

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LUDESDOWN
AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT:	Cllr Chris Mileson	Chairman
	Cllr Paul Gillard	
	Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse	
	Cllr Mrs Sally Stanier	
	Mrs Roxana Brammer	Clerk
	Cllr Alex Moore	Gravesham Borough Council
	Cllr Bryan Sweetland	Kent County Council

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2014/15/

1 APOLOGIES

75 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Mrs Mandie Jones, on holiday. This apology was accepted.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

76 None.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2014

77 It was proposed by Cllr Mileson, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2014 be signed as a true record, with the following amendment:

C/07/14/21a minute 2014/15/74: Village Sign. Minute to read: Cllr Mileson reported that a temporary property notice had apparently fallen off the village sign and the Council would be looking to put a more substantial replacement on the village sign.

4 MATTERS ARISING

78 No matters were raised.

5 CASUAL VACANCY AND CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

79 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stanier, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed Mrs Anne Moorhouse be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy. Mrs Moorhouse signed her declaration of acceptance of office.

SUSPENSION OF MEETING FOR COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the County and Borough Councillors to give their reports.

Cllr Moore said there was little to update. There was no news on the Lower Thames Crossing. A local group, Urban Gravesham, had asked for a judicial review on the planning decision for the Heritage Quarter. He mentioned the Community Action Grant. Each Gravesham councillor was allocated £1,500.

Cllr Sweetland said that his highways grant might help with smaller items and he would ask the local highways inspector to look at the roads. He mentioned the KCC and GBC Joint Transportation Board and said that KALC had asked that parish councillors be given voting rights. KCC was having to do things differently to save money. KCC wardens were under review and their numbers would be cut. Libraries would be put into a charitable trust status, which would save business rates. Adult Education was being reviewed, this could be put into a company wholly owned by KCC. The contact centre could be made a separate entity. There was a large legal department that could take on a private sector partner. If parish councillors were interested, he could arrange a visit to the recycling centre and to the waste incinerator at Allington.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Moore and Sweetland and reconvened the meeting.

6 PLANNING

80 a Applications

None received.

81 b Decisions

The decision as listed on Appendix A was received.

c Appeals and Other Matters

82 i Paramount Theme Park

The Clerk had visited the exhibition. Almost all the site was in Dartford Borough but there would be an impact on local roads, especially the A2. It was anticipated there would be 15,000 staff and they hoped to open in 2019.

83 ii DCLG – Consultation on setting up the proposed Ebbsfleet Development Corporation

The consultation was noted.

7 FINANCE

84 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.

85 b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting

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

86 c Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stanier, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 506 – 507) as listed in Appendix B be approved.

87 **d Conclusion of Audit 2013/14**

The audit for 2013/14 had been concluded and the relevant notice put up on the notice board.

88 **e Budget Meeting**

The Chairman kindly offered his home as the venue for the budget meeting to be held on 20th October.

8 GRANT APPLICATIONS

89 **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

It was proposed by Cllr Mileson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stanier and agreed a grant of £30 be made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal under S 137 of the LGA 1972.

9 RECREATION GROUND

90 Cllr Mrs Stanier reported that the ground was in quite good order. She noted that Cobham Colts had been using the pitch.

10 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

a Public Rights of Way

91 Representative's Report. Cllr Mrs Stanier had nothing to report.

92 **b GBC Transport Panel**

Cllr Mileson said he had not attended the last meeting as there had been nothing on the agenda of relevance to the parish.

11 KALC/GAC

93 The minutes of the last meeting, which had been attended by Cllr Gillard, had been circulated.

12 GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN

94 Cllr Mileson said the next meeting was at the beginning of October.

13 REPORTS OF OTHER MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS

95 No other meetings had been attended.

14 POLICE MATTERS

96 Nothing to report.

15 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT PUBLICATION SCHEME

97 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Stanier, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed the

Freedom of Information Publication Scheme be adopted.

16 MAYOR'S WALK

98 The Mayor's annual Beating the Bounds walk would take place on 11th October. The Clerk would ask for the hall to be opened at 2.30 pm. Arrangements were made for councillors to bring various refreshments.

17 CONSULTATION

99 No documents received.

18 CORRESPONDENCE

100 None

19 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

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

20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

102 No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

SignedChairman

On theday of2014