

# LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.34pm

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr Noel Clark	Chairman
	Cllr Chris Mileson	
	Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Matt Newnes	
	Cllr Johan Rossouw	
	Borough Cllr Tony Rice	
	Mrs Jo Barker	Clerk

### Item

Minute number 2020/21

Action point

### 1 APOLOGIES

135 Apologies for absence was received and accepted from PCSO Meader and Hartley

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

136 Cllr Noel Clark declared an interest as he is part of the CPRE Campaign. Borough Cllr Tony Rice declared an interest for the Cobham Traffic Solution.

7.36pm Cllr Johan Rossouw joined the meeting

### 3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

137 It was agreed that the minutes from the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 will be signed as a true record at the next Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall. This was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Anne Moorhouse and all voted in favour.

### 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

138 None

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

PCSO Meader sent a report through for October 2020. There were two crimes to report, fly tipping at Lockyers Hill and theft from a motor vehicle in Henley Street. Anti social behaviour with nuisance vehicles at Wrangling Lane. Local PCSO's continue to patrol the lanes to deter further issues. Permit checks conducted at weekends to engage with users of the byways. Items of good work, reports of fly tipping reported to Local Authority and collected. Meeting with Environmental Waste Manager, Gravesham Council to discuss rural fly tipping and multi agency work to help deter and identify offenders. Hot spot areas highlighted. A3 posters ordered to deter nuisance bikes at problem locations. PCSO Meader also sent an email on 23<sup>rd</sup> November to report that over the weekend they received a report of fly tipping in Luddesdown. Patrols attended, located the offenders and made two arrests for various offences, the investigation is on going.

Report from Borough Cllr Tony Rice:

Play Site - GBC Cllr Tony Rice said that he is continuing to lobby GBC to upgrade the play site in the sports field. This is currently low on GBCs priority list. However, he has been told that it will be looked into. It was suggested that a contribution to funding the upgrade may be helpful, possibly from locally raised charitable donations. Cllr Rice agreed to present this offer to Stuart Alford at GBC.

Fly Tipping - With the introduction of the new Fly Tipping Enforcement Officer, Tim Harris at GBC, Cllr Rice suggested that it would be useful to invite him for a meeting about our local area, to discuss strategy, plans and how progress could be measured. This was agreed and Cllr Rice will make the request.

Cobham Traffic Plan - Cllr Rice gave an update on the status of the Cobham Traffic Plan as it stands with KCC Highways. In the short term, the priority is to stop pavement driving in the narrow area of the street, because this presents health and safety issues for pedestrians and home owners. To address this, KCC is proposing more kerb mounted bollards and if this is approved by KCC, it may be implemented in the first quarter of 202. In the medium term, a trial of a traffic lights system is also under investigation. If it is approved as a trial, it will highlight what works and what does not, including unwanted potential traffic displacement towards Luddesdown. Notwithstanding these ideas, KCC's view is that the ideal solution in the longer term will be a technology led Access Only system, where ANPR cameras linked to a database would recognise inappropriate traffic. However this would presently be described as blue sky thinking.

GBC Local Plan Consultation and LTC - Cllr Rice gave his opinion on both of these big strategic matters. There was a general discussion that both have a significant impact on our local rural communities, but both have fallen short in terms of adequacy of consultation. Cllr Rice continues to work with LPC on serving the local interest on both matters.

Cllr Clark asked if enforcement cameras for fly tipping could be provided for Luddesdown or a mobile covert device, PCSO Meader and Gravesham Borough Council have been given "hot spots" as to where cameras could be placed.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Rice for his report.

08.21pm Cllr Rice left the meeting.

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<b>5</b>	<b>PLANNING</b>	
139 a	20201080 – Barn At Oaklands, Leywood Road, Luddesdown Gravesend Kent DA13 0UD Application for a Lawful Development Certificate in respect of the proposed conversion and change of use of an agricultural building to a class C1 guest house under Class R of the permitted development rights.	<i>NC</i>
	Cllrs reported the proposed conversion would come under Class R which would be dealt with by the Planning Department. Access could cause a problem and therefore access would need to be put in place. Cllr Clark to email round the application to Cllrs for their comments.	
140 b	<b>Decisions</b>  20200727 - Luxon Farm, Luxon Road, Luddesdown, Gravesend Kent This application was refused.	
141 c	<b>Appeals and Other Matters</b>  Local Plan Consultation. As Cllr Clark is involved with the CPRE Greenbelt and has declared an interest, Vice Chairman Cllr Moorhouse chaired this part of the meeting. It was agreed that Luddesdown Parish Council will respond to the questionnaire. Cllr Matt Newnes suggested contacting MP Adam Holloway to ask how he can help. Cllr Clark to circulate some notes to the Cllrs.	<i>NC</i>
	The Clerk received an email from Planning Enforcements at Gravesham Borough Council regarding the possible planning breach at Green Acre, Lockyers Hill Luddesdown. Due to the current Covid 19 restrictions a site visit has not been possible by Enforcement Officers. Cllr Newnes was disappointed that a site visit had not been made and asked the Clerk to respond to GBC asking for a visit to be made as soon as restrictions are lifted. Cllr Newnes also asked is there is any	<i>JB</i>

