

## LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hughes, Nutt, Beeley, Jones and Warrender.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk), District Councillor Barnes, District Councillor Giles and 32 members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors Hegarty and Harriott

### 1. Public Participation:

- (a) Members of the residents' group SRAG raised concerns about the proposed south west relief road in particular the late inclusion of it into the Core Strategy Modifications, the lack of general consultation and awareness by residents of the proposal and the paucity of much of the evidence and comments seemingly accepted at face value by SDC officers and the absence of any consideration of possible alternative road proposals to serve the possible development at Long Marston. DCllr Barnes was asked if he supported the proposal. He replied that he supports the need for a road because of traffic issues in Welford. The only part of the proposal that is within his area is between the proposed expanded Industrial Estate at Atherstone and the former Shire Horse centre, and he had asked for the proposal to include an island at Clifford Chambers at the junction with Milcote Road and was waiting to hear if that could be agreed. He considered that traffic management measures would be required because the increase in traffic from the expanded industrial estate is likely to be heavier than from the first phase of the proposed residential development. At the time of the original "Eco-town" proposal at Long Marston there was intended to be a new road serving the proposal to the A46 at Salford Priors, but that proposal was shelved by central government. He confirmed it would be the responsibility of WCC to propose any new routes.
- (b) DCllr Giles confirmed she considered that infrastructure needs of the District need to be organised in a holistic manner and struggles to understand why this is not happening. The south west relief road seems to have met with approval simply because it is a developer-led proposition on land over which the developer has control. She was not aware of any consideration of any other possible proposals. She has suggested an across the board traffic review arising from the knowledge now existing of where development is likely to take place to include consideration of other transport options in addition to roads such as rail and tramway suggestions. She confirmed she intended to speak against the Core Strategy Modifications at the Council Meeting. She suggested obtaining advice as to whether there were possible legal grounds for challenging or reopening the inquiry into the Core Strategy Modifications, and also suggested advice to assist with objections and challenges when any formal planning application comes forward. She was still awaiting the report of outcome of the summit traffic meeting between WCC and the MP which was due at the end of June, and will be contacting the MP to see when the report is going to be available. She also suggested there was a need to get the message as to the unsuitability of the road proposal to the residents of other parts of Stratford, who simply assumed that it was a measure that will improve traffic issues in other parts of the town.

- (c) SRAG confirmed that Central TV were filming a news item on 7<sup>th</sup> July at the Racecourse, and intended to protest at SDC on 11<sup>th</sup> July. SDC have been putting information in the Stratford Observer, which is not generally delivered throughout the Parish and the Observer have agreed to leave 50 copies at Simply Fresh on the Evesham Road for residents to collect. They are distributing contact details of the County and District Councillors for residents to lobby them direct about the issues.
  - (d) A number of residents voiced concerns about the plans for Boddington Farm. The application site excludes a barn to the rear of Avon View, leaving concerns that there could be scope for further and additional development in the future. It was felt that any development should be limited to the existing buildings and suggestions that some of the existing barns may not be redundant.
  - (e) Traffic issues at Clover Cottage and Boddington Cottages were also raised. The Traffic and Safety Officer at WCC had indicated that the area was not a priority for any traffic calming measures as there had been no accidents. There are now more cars being used by temporary workers at Manor Farm and the 30mph sign has been covered by tree growth. There was a possibility of borrowing a speed gun from a neighbouring Council but volunteers to operate this need to be identified and trained.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
  3. Matters Arising:
    - (a) Cllr Nutt was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman
  4. County Councillor's Report: There was no report from CCllr Horner
  5. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Barnes reported as follows:
    - (a) On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 there is a Cabinet Meeting at SDC at 2.00pm followed by a full Council Meeting at 4.00pm intending to adopt the Modified Core Strategy
    - (b) Smith's has appealed the refusal of the application for 10 houses on Luddington Road. As the housing numbers for service villages are now agreed there should be grounds for refusal again.
    - (c) He is concerned about aspects of the applications for Boddington Farm and suggests objecting.
    - (d) He had opposed parking charges for parking at the Greenway. At Milcote on the day after they had been introduced there was one car in the car park, and four cars parked in the road.
  6. Finance:
    - (a) The Community Account stood at £6,659.32.
  7. Specific Agenda Items:
    - (a) Training for Councillors – the Chairman felt that Cllrs would benefit from available courses. WALC do run periodic training courses. Clerk to forward details of any that become available.
    - (b) Stratford Observer circulation - dealt with under Public Participation

- (c) Traffic calming – a number of ideas were put forward including white lines at the side of the road, coloured tarmac at the village entrances, side gates or flower boxes, chicanes, reduction of speed limit in Luddington Road to 30mph. Chairman to contact WCC to ascertain what can be achieved.
- (d) Meeting with SDC Chairman – Chairman had met Cllr Saint and had emailed round a copy of her summary
- (e) Localism – LGC had produced their special Report entitled Power to the People. Clerk to email to Cllrs. Cllr Warrender has set up Luddington Village Facebook page.
- (f) Bridge Competition – if it becomes apparent that the road across the Avon becomes a definite proposal it was suggested that an RIBA sponsored design competition may produce a better and more palatable design to suit the area.

8. Correspondence:

- (a) SDC - District Core Strategy – Publication of Inspector’s Final Report
- (b) Healthwatch Warwickshire Annual Report 2015/16

9. Planning:

- (a) Gibbs ([16/01774/FUL](#)) – Boddington Farm Luddington: Demolition of one existing Dutch barn, a general purpose storage building, greenhouse and potting shed, calf boxes, general store building, and covered sheep yard; conversion, extension and alteration of remaining traditional farm buildings to form five dwellings; change of use of land and former cart shed to ancillary domestic use; erection of car ports; formation of communal and private parking areas; and all associated works. It was agreed to object to the application as not a holistic plan for the whole site and some proposals not in keeping with the rural village location and the existing Listed Building – in particular the proposed gates to the development, the large glazed areas in the stable block and the part of the proposal which is a new-build and concern about external light pollution.
- (b) Gibbs ([16/02089/LBC](#)) – Boddington Farm Luddington: Listed Building Consent for demolition of general purpose storage building, greenhouse and potting shed, calf boxes, general store building, and covered sheep yard; conversion, extension and alteration of remaining traditional farm buildings to form five dwellings; erection of car ports to serve units 2 and 5; and all associated works. As above
- (c) (Neighbouring Parish Notification) Avon Estates Ltd ([16/01872/FUL](#)) Caravan Park Wixford Road Bidford on Avon: Change of use of land from agriculture to extend caravan site, demolition of toilet and laundry buildings and use of land for 40 caravans for all year round occupation (existing caravan site limited to 16 caravans occupied on a seasonal basis and one manager's caravan occupied all year). No objection, but Clerk to check with the neighbouring Council to see if they have issues on which support would assist.

10. Business for Future Consideration: None

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.47pm.