

LUDESLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th March 2021 AT 8.27pm

PRESENT:	Cllr Noel Clark	Chairman
	Cllr Chris Mileson	
	Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Matt Newnes	
	Borough Cllr Tony Rice	
	Mrs Jo Barker	Clerk

Item

Minute number 2020/21

Action point

1 TO ACCEPT AND AGREE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

190 None

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

191 Cllr Matt Newnes declared an interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th January 2021

192 It was agreed that the minutes from the meeting held on 18th January 2021 will be signed as a true record at the next Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall. This was proposed by Cllr Noel and seconded by Cllr Newnes and all voted in favour.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

193 None

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

PCSO Middleton emailed January and February 2021's Parish Council Newsletter.

January 2021 – There were no crimes to note. Anti-social behaviour updates – Buckland byway gate – locks continue to be broken off the gate. The locks have been replaced when noticed but this is something that they continue to monitor. Buckland byway – continuing issues with off road bikes using the byways. This is patrolled whenever a 4x4 is available. Items of good work – As the new PCSO to the area I have been patrolling around my new beat and doing some foot patrol introducing myself to people and giving out my details. I have been spending my time linking in with the old PCSO and partner agencies to get to know the area and the issues that they have. I hope to meeting you all soon and I am looking forward to doing some proactive work within Luddesdown.

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Report from Borough Cllr Tony Rice:

Cllr Rice reported that fly tipping is getting worse, unfortunately nothing seems to have changed.

Cllr Mileson asked Cllr Rice about Operation Gurka – nuisance vehicles, he wanted to know how often these operations would take place. Cllr Mileson said that it seemed to be most Sundays that the bikes were out on land near where he lives for hours causing noise and being a nuisance. Unfortunately the bikes have no number plates but could the police arrive early in the morning to target the offenders? Cllr Rice said that the communication with the police is very poor, if we were better informed more information could be put onto Facebook and social media to let residents know what was going on. Cllr Mileson thanked Cllr Rice for his persistence.

PCSO McGowan and the police have had more of a presence in the village, hopefully this will deter riders from entering the village.

The gate at Buckland Road is damaged again and this seems to be where the riders and bikes are getting onto the byway.

Cllr Rossouw has never had broadband or a good mobile signal since living in Luddesdown. He would like to see a mast erected for residential use. Cllr Clark wanted to know if there were “not spots” in Luddesdown. Could the Parish Council ask GBC to upgrade the lines. He asked Cllr Rice if he could do some research on their behalf. Cllr Rice to report back.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rice for his time.

08.49pm Cllr Rice left the meeting.

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5	PLANNING	
194 a	20210259 - Darnley Cottage, 90 – 91 Henley Street, Luddesdown, Kent DA13 0XE	
	Application for the approval of conditions 4, 5, 9 and 10 attached to planning permission reference no. 20190986 relating to details and samples of (4) bricks, weatherboarding, tiles, garage doors, rainwater goods, surface treatments; (5) restoration of the pond; external lights and bat and owl boxes.	
195 b	Decisions	
	No objection, the Clerk to write to GBC with the decision.	<i>JB</i>
6	FINANCE	
196 a	Bank Mandate	
	Cllr Newnes is waiting for a signature to certify his identity. Once this is complete he will post to Barclays.	<i>MN</i>
197 b	Bank Balances	
	The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted.	
198 c	Payments Made Since the Last Meeting	
	Payments made from the Finance Report Appendix B were proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Johan Rossouw for the meeting to accept, all voted in favour.	<i>JB</i>

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199 d	Accounts for Payment None.	
7	GRANT APPLICATIONS	
200	None.	
8	RECREATION GROUND	
201	Following on from the conversation with Cllr Rice, Cllr Newnes wanted to know if we could raise funds towards the replacement of the play equipment amongst the village whilst waiting for a response from Stuart Alford at GBC. Funding maybe available. If parishioners could be involved they may be able to research a way to fund the project, the Golden Lion were hoping to hold a quiz night to raise funds. Cllr Rossouw suggested using the WhatsApp group to get people involved. Cllr Newnes said he would speak to his wife as she has had experience in fund raising in the past, she may also be able to speak to parents/grandparents in the village whose children would benefit from new play equipment. Fund raising was also mentioned	<i>MN</i>
9	HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT	
202 a	Public Rights of Way Nothing to report.	
203 b	GBC Transport Panel Cllr Mileson was unable to make the last meeting. He is still waiting for minutes to be circulated so was therefore unable to report back.	<i>CM</i>
204 c	Lower Thames Crossing Nothing to report.	
205 d	Fly tipping Cllr Newnes and Cllr Clark secured a grant from KCC for the purchase of cameras for the "Luddesdown Combats Fly Tipping" project. Volunteers will be required to install and monitor the cameras on a regular basis. Tim Harris at GBC will do the training once we are able to acquire volunteers. Cllr Newnes to put something on the WhatsApp group to ask for able bodied (those who are able to climb trees) volunteers. Cllr Clark will email Tim Harris GBC to confirm exactly what we need to purchase and what the volunteers will be required to do. Cllr Clark to copy Matt in on emails.	<i>NC</i>
206 e	Signage Cllr Mileson reported that KCC have carried out some of the work that he reported on the portal. Unfortunately there is still a lot outstanding, he will report back at the next meeting with an update.	<i>CM</i>
207 f	Litter Picking The Great British Spring Clean Up scheme runs from 28 th May to 13 th June. It is hoped that Luddesdown can hold it's spring clean during that time, a date for this will be confirmed. GBC have a Street Champions scheme running where they will provide litter picking equipment to parishioners who register their interest. Due to	

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	Covid 19 GBC cannot deliver equipment to individuals but maybe able to deliver to the Parish Council who can then distribute.	
208 g	Other Highways Issues or Transport Matters	
	Nothing to report.	
10	SPRING CLEAN	
	A date for the Spring Clean is yet to be decided.	
11	GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN	
209	Cllr Clark will attend the Parish Chairs meeting which will be held on Wednesday 17 th March 2021. Cllr Clark will report on this at the next Parish Council meeting.	NC
12	KALC/GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE	
210	Nothing to report.	AM
13	REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA	
211	The Clerk attended an Excel Accessibility training course which she found useful.	
14	CONSULTATIONS	
212	Cllr Moorhouse was particularly interested in the Vision Zero; Road Safety Strategy for Kent consultation suggesting lower national speed restrictions on single track roads in rural areas although enforcement would still be needed. (This consultation is now closed).	NC
15	PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2021-2022	
213	The proposed meeting dates were agreed.	
16	CORRESPONDENCE	
214	None	
17	REPORTS AND CIRCULARS	
215	None received.	
18	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION	
216	None	

PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50pm

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2021