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	evidence of intensification at the site that we could immediately go back to GBC with. It was also noted that more vehicles have appeared on the site and that more of the site has been cleared.	
<b>6</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	
142 a	<b>Bank Mandate</b>	
	The Clerk contacted Barclays to update the mandate and add Cllrs Moorhouse and Newnes. She also requested that the account have a system that the Clerk can set up a payment online but one Cllr would need to authorise the payment. This should be set up within the next 30 days. Mandate is currently with Cllr Newnes to sign.	<i>JB MN</i>
143 b	<b>Bank Balances</b>	
	The bank balances as listed on Appendix B were noted. The balance on 53369773 is £2099.25 (difference due to transactions past statement date).	
144 c	<b>Payments Made Since the Last Meeting</b>	
	Payments made from the Finance Report Appendix B were proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Chris Mileson for the meeting to accept, all voted in favour.	<i>JB</i>
145 d	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>	
	None.	<i>JB</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS</b>	
146	None.	
<b>8</b>	<b>RECREATION GROUND</b>	
147	Nothing to report.	
<b>9</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; TRANSPORT</b>	
148 a	<b>Public Rights of Way</b>	
	Cllr Clark reported that some pathway clearance had taken place and asked that any problems be reported to him.	<i>NC</i>
149 b	<b>GBC Transport Panel</b>	
	Nothing to report.	
150 c	<b>Lower Thames Crossing</b>	
	The Parish Council received an email informing them that Highways England have withdrawn their application whilst they consider feedback on some elements of their documents.	
151 d	<b>Fly tipping</b>	
	On Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November residents alerted the WhatsApp group that fly tipping was taking place in the village. Cllr Johan Rossouw praised the residents for their speedy attendance who along with himself apprehended two fly tippers and contacted the police. Patrols attended, located the offenders and made two arrests for various offences. The investigation is on going.	<i>MN</i>

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152 e	<b>Signage</b>  Cllr Mileson contacted Borough Cllr Bryan Sweetland to find out who to contact at Kent Highways to send in the report that he had prepared on signage within the village. Cllr Sweetland advised that he contact Tom Williams and report signage details on the KCC portal. Cllr Mileson will send Tom Williams the signage report that he has already prepared. Cllr Mileson also wanted to know if there was any new/replacement signage that was needed in the village, to be discussed at another meeting.	CM
153 f	<b>Litter Picking</b>  Cllr Newnes will litter pick at Batts Road over the next couple of weekends. Litter signs received from GBC will also be put up around the village. It was also suggested that thank you letters should be given to those who give up their time to litter pick. A message could be put on the WhatsApp group to remind people that we have litter picking equipment available to use.	MN
154 g	<b>Other Highways Issues or Transport Matters</b>  Cllr Newnes reported that there is still flooding along Luddesdown Road outside his property and is fully silted up and this is causing flooding and is dangerous to drivers. This has been reported three times on the KCC website but to date repair work has not been done. Cllr Mileson suggested contacting Borough Cllr Bryan Sweetland to see if he can help. Cllr Moorhouse reported that the first passing place on the left on Leywood Road as you come in from White Horse Road needs to be wider as two large vehicles cannot pass each other. Cllr Mileson suggested that Cllr Moorhouse take a photo and he will then pass this onto KCC to see if they can help. Cllr Rossouw reported that someone has covered the "run offs" along the S bend of Luxon Road and when it rains it's like a river, it is then left with mud on the road which is hazardous. Cllr Rossouw will also take a photo and pass onto Cllr Mileson.	CM AM JR
<b>10</b>	<b>GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN</b>	
155	Cllr Clark attended the Parish Chairs meeting which was held via Zoom. Cllr Clark reported that the core plan review was discussed and he found the meeting informative. Fowlers Stone Wood encampment was discussed, this has gone to the court, GBC have served an eviction notice..  Cllr Clark reported the discussion held regarding the Standards Board. This has now been revised and the Parish's are no longer represented on the board, even though it has the power to remove parish councillors. This issue is ongoing.	NC
<b>11</b>	<b>KALC/GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE</b>	
156	Nothing to report.	
<b>12</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S LETTER</b>	
157	It was agreed that there was no action required at present.	
<b>13</b>	<b>REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COUNCILLORS AND CLERK NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA</b>	
158	Nothing to report.	

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<b>14</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS</b>	
159	<b>Local Plan Core Strategy</b>	<i>NC</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
160	Autumn/Winter Edition of CPRE and Kent Voice. Cllr Moorhouse requested the Clerk send them to her in the post. Cllr Rossouw would also like to read them, Cllr Moorhouse to pass onto Cllr Rossouw.	<i>JB AM</i>
<b>16</b>	<b>REPORTS AND CIRCULARS</b>	
161	None received.	
<b>17</b>	<b>ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION</b>	
162	Nothing to report.	

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9.28pm

Signed ..... Chairman

On the .....day of..... 2020