

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL,
LUDESDOWN ROAD, LUDESDOWN AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Noel Clark Chairman
 Cllr Chris Mileson
 Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse
 Cllr Matt Newnes Except item 5a(i)
 Cllr Mrs Sally Stanier
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk

Item *Action point*
Minute number 2018/19/

1 APOLOGIES

147 All parish councillors present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

148 Cllr Newnes declared a pecuniary interest in item 5a(i), planning application for Darnley Cottage, Henley Street, as the applicant.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2018

149 It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stanier and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2018 be signed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

150 **a C/18/19/118 minute 18/19/136 Road Drains**

Cllr Clark apologised he had not circulated the siting of the drain grilles, but would do so. *NC*

5 PLANNING

a Applications

151 **i 20181262: Darnley Cottage, Henley Street: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate in respect of the proposed erection of a single storey outbuilding to be used as a gym and office in the north-western corner of the site.**

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Cllr Newnes left the room.

Afyer discussion, it was agreed no comment be made.

Cllr Newnes returned to the meeting.

152 **b Decisions**

The decisions as listed on Appendix A were received.

c Appeals and Other Matters

153 **i Green Belt Review**

Cllr Clark said that the Gravesham local residents group was trying to organise a protest rally at the Civic Centre, but he thought there was little support.

6 FINANCE

154 **a Bank Balances**

The bank balances as listed on Appendix A were noted.

155 **b Payments Made Since the Last Meeting**

The payments made since the last meeting as listed on appendix B were ratified.

156 **c Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Mileson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Stanier and agreed the accounts for payment (cheques 100100 – 100102) as listed in Appendix A be approved.

7 GRANT APPLICATIONS

157 None.

8 RECREATION GROUND

158 Cllr Mrs Stanier had nothing to report.

19 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

159 **a Public Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

160 **b GBC Transport Panel**

Cllr Mileson had nothing to report.

161 **c Lower Thames Crossing.**

It was agreed Cllr Mileson's letter be sent. Cllr Newnes had attended a roadshow and said that the quality of the material and officials attending had been good.

162 **d Flytipping**

Cllr Newnes said it had been annoying recently and there was the impression that it

was a small number of repeat offenders. Cllr Clark said that the CCTV idea could be pursued but it would not be straightforward.

163 e **Road Drains**

Cllr Mrs Stanier reported that there was hard earth on the two drains in the Recreation Ground but that the drains were clear underneath.

164 f **Spring Clean**

It was agreed the spring clean would take place on 30th March and Cllr Newnes volunteered to organise it again. MN

165 g **Other Highways Issues**

No matters were raised.

10 GBC MEETING OF PARISH CHAIRMEN

166 Cllr Clark said the minutes had been circulated. Stuart Alford had given a presentation on flytipping. Medway Council was used for enforcement and householder liability.

11 KALC GRAVESHAM AREA COMMITTEE

166 Cllr Newnes reported on the last meeting. The planning application for the lorry park at Sole Street had been refused. The Police and Crime commissioner's coffee morning had been mentioned. There had been mention of the elections to be held on 2nd May.

14 MEETINGS REPORTS

167 a **KALC Chairmanship Conference**

The Clerk said she had been invited to speak on the Chairman/Clerk Relationship at the KALC Chairmanship Conference.

168 b **Valley of Visions**

Cllr Clark reported on the Valley of Visions Securing Landscapes meeting. A lot of work had been done but had been reset due to lack of police activity. Vandalism was just as bad as ever. There had been a discussion about CCTV.

169 c **Police and Crime Commissioner's Coffee Morning**

Cllr Clark reported on the Police and Crime Commissioner's coffee Morning. He had given a credible presentation. Items included were the budget, recruitment of officers, new initiatives, PCSOs, rural policing and Speedwatch.

13 CONSULTATION

170 No documents received.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

171 None.

15 REPORTS AND CIRCULARS

172 The reports and circulars as listed on the agenda were received.

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

173 a Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Mileson said he had heard Neighbourhood Watch was looking for support.

CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

17 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

174 It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mrs Moorhouse and agreed to exclude the press and public from the following item on the grounds it concerned personnel matters.

18 PERSONNEL MATTERS

175 a Contract of Employment and Associated Documents

Cllr Mileson had drafted a contract of employment and associated documents, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. These documents were agreed unanimously.

176 b Appointment of Clerk

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed that Mrs Daniela Baylis be offered the post of Clerk to succeed the current Clerk, with a 3 month hand over period from 1st April to 30th June 2019. During the handover period she would have the job title of Assistant Clerk. Cllr Mileson said he would prepare an offer letter.

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

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2019