

LUDESLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2020 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LUDDESLOW AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT:	Cllr Noel Clark	Chairman
	Cllr Chris Mileson	
	Cllr Matt Newnes	
	Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse	Vice Chairman
	Mrs Jo Barker	Clerk
	2 Members of Public	
	Tony Rice	Councillor

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2020/19/

1 APOLOGIES

149 An apology for absence was received from PCSO Hartley.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

150 None

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th November 2019

151 It was proposed by Cllr Chris Mileson, seconded by Cllr Matt Newnes and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2019 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

152 a None

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

Report by Councillor Tony Rice

A Local Authority Trading Company (LATCo) is to be established, enabling the Council to develop income streams that will help maintain the financial strength of the council.

GBC is to become an approved Social Mobility employer, where people with disadvantages are given more opportunities.

The Council strongly opposed the NHS (Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group-CCG) proposal to close the Walk-in Centre and Minor Injuries Unit in Gravesend, to be relocated to an Urgent Treatment Centre at Darent Valley Hospital (DVH). Since the motion was passed, the CCG has decided to create a twin UTC networked facility, with one in Gravesend and the other at DVH. This has been warmly welcomed by all concerned.

Cllr Rice noted his appreciation for the Parish Council's input to GBC on fly tipping hot spots, because it is important that we maintain GBC's knowledge of the local problem. Cllr, Rice agreed to follow up with the GBC officer Stuart Alford to find out what he intends to do with the information. Cllr Newnes remarked that 'spray tipping' was on the increase in Wrangling Lane, possibly due to the road now being more accessible to fly tippers after being resurfaced!

Lower Thames Crossing - Cllr Rice wishes to arrange a familiarisation session for both Cobham and Luddesdown PCs on the Development Consent Order process, how to become an 'Interested Party' and how to offer the Independent Planning Inspectors an effective and professional challenge to the LTC proposals, if required on the basis of LTCs designs and adverse impacts on the area. Cllr Rice said that he would arrange this after LTC had confirmed their Supplementary Consultation, possibly due by the end of February. This consultation comes on the back of the learning from the Statutory Consolation, which appears to have caused LTC to rethink some of the designs.

PCSO Hartley's report circulated.

5 PLANNING

153 a Applications

20191202 – White Horse Farm, White Horse Lane, Meopham, Gravesend Kent. Erection of a new hay barn and erection of a barn (to include separate stallion box, 5 shire horse pens, classroom, museum area and toilets), continue the equestrian use of an existing barn (for 5 Shire Horse pens and wash down area) associated with the use of the site as a Shire Horse Breeding Facility).

154 b Decisions

Cllr Clark has emailed GBC and is still awaiting a reply. This has now gone past the decision date. NC

155 c Appeals and Other Matters

CPRE – Have created a local branch.

6 FINANCE

156 a Bank Mandate

The Clerk, Mrs Jo Barker is now a signatory with Barclays and has received a direct debit card to use for Council purchases. Clerk to look at financial regulations for the use of the debit card. Internet banking has also been set up. JB

157 b Bank Balances

The bank balances as listed on Appendix A were noted. JB

158 c Payments Made Since the Last Meeting

Please refer to Appendix A.

159 d Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Noel Clark, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on Appendix A to be paid (cheques 100159 and 100160).

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

160 a None

8 RECREATION GROUND

161 a Awaiting report. Cllr Newnes to chase Cllr Stuart Barclay for report. MN

9 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**162 a Public Rights of Way**

Emails received from KCC Rights of Way officer regarding path clearance and the re-surfacing of the track at the end of Wrangling Lane.

163 b GBC Transport Panel

Nothing to report since the last meeting.

164 c Lower Thames Crossing.

Cllrs to make a list of their concerns that the Lower Crossing will have on Luddesdown.

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165 d Flytipping

Flytipping still seems persistent. Cllr Mileson thanked Cllr Newnes and his wife for starting the WhatsApp group and keeping everyone informed.

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166 e Spring Clean

The next Spring Clean will take place on 21st March 2020. Cllr Newnes will organise the skip as he has done for previous cleans.

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167 f Other Highways Issues or Transport Matters

Cllr Mileson suggested that a deadline for all the information collated by Cllrs regarding the signage should be in by 22nd February 2020 and this will be reported on at March's meeting.

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10 GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN

168 The next meeting is Wednesday 22nd January 2020, Cllr Clark is unable to attend. Cllr Moorhouse will attend and report back.

11 DEFIBRILLATOR

169 The defibrillator has now been mounted on the wall of the Luddesdown Village Hall. It needs to be correctly fitted by a qualified electrician. Cllr Clark to enquire about a quote. The code is on the front of the unit at the moment, this will remain on there until we know if 999 calls can be made from a mobile phone with no service, the Clerk will look into this. Training needs to take place, Cllr Clark to advise when. Defibrillator needs checking weekly and a rota needs to be compiled.

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12 KALC/GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE

170 The next meeting will be held on Monday 27th January, both Cllrs Mrs Moorhouse and Cllr Newnes will attend and report back at the next meeting.

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13 CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

171 Cllr Newnes would like Fly Tipping put on the letter, he will advise Cllr Clark of details. He would also like the Spring Clean promoted. Sally Stanier offered to deliver the letter around the village. This was gratefully received by everyone.

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

172 **a** The Clerk attended a minute taking course at the end of November. She found it very useful talking to other Clerks and discussing how they write their minutes and agendas. The Clerk will also be attending a Web Accessibility Training Course on 24th January 2020, she will report back at the next meeting. *JB*

15 VILLAGE SIGN

173 Cllr Newnes thanked Cllr Clark for all his efforts in refurbishing the village sign. Everyone agreed that the new refurbished sign looked very good.

16 CONSULTATIONS

174 **a** The Clerk recently sent an email from KALC regarding The Chief Executives letter regarding consultations. All Councillors to read and respond to consultations noted there. *NC*

17 CORRESPONDENCE

175 **a** Local account for Kent Adult Social Care

18 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

176 **a** None *JB*

19 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN’S DISCRETION

177 **a** A casual vacancy has arisen for a Councillor. The Clerk has informed Gravesham Borough Council and the position has been advertised on noticeboards in the parish. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

b Cllr Mileson proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Newnes for the creation of Luddesdown Residents WhatsApp group, which has been a great success in publicising incidents worthy of local attention.

PUBLIC SESSION

Resident J Roussow highlighted the drainage issues in Great Buckland outside his property, which have now deteriorated to the point of creating a hazard to road users. Mr Roussow asked the Parish Council to become involved in resolving the issue.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 16th March 2020 at 7.30pm at Luddesdown Village Hall.

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2020