

LUDESDown PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LUDESDown AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Chris Mileson Chairman
 Cllr Noel Clark
 Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse
 Cllr Mrs Kate Rogers
 Cllr Mrs Sally Stanier

 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2015/16/

1 APOLOGIES

83 All present. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bryan Sweetland, Kent County Council and Samir Jassal, Gravesham Borough Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

84 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY 2015

85 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stanier and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2015 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

86 a **C/09/15/4a minute 2015/16/56: Green Belt Review**

Cllr Mileson said that James Ferrin had said that a letter had been sent by Shorne Parish Council but there had been no response. Mr Ferrin was now waiting to hear from the Leader concerning the Borough Council's intentions.

5 PLANNING

a Applications

87 i **20150696:** Old Post Office, Henley Street: Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey side extension to form enlarged living area

No objection.

88 b **Decisions**

None notified.

89 c **Appeals and Other Matters**

None.

6 **FINANCE**

90 a **Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

91 b **Cheques signed since last meeting**

The cheques signed since last meeting were ratified.

92 c **Subscription**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stanier, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse and agreed to renew the subscription to Campaign for Protection of Rural England, £36 (cheque 546).

93 d **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mileson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 544 – 545) as listed in Appendix B be approved.

94 e **External Audit 2014/15**

It was noted that the external audit for the year to 31st March 2015 had been successfully concluded.

95 f **Budget Meeting**

It was agreed the Budget meeting of the Council be held on Monday 19th October at Winnat's Farm, Great Buckland, at 8 pm.

7 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

96 a **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stanier, seconded by Cllr Mrs Rogers and agreed a grant of £30 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 547).

8 **REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

97 Cllr Mileson proposed that the Council continue with the NALC model and discuss amendments suitable for the Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Stanier and agreed by 4 votes in favour and 1 against. Cllr Mileson proceeded to go through the model and amendments were made. He then proposed the amended standing orders be adopted. This was second by Cllr Mrs Rogers and carried by 4 votes in favour, none against and 1 abstention.

9 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

98 Figures specific to the Council were inserted and it was proposed by Cllr Mileson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse and agreed the Financial Regulations as amended be adopted.

10 WEBSITE

99 It was agreed to leave the item on the agenda.

11 BEATING THE BOUNDS

100 The event would be held on Saturday 3rd October and the Council had been asked to provide refreshments as usual. The hall had been booked and It was agreed to ask for it to be opened at 3 pm. Cllr Mrs Moorhouse and the Clerk would organise the refreshments. Cllr Mrs Stanier apologised that she would not be able to attend as the day was a week earlier than usual and she had made other arrangements.

12 RECREATION GROUND

101 Cllr Mrs Stanier reported that Cobham Colts had been trimming round the edges and that branches had been left at the side. She would contact Gravesham Borough Council.

13 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**102 a Public Rights of Way**

Cllr Mrs Stanier reported that kissing gates had been installed at the organic farm to replace the stiles.

103 b Winter Salt/Grit

The Clerk reported that 25kg bags of salt and grit would be delivered to the hall car park. The salt bins would be filled by KCC as usual. It was reported that the bin at the triangle by Cutteridge Road and Buckland Road was missing and needed replacing.

104 c GBC Transport Panel

Cllr Mileson had not been able to attend the meeting.

105 d Henley Street

Cllrs Mileson and Mrs Moorhouse would remind Cllr Sweetland about the condition of the road outside Berkeley, Henley Street.

14 GRAVESHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING FOR PARISH CHAIRMEN

106 Cllr Mileson said the next meeting was on 23rd September. He had asked for the issue of rubbish bags to be placed on the agenda.

16 REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

107 a KALC Gravesham Area Committee

Cllr Mrs Moorhouse had attended the last meeting. The Meopham representative said he thought the “call for sites” should consider brownfield sites first. Vigo had flytipping problems. Higham was concerned about lorry movements from the waste site – there were more traffic movements and they were during anti-social hours. It had been hoped the decision on the Lower Thames Crossing would be taken once the removal of the Dartford Crossing tolls had been completed. Lorry parking at Wrotham and on the A2 due to Operation Stack had been mentioned.

17 POLICE MATTERS

108 Nothing to report.

18 CONSULTATION

109 No documents received.

19 CORRESPONDENCE

110 a Funding for All

Nigel Turley of Funding for All had sent an email about a new project being developed in conjunction with Action with Communities in Rural Kent. It was agreed to put the item on the agenda for the November meeting.

20 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

111 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

112 a Former Councillors

Presentations for former councillors Mrs Mandie Jones and Paul Gillard were discussed. The item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

113 b London Paramount

Cllr Clark referred to the London Paramount project and asked if there would be any mitigation if the project folded.

The Chairman thanked councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30 pm

Signed Chairman

On the day of 2015