

**LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 JULY 2013 AT THE  
VILLAGE HALL, LUDESDOWN AT 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Chris Mileson Chairman  
Cllr Paul Gillard  
Cllr Mrs Mandie Jones  
Cllr Mrs Sally Stanier

Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

In attendance Cllr Bryan Sweetland Kent County Council  
Cllr Alex Moore Gravesham Borough Council  
PCSO Claire Croucher

**Item** *Action point*  
*Minute number 2013/14*

**1 APOLOGIES**

41 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Nick Rogers, which was accepted by the council.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

42 None.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2013**

43 It was proposed by Cllr Gillard, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stanier and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2013 be signed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

44 **a C/05/13/ 9a minute 2013/14/14: Clerk to the Council**

Cllr Mileson confirmed that he had written a letter of appreciation to Mrs Beresford.

As PCSO Claire Croucher was present, it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda.

**11 POLICE MATTERS**

45 The Chairman suspended the meeting to enable PCSO Croucher to speak.

PCSO Croucher introduced herself and said that the beat officer was PC Vicky Costello, who apologised for not being able to attend. At present she had nothing to report. Cllr Mileson raised the issue of flytipping, in particular old tyres on the bridle path in Wrangling Lane, past the church. PCSO Croucher said she would inform the West Kent Area. Cllr Mileson asked about metal thefts. PCSO Croucher replied that incidents of metal theft had lessened, but there was quite a lot of cable theft.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Croucher and reconvened the meeting.

The Chairman then suspended the meeting to allow the County and Borough Councillors to speak.

Cllr Sweetland said the County Council had been reviewing the budget. So far savings of £300m had been made. A further £100m would have to be saved next year. They were moving to a commissioning system and setting up trading operations. Currently the legal team was under consideration. The plans would be announced at a full council meeting the following Thursday. Children's Centres were being reduced from 97 to 75. Those centres closing would include Painter's Ash and Meopham. The Freedom pass may be changed to a discount pass. KCC had agreed a response to proposals for an airport in the Thames Estuary. There could be a high speed link between Heathrow and Gatwick. The County Council's preference for another Thames crossing was option 3, east of Gravesend, although all Gravesham parishes were opposed to this and were in favour of increased capacity at Dartford.

Cllr Moore said that the Government would state their preferred option for a lower Thames crossing in the autumn. The actual routes were theoretical. His suggestion would be to remove the tolls at Dartford and monitor the crossing. If this proved there actually was a need, then he felt the new crossing should be at Dartford. He said that Gravesham was running out of cemetery space and that plans were coming forward for a 26 acre site in Chalk, to encompass a crematorium, cemetery and woodland burial ground. The Woodville Halls were putting on theatre and other performances. He had sent the community fund form to Cllr Mrs Jones, who had passed it on to Cllr Mileson.

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

## 5 PLANNING

### 46 a Applications

The response to the out of time application as listed on Appendix A was ratified.

### 47 b Decisions

None

### c Appeals and Other Matters

#### 48 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

It was agreed the original response, which would be part of the written submissions, be reviewed, in case there was anything to add.

#### 49 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

It was agreed the original response, which would be part of the written submissions, be reviewed, in case there was anything to add.

## 6 FINANCE

### 50 a Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted..

### 51 b Cheques Signed Since the Last Meeting

None

52 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mileson, seconded by Cllr Gillard and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 464 – 466) as listed in Appendix B be approved.

7 **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

53 None.

8 **RECREATION GROUND**

54 Cllr Mrs Stanier reported that Mrs Beresford had done some research and there were a number of children, who were missing the swings. This had been reported to Mr Waters at Gravesham BC and he was doing his best to get them reinstated. She asked that the trimming of bushes be placed on the agenda for the September meeting.

9 **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

55 **a Public Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

56 **b GBC Transport Panel**

Nothing to report.

10 **KALC – GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE**

57 Nothing to report.

12 **CONSULTATION**

58 No documents received.

13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

59 **a GBC Beating the Bounds**

The Mayor had requested the parish provide refreshments for the beating the bounds event on 5<sup>th</sup> October. This was agreed.

60 **b Freedom of Information Request**

Mr Chapman had submitted another request under the Freedom of Information Act. The Clerk was delegated to respond, with the help of the Chairman and Vice-chairman.

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61 **c Rural Housing Needs Surveys**

Received.

14 **REPORTS AND CIRCULARS**

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

**15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**63 a GBC Meeting for Parish Council Chairmen**

Cllr Milesen reported on the meeting of parish council chairmen that he had attended. There were changes to planning legislation regarding permitted development. One of that affected the Borough was the fact that shops could change to residential without going through the planning process. There were now parking charges at Jeskyn's Park, causing parking problems in Cobham and there was now talk of parking restrictions in Cobham. There was a similar problem near Shorne Country Park. Gravesham BC was against all three options for a lower Thames crossing, considering it premature as the results of free-flow tolling were as yet unknown, as was the impact of any airport. They believed there would be a rat-run effect on the A227 and A228. They were opposed to any airport.

**64 b CPRE**

Cllr Milesen had attended a meeting of the CPRE at Shorne, concerning the proposed lower Thames crossing. The organisation was opposed to all options and thought more needed to be considered in the wider picture. Cllr Milesen asked that an agenda item appeared on future agendas to allow councillors to report on meetings they had attended between meetings of the Parish Council.

**65 c Cllr Mrs Stanier**

Cllr Mrs Stanier said she would be on holiday 1<sup>st</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17 pm

Signed .....Chairman

On the .....day of .....2013