

LUDESLOW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 November 2021 at Luddesdown Village Hall, DA13 0UH, commencing at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Noel Clark
Cllr Chris Mileson
Cllr Matt Newnes – Vice Chairman
Cllr Anne Moorhouse - Chairman
Cllr Johan Rossouw

In Attendance: Shaun Fishenden – Clerk & RFO
2 members of public

270/07/21 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Borough Councillor; Cllr T Rice.

271/07/21 Declarations of Interest

- a. Declarations of Interest – No declarations of interest
- b. No changes to the Register of Interest

272/07/21 Dispensations

None received

272/07/21 Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 September 2021 be approved. PROPOSED: Cllr Mileson and SECONDED: Cllr Clark

The meeting was not adjourned as there was no Borough Councillor present

273/07/21 Planning

- a. Applications
None at time of Agenda
- b. Decisions
The decision notice from GBC for Valley View was noted.
- c. Appeals
None at time of Agenda
- d. Enforcements
There had been no update from enforcement although it was noted by Councillors that the Greenacre site had seen more activity in recent weekends.

274/07/21 Finance & Governance

- a. The current financial position and bank statements were NOTED. The payments presented including £35 to Cllr Moorhouse for Mayors Walk expenses were approved. PROPOSED: Cllr Newnes and SECONDED: Cllr Mileson.
- b. Following discussion, the 2022-2023 budget proposal was APPROVED.
- c. The precept request for 2022-2023 was AGREED to be set at £7305.90. PROPOSED: Cllr Newnes and SECONDED: Cllr Clark.
- d. This item was deferred until the next meeting.

275/07/21 Clerk's Report

- a. The Clerk reported that a new bank account with Unity Trust Bank had still not been set up. He would be submitting a formal complaint. He would also pursue access to the existing Barclays accounts.
- b. The Clerk reported on changes to the staff structure at Meopham which he was overseeing and also the permanent appointment of Linda Atkinson as Clerk of Higham Parish Council.
- c. The Clerk confirmed he would continue to work on updating council policies and procedures, and would present them at future meetings for approval.

276/07/21 Community & Environment

- a. Cllr Newnes provided an update on the recreation ground usage by the Cobham Colts, it was noted the parish council would monitor any parking issues. The Clerk would contact the Colts to ascertain their planned usage of the ground for the season.
- b. Cllr Clark reported that a group of four residents had been setting and deploying the cameras. The cameras are currently active. One incident has been captured and reported to GBC, prosecution is likely.

Cllr Newnes suggested a litter-pick for the parish that could perhaps be combined with other jobs such as cleaning signs, clearing foliage, drainage pond and checking drain covers. He would review his availability and liaise with the other councillors.

- c. Cllr Clark reported the Luddesdown and District Footpaths Group held their AGM and Gerry Minister is now the Chairman.

277/07/21 Highways & Transport

- a. Cllr Newnes would review the previous signage report to identify what works had been completed, Cllr Clark and Cllr Mileson would do the same for the areas of the parish they covered.

To link in with this it was AGREED the Parish Council would liaise with Cllr Rice about Highways Improvement Plans and perhaps also look at whether there was any projects that could utilise any money from the Lower Thames Crossing community funding.

- b. Cllr Mileson had not received an invite to the Joint Transportation Board meeting recently.

278/07/21 KALC/Representation on External Bodies

Cllr Rossouw had attended the KALC AGM, he reported on the successful climate change presentation. One point made was that recycling has been focused on far too much and there were other measures needing to be taken. Measures such as solar and heat pumps for the parish should be discussed.

It was suggested an action plan be drafted for the parish in order to encourage change and increase decarbonisation measures. Cllr Moorhouse suggested we perhaps tie in on Cobham Parish Council.

Cllr Moorhouse requested that the PCSO be supplied with the 2022-2023 meeting schedule once it has been produced so they can attend.

279/07/21 Correspondence, Circulars and Reports

The correspondence, circulars and reports set out in A/07/21 were NOTED.

The meeting closed at 21:46pm

Signed:

Date:

Chairman