

Luddesdown Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Luddesdown Parish Council held on Monday 17th March 2025 at 7:30pm in Luddesdown Village Hall

Members Present:

Cllr P Crow
Cllr L Martin
Cllr M Newnes
Cllr M Beresford

In Attendance:

Charles Amis – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Eight members of the public

Item 1: **Apologies for Absence: To receive and accept apologies**

F.C. 64 Cllr J Rossouw, Cllr Samir Jassal, Cllr Dakota Dibben, Cllr Brian Sweetland

Item 2: **Declarations of Members' Interests: To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for this meeting**

F.C. 65 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 3: **To approve minutes of the previous Annual Parish Council meeting held on 20.1.2025**

F.C. 66 Cllr Martin proposed the minutes for the 20.1.2025 meeting and Cllr Crow seconded.

Item 4: **To agree a new Email provider**

F.C. 67 It was agreed that the clerk would contact Fastnet International Ltd to move the emails from UK2 net. It would be good to get this set up soon.

Item 5: **Update on Planning**

5.1 Cobham House Vineyard

F.C. 68 The decision for the permitted development rights had been deferred again at the request of the owner until 30th April.

The owner has commissioned a Landscape report by a consultant to support the permitted development right application. The residents from Gold Street have commissioned their own Landscape and Visual Report which counteracts the other report. Local residents are concerned that the proposed agricultural building will spoil the views from neighbouring properties, there will be more traffic using the single track roads, the peacefulness of the area will be changed.

Cobham Parish Council have submitted their own letter that endorsed the Landscape and Vision report by the Gold Street residents.

Action: It was asked if LPC could write a letter to GBC Planning Department to endorse the Landscape and Visual Report. A covering letter had been drafted by a Gold Street resident and LPC were asked to use this letter to send to GBC Planning Department.

Item 6: Feedback from the Litter Pick in March:

The litter pick was successful and a substantial amount of litter was collected and put into the skip. **Action:** Ask Cllr Rossouw to pick up the orange refuse sack from the top of Lockyers Hill.

Item 7: Luddesdown May Fair on May Bank Holiday 8th May 2025

The Luddesdown May Fair will be starting at 2pm on the May Bank Holiday at the beginning of May. Cllr Beresford will be working with a former resident of Luddesdown, Tim Cunis, to produce a display to commemorate the 40th Anniversary when the Ministry of Defence had purchased land to install a Tank Driving Range at the Bowling Alley.

Item 8: Council Finance

8.1 Schedule of Payments: To approve the schedule of payments up to 19.3.25, in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.2

F.C. 55 The following cheques were signed at the meeting by Cllr Newnes and Cllr Rossouw.

Clerk's Salary for February 2025 £343.20
Clerk's Salary for March plus back pay £370.20
Matt Newnes – Reimburse skip hire for litter pick £282
Grant to Luddesdown PCC for grass cutting at Luddesdown Churchyard £400
Grant to Luddesdown PCC for a free Christmas and Easter edition of the Parish Magazine £118

8.2 Receipts & Payments Report: To note the receipts and payments report up to 16.3.25

F.C. 56 The R&P report was circulated at the meeting. All were in favour.

Payments made since the meeting held on 20th January 2025

Date of payment	Company	Reason	Amount
22 nd Jan 2025	Clerk	Salary December 2024 January 2025	£668.40
22 nd Jan 2025	Clerk	Mileage	£12.87
24 th Jan 2025	BPO Collections	Overdue tax and NICS Jan-April 2024	£188
31 st Jan 2025	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6
10 th Feb 2025	Hugo Fox Ltd	Website – Monthly Fee	£11.99
28 th Feb 2025	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	£6
10 th Mar 2025	Hugo Fox Ltd	Website – Monthly Fee	£11.99

Payments to be made at the 17th March Meeting

Date of payment	Company	Reason	Amount
25 th Mar 2025	Clerk	February 2025 Salary	£343.20
25 th Mar 2025	Clerk	March 2025 Salary plus back pay	£370.20
26 th Mar 2025	Matt Newnes	Reimburse skip hire for litter pick	£282
11 th Apr 2025	HMRC	Clerk's Tax & National Insurance	£86.97

8.3 Bank Statement: To receive the bank statement as of 16.03.25

F.C. 57 The clerk had circulated a bank statement from 1st April 2024 to 16th March 2025 prior to the meeting.

9. Items for information – The pond at Henley Street has recently been cleared. The fence around the playground at Henley Street has fallen down.
Action: Clerk to ask GBC Parks and Open Spaces Department to repair the fence around the playground.

Twinning with Ukraine - It was agreed by all of the parish councillors present that Luddesdown would twin with Bateryn, at Chernehiv Oblast. Luddesdown will be twinned jointly with Cobham.