

# Luddesdown Parish Council

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## Minutes of a meeting of Luddesdown Parish Council held on Monday 20 March 2023 at 8:30pm in Luddesdown Village Hall

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

**In Attendance:** C Price – Acting Clerk  
One member of the public

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

**F.C. 112** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mileson (illness). The Clerk had also sent his apologies.

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

**F.C. 113** There were no declarations of interest.

**Item 3: To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting: 16.01.23**

**F.C. 114** The minutes of the meeting held on 16.01.23 were approved.

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

**Item 4: Financial Matters**

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

**F.C. 115** The schedule of payments up to 20.03.23 was approved.

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

**4.2 Receipts & Payments Report: To receive the Receipts & Payments report as of 13.03.23**

**F.C. 116** The receipts and payments report up to 13.03.23 were received and noted.

**4.3 Bank Statement: To receive the bank statement as of 13.03.23**

**F.C. 117** The bank statement up to 13.03.23 was received and noted.

**4.4 Internal Auditor: To re-appoint Lionel Robbins as the council's internal auditor for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 financial years**

**F.C. 118** It was agreed to re-appoint Lionel Robbins as the internal auditor for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 financial years.

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

**Item 5: Planning Applications: To consider any applications received**

**20230129 – Land to south of Upper Staple Hills Wood**  
*Application for a determination as to whether prior approval is required for the erection of a birds of prey tower for agricultural purposes*

**20230131 – Land to east of Round Wood**  
*Application for a determination as to whether prior approval is required for the erection of a birds of prey tower for agricultural purposes*

**20230151 – Land to west of Westfield Shaw**  
*Application for a determination as to whether prior approval is required for the erection of a birds of prey tower for agricultural purposes*

**F.C. 119** It was agreed that the Parish Council would strongly recommend to the Borough Council that all environmental factors are considered including the impact on existing wildlife in the area and to contact other organisations including the Kent Wildlife Trust.

**20230181 - Field Adjacent to Brookers Farmyard, Luddesdown Road, Luddesdown, Gravesend, DA13 0XE**  
*Engineering works to construct a formal car parking area for Vineyard Farms Ltd office, and winery and vineyard workers*

**F.C. 120** It was agreed to raise no objection subject to the soft landscaping screening being sympathetic to the surrounding green belt areas and subject to GBC Highways being content that the rural lane infrastructure can bear any increased vehicle activity to the site.

**Item 6: Lower Thames Crossing: To receive an update on Lower Thames Crossing**

**F.C. 121** There was no further update.

**Item 7: Recruiting and Training New Councillors: To consider arrangements for the May 2023 elections**

**F.C. 122** Nominations forms were being completed by those wishing to stand. The election is likely to be uncontested.

**Item 8: Clerk's Report: To receive a report from the Clerk**

**F.C. 123** The Acting Clerk provided a verbal report on behalf of the Clerk;

- Meopham Parish Council had achieved the NALC Foundation Award
- The Clerk had given a presentation to Gravesham Youth Council on the work of parish councils

**Item 9: 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. 124** Cllr Rossouw reported on the latest KALC meeting, the next meeting is being held on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

***The meeting closed at 9:20pm***