

Luddesdown Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting of Luddesdown Parish Council held on Monday 21 November 2022 at 7:30pm in Luddesdown Village Hall

Members Present:
Cllr N Clark
Cllr A Moorhouse
Cllr M Newnes
Cllr J Rossouw

In Attendance:
S Fishenden – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Cllr T Rice – Borough Councillor
Two members of the public

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

F.C. 74 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mileson (holiday)

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

F.C. 75 Cllr Clark, Cllr Rossouw and Cllr Moorhouse declared a personal interest in application **20221106 – Luxon Farm.**

Item 3: To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting: 26.09.22

F.C. 76 The minutes of the meeting held on 26.09.22 were approved.
PROPOSED: Cllr Newnes. SECONDED: Cllr Clark. All in favour.

Item 4: Public Session & Reports

4.1 Public Session

F.C. 77 The members of the public present raised the issue of the quality of the roads deteriorating; especially Lockyers Hill. Cllr Rossouw agreed to report the state of Lockyers Hill on the KCC Highways portal again.

4.2 Borough Councillors, County Councillor and PCSO Reports

F.C. 78 Cllr T Rice provided an update on:

- There is currently the ongoing consultation on the 'adequacy of consultation' for Lower Thames Crossing. GBC's response has been that consultation was adequate.
- There are currently ongoing developments being progressed in urban Gravesham; M Block, Clifton Slipways, Albion Waterside, former Police Station, the Charter development and St George phase 2. Clifton Slipways has not met pre-commencement period yet and Albion Waterside a S106 agreement is being negotiated.
- GBC are awaiting KCC Transportation model for work to progress on the emerging local plan
- Cllr Rice has identified issues with planning enforcement which he is following up with within GBC. GBC do not currently publish a planning enforcement register.

Item 5: Financial Matters

5.1 Schedule of Payments: To approve the payments awaiting authorisation in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.2

F.C. 79 The Schedule of Payments up to 21.11.22 was approved. A copy of the approved payments list will be attached as an appendix to the minutes.

PROPOSED: Cllr Newnes. SECONDED: Cllr Moorhouse. All in favour.

5.2 Receipts & Payments Report: To receive the Receipts & Payments report as of 14.11.22

F.C. 80 The Receipts and Payments Report up to 14.11.22 was noted.

5.3 Bank Statement: To receive the bank statement as of 14.11.22

F.C. 81 The Unity Bank Statement as of 14.11.22 was noted.

5.4 Motion from Cllr Clark: To consider the Council purchasing a membership to the London Green Belt Council at a cost of £25 per annum

F.C. 82 It was agreed to purchase an annual subscription to London Green Belt Council at a cost of £25 per annum.

PROPOSED: Cllr Clark. SECONDED: Cllr Newnes. All in favour.

Item 6: Budget-Setting for 2023-24

6.1 Budget: To agree the budget for the 2023-24 financial year

F.C. 83 It was agreed to set the council budget for 2023-24 at £7430.00.

PROPOSED: Cllr Newnes. SECONDED: Cllr Clark. All in favour.

6.2 Precept: To set the precept for the 2023-24 financial year

F.C. 84 It was agreed to set the council precept for 2023-24 at £7430.00. The budget is therefore balanced and does not require any drawdown from the general reserves.

PROPOSED: Cllr Newnes. SECONDED: Cllr Clark. All in favour.

Item 7: Planning

7.1 Planning Applications: To consider any applications received

F.C. 85 It was agreed to issue the following responses for the applications considered:

20221106 – Luxon Farm, Luxon Road, Luddesdown, Gravesend, DA13 0XH

Erection of single storey side extension with hipped tiled roof.

The Council would object to this application on the grounds of inappropriate development in the Green Belt and highlight we can find no evidence of special circumstances to justify this occurring in the Green Belt.

**20221112 - 2 Hays Mead, Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend
Kent DA13 0XD**

Erection of single storey rear extension with lantern to provide extended kitchen & dining with utility room

The Council raises no objection to the application other than to express concern around the proposed external cladding which contrasts with the existing appearance of the property and neighbouring properties.

If the Council is minded to grant approval, we would request that a condition be applied for details of the proposed external cladding materials to be submitted to the planning authority for approval in order to secure a more sympathetic appearance to the existing built environment.

20221121 - Land North of Wildacre, Sole Street, Cobham, Gravesend

Erection of detached family dwelling of two storey design with integral garage, driveway and associated landscaping with dwelling to be served by existing vehicular access

The Council objects to this application on the grounds of inappropriate development in the Green Belt. In addition to this, it is sited outside the existing curtilage of Sole Street. There are no special circumstances to justify the development occurring. We are concerned about a detrimental impact on the existing footpath and therefore would be supportive of a 4-metre exclusion zone if the Council was minded to grant approval

7.2 Planning Decisions: To note any decisions received

F.C. 86 There were no decisions from GBC.

7.3 Planning Enforcements: To receive any enforcement updates

F.C. 87 There was no further update on enforcements.

Item 8: Highways Improvement Plan: To receive an update on progress of the Highways Improvement Plan

F.C. 87 The draft HIP prepared by Cllr Mileson was circulated and discussed. It was agreed to look at including a request within the HIP for a 'children playing' sign near to the Play Area. It was agreed an updated HIP would be submitted by Cllr Mileson.

It was noted that not all signage has been repaired/replaced from the signage review. This would be followed up.

The Clerk would make enquiries with GBC as to the ownership of the Hays Mead garages as it was noted if they were removed, it would create additional parking for the recreation ground.

Item 9: King's Coronation: To consider how to celebrate the King's Coronation in May 2023

F.C. 88 It was agreed to make enquiries with Luddesdown Society as to whether they intend to commemorate the Coronation.

Item 10: Civility and Respect Project: To consider signing the Civility & Respect pledge as part of a joint NALC and SLCC initiative

F.C. 89 It was agreed not to sign the Civility and Respect pledge.

PROPOSED: Cllr Clark. SECONDED: Cllr Newnes. All in favour.

Item 11: Lower Thames Crossing: To receive an update on Lower Thames Crossing

F.C. 90 The decision as to whether PINS will accept the Development Consent Order (DCO) is due by the end of November. At the moment there is uncertainty as to whether it will succeed.

The Parish Council will need to register as an interested party as soon as that option is available.

Item 12: Clerk's Report: To receive a report from the Clerk

F.C. 91 The Clerk had liaised with the Police District Commander for Gravesham at a Meopham Parish Council event and had raised the issue of a lack of reports/attendance at meetings by PCSO's.

The Commander had been unaware this was the case and had provided direct contact details to follow up.

Item 13: Parish Council Representatives on External Bodies: To receive reports from Councillors/the Clerk representing the Parish Council at KALC, Police Liaison, Rights-of-Way and any other relevant bodies

F.C. 92 At the latest KALC meeting there had been a discussion on progress of climate change initiatives, also the pop-up cafes one of which is held at Cobham Church which we could publicise.

Item 14: Chairman's Announcements

F.C. 93 There were no Chairman's Announcements.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm