

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LUDESDOWN AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Chris Mileson Chairman
 Cllr Paul Gillard
 Cllr Mrs Mandie Jones

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Cllr Bryan Sweetland Kent County Council
 3 members of the public

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2013/14

1 APOLOGIES

100 Apologies for absence due to illness were received from Cllrs Nick Rogers and Mrs Sally Stanier, which were accepted by the Council. An apology for absence was also received from Cllr Alex Moore, Gravesham Borough Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

101 Cllr Gillard declared a pecuniary interest in item 7a(i), planning application for The Barn, Yew Trees, Oakenden Lane, Meopham as the applicant.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2013

102 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2013 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

103 No matters were raised.

5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2013

104 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2013 be signed as a true record.

6 MATTERS ARISING**105 a C/10/13/5a/minute 2013/14/99: May Fair**

It was reported that the new farmer had given permission for the farmyard to be used for parking as usual.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the County Councillor's report and for the public session.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Sweetland said that clearing up after the storms was being done on the roads. The Council had put a

further £500,000 into the “find and fix” programme. They had had to make savings of £90m in the budget, on which there would be consultation. Half the budget went on education; the rest was controllable. There would be a change in grants for the following year, with just one grant. He would try to keep his highways allocation and the £5,000 for the Neighbourhood Forum, which would be match-funded by Gravesham Borough Council. Certain street lights would be switched off from midnight to 5 am. A member of the Luddesdown Rights of Way Group asked if it was correct that the rights of way budget had been cut by half and Cllr Sweetland said he wouldn't be surprised. Cllr Mileson asked if there was any update on the Lower Thames Crossing. Cllr Sweetland replied that option B had been discarded because of the proposed Paramount theme park at Swanscombe. It was thought there might be an announcement during the summer but this might be delayed because of the General Election to be held in 2015.

PUBLIC SESSION

The Luddesdown Rights of Way group reported they had heard that funding for footpath clearing was being cut by 50%. They then reported on the state of local paths. There was a discussion about fly tipping. The Group was financially robust. They were planning a free event in September. The Social sub-committee were looking for a speaker for two of the four annual meetings. They had 60 paid up members but needed more to walk. They wished Cllr Mrs Stanier a speedy recovery.

A resident of Henley Street raised the matter of the broken post box. She was informed that Royal Mail was going to replace it but the timescale was unknown. She also reported that bushes were still lying in the passing spaces and needed removing.

7 PLANNING

a Applications

- 106 i **20131169:** The Barn, Yew Trees, Oakenden Road, Meopham: Single storey side extension and a front porch for disabled access

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Cllr Gillard left the room.

The meeting then became inquorate, but the Clerk was asked to respond no objection.

Cllr Gillard returned to the meeting.

107 b Decisions

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were noted

c Appeals and Other Matters

- 108 i **APP/H2265/A/13/2199486: TM/13/00017/REF:** Dode Church, Wrangling Lane, Great Buckland: Appeal against refusal to be heard by written representation

Appeal still in progress

- 109 ii **APP/H2265/C/13/2199492: TM/13/00018/ENFNOT:** Dode Church, Wrangling Lane, Great Buckland: Appeal against enforcement notice to be heard by written representation

Appeal still in progress

110 iii Local Plan Consultation

Cllr Mileson said that in responding to the consultation on the Local Plan, he had

opposed the green belt proposals.

8 FINANCE

111 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

112 **b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting**

The cheques signed since the last meeting as listed on appendix B were ratified.

113 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 479 – 480) as listed in Appendix B be approved.

114 **d Budget 2014/15**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed the draft budget for 2014/15 be adopted.

115 **e Precept 2014/15**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jones, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed the precept for the year 2014/15 be £5,300.

9 GRANT APPLICATIONS

116 **a Victim Support**

It was proposed by Cllr Mileson, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed a grant of £60 be made under S 137 of the LGA 1972 (cheque 481).

10 RECREATION GROUND

117 In Cllr Mrs Stanier's absence, there was no report.

11 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

118 **a Public Rights of Way**

There was nothing further to report.

119 **b GBC Transport Panel**

Nothing to report.

12 KALC – GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE

120 Nothing to report.

13 POLICE MATTERS

121 Nothing to report.

14 MEETINGS REPORTS

122 a GBC Parish Council Chairmen

Cllr Mileson reported on the meeting held in October. The matter of a lower Thames crossing had been discussed. The proposed cemetery and crematorium in Chalk was going ahead, but the land would remain in the green belt. Wheelie bins would not be forced on residents. Recycling bins would be collected fortnightly but bins for food waste weekly. The next meeting was on 29th January, but he would not be able to attend. Cllr Mrs Jones said she would go in his place.

15 HERITAGE LOTTERY GRANTS FOR CENTENARY OF FIRST WORLD WAR

123 Noted.

16 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PUBLICATION SCHEME

124 Deferred to a later meeting where more members were in attendance.

17 CONSULTATION

125 No documents received.

18 CORRESPONDENCE

126 None.

19 DATES OF MEETINGS 2014/15

127 The dates of meetings for 2014/15 were confirmed as follows:

- Monday 19th May 2014 – Annual Parish Council meeting
- Monday 21st July
- Monday 15th September
- Monday 20th October – Budget meeting
- Monday 17th November
- Monday 19th January 2015
- Monday 16th March – Annual Parish Meeting

20 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked councillors and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.23 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2014