

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER 2019 AT LUDESDOWN VILLAGE HALL, LUDESDOWN AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Noel Clark Chairman
 Cllr Chris Mileson
 Cllr Mrs Anne Moorhouse
 Cllr Tony Rice
 Mrs Roxana Brammer Clerk
 Mrs Jo Barker Assistant Clerk

Item *Action point*

Minute number 2019/20/

1 APOLOGIES

111 An apology for absence was received from Cllr Matt Newnes who was on holiday and Cllr Stuart Barclay had work commitments. This was accepted by the Council.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

112 None.

3 BUDGET 2020/21

113 The Clerk went through the figures on the draft budget she had prepared. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Chris Mileson, seconded by Cllr Noel Clark and agreed to adopt the budget for 2020/21.

4 PRECEPT 2020/21

114 It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed the precept for 2020/21 would be £6325.00. The residents will see an increase in 10%. The Chairman would give an explanation to residents in his March Chairman's report. Jo Barker to write to GBC confirming precept in writing. *JB*

5 PREVIOUS PAYMENTS

115 Cllr Clark referred to cheque no 100117 to Kent Association for Local Councils for £328.56 which had been listed on the finance report as £123.80. The Clerk explained that two invoices for previous years had been sent by KALC due to a change in their accounting software and she had added the amounts to cheque 100117 but this had not been mentioned in the minutes. The finance report for May 2019 would be amended and put on the website.

6 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

116 It was proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr Mileson and agreed the accounts for payment as listed on the agenda be paid (cheques 100141 – 100146). These were signed and distributed.

7 PLANNING APPLICATION**117 20190986 – Land Adjacent To, Darnley Cottage, 90-91 Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend**

Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden including the refurbishment and conversion of the existing barn to detached garage and store. *JB*

Cllr Clark proposed no objection, this was seconded by Cllr Mileson and all voted in favour.

Jo Barker to inform Gravesham Borough Council of decision.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

118 Cllr Tony Rice had a meeting with Gravesham Borough Council concerning littering/flytipping in the area. He met with Nick Brown and Stuart Alford to try and get an understanding of how they deal with the problem. How do they go about the clearance? Are there hotspots?. When is an area designated a hotspot? Cllr Rice wants to see a plan put in place. This meeting took place a few weeks ago and is still he waiting to hear back from them.

Cllr Mileson wanted to know if there was data for fly tipping hotspots. So far there have been no changes in the fact that Pepperhill has been closed for sometime and now charges for some rubbish to be disposed of there. Bad behaviour, rogue traders deciding to tip and then organised crime, these are the three main causes.

Cllr Rice has been getting people to talk to Brian Sanger from Environment and Transport and asked for a cross party politically neutral approach towards the development procedure. He will contact Brian to attend a meeting on January 16th 2020 to involve all parties.

Road sign survey has been emailed to Cllr Clark. Cllr Clark and Cllr Rice will get together to discuss signage in the village. Maybe signs could be put up at the entrance to the village to inform people that they are entering Luddesdown. *NC*

The ownership of the recreation ground was discussed. It was agreed that this would be put on the agenda for the next parish meeting on Monday 18th November 2019.

Cllr Clark has been promised funding from Bryan Sweetland towards the defibrillator. A cheque from Ebbsfleet and Northfleet Rotary Club for £50 was received. Quote from electrician was £120 for the installation. Cllr Clark proposed the buying of the defibrillator, seconded by Cllr Mileson and all voted in favour. Cllr Clark asked the Assistant Clerk to go ahead and accept the grant. It was discussed that Henley Street could also benefit from a defibrillator too. The telephone box was an option but BT still own it and is used for 999 calls only. Jo Barker (Assistant Clerk) to find out if Harvel use their telephone box to house a defibrillator. *JB*

Cllr Clark confirmed the appointment of Jo Barker as Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer at the rate of £10.37 per hour. This position will commence 1st November 2019. Cllr Milesen will produce a contract of employment for Jo Barker.

Cllr Clark spoke on behalf of the council and recognised the service and expertise that Roxana Brammer had given to the council over the past years. The council has certainly profited and learned from her experience and diligence. The council felt that she had moved them forward and helped them to navigate difficult issues. Cllr Clark wished her and her husband David a long and happy retirement.

The Chairman thanked councillors for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

Signed Chairman

On theday of..... 2019