on the findings of the Cobham Parish survey for the options to solve local traffic problems. There was overwhelming support for the need for a remedy, however not for any single option. Cobham Parish Council will now be compiling all ideas into a local Highways Improvement Plan, which will be taken into KCC for discussion.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rice for his report.

9 PLANNING

66 a Applications:

20200358 – Swanswood Farm, Harvel Road, Meopham, Gravesend Kent Revised Plans, Demolition of timber and brick built outhouse and adjoining wooden shed. Erection of a fully insulated utility room in the same area as the original and addition of green Oak framed sun room/conservatory.

20200359 – Swanswood Farm, Harvel Road, Meopham, Gravesend Kent Application For Listed Building Consent for Demolition of timber and brick built outhouse and adjoining wooden shed. Erection of a fully insulated utility room in the same area as the original and addition of green Oak framed sun room/conservatory

20200652 – Dode Church, Wrangling Lane, Luddesdown, Kent DA13 0SF Construction of a circular semi-submerged enclosed columbarium within the grounds of Dode Church

67 b Decisions

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20200358 – No Objection subject to Planning Policies, Conservation and Listed Building Control.

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TM2001318 – Object due to inappropriate development in the Green Belt

Comments from LPC will be sent to Gravesham Borough Council by The Clerk Jo Barker for applications 20200358 & 20200359.

Comments from LPC will be sent to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council by The Clerk Jo Barker for application TM2001318

68 c Appeals and Other Matters

None

FINANCE

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a Bank Mandate

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Due to the current situation all payments will continue where possible to be made via bank transfer by The Clerk.

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70 b Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

71 c Payments Made Since the Last Meeting

Payments made from the Finance Report Appendix B were proposed by Cllr Noel Clark and seconded by Cllr Mileson for the meeting to accept.

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72	d	Accounts for Payment	<i>JB</i>
		There were no accounts for payment. Payments that had been made by the Clerk by bank transfer were agreed by Councillors via email.	
11		GRANT APPLICATIONS	
73		None	
12		RECREATION GROUND	
74		To report at next meeting.	<i>MN</i>
13		HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT	
75	a	Public Rights of Way	<i>NC</i>
		Cllr Clark reported that the Luddesdown and District Rights Of Way Group will hopefully hold a meeting next month depending on the situation with Covid 19.	
76	b	GBC Transport Panel	
		Nothing to report since the last meeting.	
77	c	Lower Thames Crossing.	<i>NC/ CM</i>
		Consultation packs have been posted to those that requested packs. The Consultation runs from 14 th July 2020 to 12 th August 2020. It was agreed that Luddesdown Parish Council respond as a Council and that Cllrs Mileson and Clark will draft a response.	
78	d	Fly tipping	<i>AM NC CM MN</i>
		Fly tipping is still a continuing problem however, the WhatsApp group seems to be a good source of information as there are photos that can be sent to Gravesham Borough Council.	
79	e	Signage	<i>CM NC MN</i>
		Cllr Mileson apologised as he had hoped that the reports would have been ready by now. Cllr Mileson to compile a list of signage that needs repair or renewing to be put on the KCC Portal. The Clerk offered to put this information on the Portal.	
80	f	Litter Picking	<i>JB</i>
		The Clerk provided Cllrs with costings for litter picking equipment. The Clerk was instructed to purchase 6 x litter pickers, 3 x hoops, 10 x hi vis vests and 10 x gloves for volunteers within the Parish and have them delivered to Cllr Clarks home address.	
81	g	Other Highways Issues or Transport Matters	<i>NC CM MN AM</i>
		None	
14		GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN	
		The briefing note from this meeting was circulated by email 1/7/2020. It was felt the quality of replies received had declined in the absence of a face to face meeting.	<i>NC</i>

15 KALC/GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE

82 Nothing to report as meetings have been unable to take place due to Covid 19. *AM*

16 CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

83 The Chairman's letter will be discussed at a meeting later in the year. *NC*

17 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

84 Cllr Clark reported that the Chairman for PROWG had passed away suddenly and Jerry Minister has now been appointed as Chairman. Socially distanced walks have been able to go ahead by splitting groups into "5+1"s. *JB*

18 VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

85 The Parish Council still have a vacancy for a Councillor. Cllr Clark suggested that this should be advertised on the website. The Clerk to update website. *NC/ JB*

19 CONSULTATIONS

86 Lower Thames Crossing consultations runs from 14th July 2020 to 12th August 2020.
KCC Budget amendment runs until 9th August *NC*
Kent Downs AONB Draft Management Plan 2020-2025 runs until 7th September

20 CORRESPONDENCE

87 Renewal fee for LPC use of domain name luddesdown-pc.gov.uk payable to HCI Data Ltd is due for payment by 3.10.2020. CPRE subscription is due for renewal at the end of August 2020. The Clerk was instructed to renew both of these items. *JB*

21 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

88 None *JB*

22 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

89 The Clerk has been working with Hugo Fox to ensure that the Parish website is compliant with the new Accessibility Regulations by September 2020. The Clerk also suggested that the Parish Council have their own Facebook page, this will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2020