

**Minutes of a meeting of Luddesdown Parish Council
held on Monday 25 July 2022 at 7:30pm
in Luddesdown Village Hall**

Members Present: Cllr N Clark
Cllr A Moorhouse
Cllr C Mileson
Cllr J Rossouw

In Attendance: S Fishenden – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Four members of the public

Item 1: Apologies for Absence: To receive and approve apologies

F.C. 30 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Newnes (holiday) Borough Cllr; T Rice also sent his apologies.

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

F.C. 31 There were no declarations of interest

Item 3: To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting: 16.05.22

F.C. 32 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
PROPOSED: Cllr Clark. SECONDED: Cllr Mileson. All in favour.

Item 4: Public Session & Reports

4.1 To receive any reports from Borough Councillors, County Councillor or PCSO

F.C. 33 There being no external representatives present, no reports were received.

4.2 Public Session

F.C. 34 Members of the public present expressed concerns around recent traffic incidents within the Parish.

Cllr Mileson explained the KCC Vision Zero initiative he'd been made aware of and the ongoing research programme to reduce national speed limit.

Residents were encouraged to provide any traffic incident details to the Parish Council via the Clerk so that a list can be compiled with the support of Cllr Rice and Cllr Sweetland.

Item 5: Financial Matters

5.1 To approve the Schedule of Payments in accordance with Financial Standing Order 5.2

F.C. 35 The schedule of payments was approved.
PROPOSED: Cllr Clark. SECONDED: Cllr Mileson. All in favour.

5.2 To receive the Receipts & Payments report as of 14.07.22

F.C. 36 The receipts and payments report up to 14.07.22 was received.
PROPOSED: Cllr Moorhouse. SECONDED: Cllr Clark.

5.3 To receive the bank statement as of 14.07.22

F.C. 37 The bank statement as of 14.07.22 was received.

Item 6: Planning

6.1 Planning Applications – To consider any applications received

F.C. 38 There were no planning applications to consider at the time of the meeting.

6.2 Planning Decisions – To note any decisions received

F.C. 39 There were no decisions received.

6.3 Planning Enforcements – To receive any enforcement updates

F.C. 40 Cllr Clark reported on his meeting with Planning Enforcement at GBC whom had outlined the steps they would be taking against Greenacres including the use of an Enforcement Notice. There had currently been no appeal lodged by the applicant.

Item 7: Highways and Environment

7.1 To receive an update on the Highways Improvement Plan and signage: Cllr Mileson

F.C. 41 Cllr Mileson has begun drafting the Highways Improvement Plan. Issues highlighted include a suggested 'Unsuitable for HGV' sign at the end of Leywood Road. In addition, the possible relocation of the existing HGV sign on Harvel Road.

This work would be continued by Cllr Mileson for agreement at a later meeting.

7.2 To receive an update on fly-tipping and consider how to progress the fly-tipping camera project

F.C. 42 Tim Harris at GBC was issuing a press release following the successful prosecution as a result of the fly-tipping cameras deployed by the Parish Council.

7.3 To discuss potential traffic calming in Henley Street

F.C. 43 This matter was discussed as part of the public session.

Item 8: Recreation Ground

8.1 To receive an update on the installation of the new play area

F.C. 44 Cllr Moorhouse reported that she had spoken to Mr J Young at GBC who confirmed the second batch of equipment would be installed around September and the grass would be re-sown then.

It was agreed to ask GBC to open the play area as soon as possible for an 'unofficial' opening and to then ask the Mayor of Gravesham to conduct the 'official opening' as part of the Mayors Walk on 8 October.

8.2 To discuss the cheque received from Cobham Colts

F.C. 45 It was agreed to accept the cheque donated by the Colts of £120.00. This money would be held in a Recreation Ground Earmarked Reserve.

Cllr Mileson highlighted that there was a lease between the Parish Council and GBC for the Recreation Ground.

Item 9: Lower Thames Crossing: To receive an update on Lower Thames Crossing

F.C. 46 Cllr Clark is to attend an Lower Thames Crossing update meeting being held on 27 July 2022.

Item 10: Communications with Residents: To consider how the Parish Council can improve its communications with residents

F.C. 47 The Clerk confirmed there had been no response to the request in the Chairman's Letter for people to provide their email addresses to receive newsletters via email.

It was agreed to explore the option of MailChimp to send e-newsletters. We will also investigate the possibility of doing two chairman's letters per year.

We would also ensure the parish council meeting dates are in the Church magazine.

Item 11: Clerk's Report: To receive a report from the Clerk

F.C. 48 The Clerk provided a verbal update on the following matters;

- Meopham Parish Council is currently voting on whether to adopt recommendations to abolish all committees and hold monthly Full Council meetings. This may lead to a wider range of Cllrs representing MPC at joint parish meetings.
- The trustees of Meopham Leisure Centre had appointed a new operator; Swale Community Leisure. The issue of lease negotiations is ongoing.
- The KALC talk being held at Meopham has been postponed due to members of the team at KALC self-isolating with Covid. A new date will be provided in due course.
- GBC's Planning Enforcement are continuing to work on Fowlers Stone Wood and will likely commence new legal proceedings.

Item 12: Reports from Other Bodies: To receive reports from KALC, Police Liaison, Rights-of-Way and any other relevant bodies

F.C. 49 Cllr Clark reported on the Rights-of-Way group who held their AGM on 3 July 2022. The groups are doing well and have around seventy members.

F.C. 50 Cllr Moorhouse and Cllr Rossouw reported on the meeting they attend for the KALC Area Committee held on 18th May. It was reported that other Gravesham parishes had faced issues on Police Chief Inspectors not turning up to meetings they'd been invited to. In addition, the efforts for climate change adaptation within local government were discussed.

Item 13: Chairman's Announcements

F.C. 51 Cllr Moorhouse would liaise with Cllr Newnes regarding dates for the 'Autumn Clean' and post onto the residents WhatsApp once agreed.

The meeting closed at 8:52pm

Signed:

Date: