

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16th AUGUST 2016 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hughes, Nutt, Beeley, and Hegarty.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk), District Councillor Barnes and 8 members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors Warrender and Harriott

1. Public Participation: None
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th July 2016 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Traffic and Safety Officers had met with the Chairman and had undertaken a survey along Luddington Road, and would be making formal proposals for traffic calming measures in September. These are likely to include more repeater 30mph signs, more signage on the road, border white lines on the sides of the road in the area around Clover Cottage and other areas, dragons' teeth and 30mph on the road at the village entrances and possibly more attractive village signs.
 - (b) There had been no further response from RIBA concerning a possible bridge design competition.
4. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner sent a written report as follows:
 - (a) The County is starting develop its **three year budget** for 2017 to 2020. This £70 million savings requirement includes the last year of the previous four year budget that has had to be reworked following Central Government unexpected reduction in funding. Adult Social Care is now ring fenced and must deliver a service incorporating the additional 2% Council Tax surcharge included by the Government in the last Budget. The additional funding has gone part way to meeting the costs increases due to raising the minimum wage.
 - (b) **West Midlands Combined Authority** was assented in July with Warwickshire County Council and Stratford District Council as non-constituent members. This means that they have no voting rights nor do they have to come under control of a West Mids Metro Mayor. The Leader of Warks CC has been invited to join the WMCA Cabinet and take responsibility for finance. The funding made available by Central Government is no more than an ability to increase borrowing by the members which will then be used as equity in highly mortgaged schemes. There is no new money coming from Central Government, but all might change with the new administration and Chancellor
 - (c) Warwickshire County Council has completed the improvements to **Junction 12, M40** and access to the Jaguar Landrover/Aston Martin site. The new 1.5 km road took approximately 18 months to complete by Geoffrey Osborne Contractors and cost approximately £10M to design and construct.
 - (d) **Warwickshire Fire and Rescue** will be offering training to firms on a non-profit basis for annual fire warden, fire awareness and fire extinguisher training, first aid, emergency first aid, community first aid and refresher training, certificate of professional competence (CPC), manual handling, working at

height, water awareness, National Examination Board in Occupational Health and safety (NEBOSH), , Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), UKATA Certified Category A Asbestos Awareness and Waste Smart accreditation.

- (e) Twelve new members of **Warwickshire's Children in Care Council (CiCC)** were announced last week. The council has been in place since 2008 but this is the third year that members have been elected through a democratic process. A newly elected youth panel will be speaking up for looked after children and helping to shape services in the county. The twelve seats were filled by young people aged 11-20 whose manifestos won them the votes of the county's 720 looked after young people and care leavers.
- (f) Contracts to **support Warwickshire's most vulnerable residents** to live independently in the community began on 1st August 2016. Two services will be accommodation-based with support provided to residents living in accommodation provided for the purpose. The other two services will be provided in the community on a "floating" basis where support workers visit clients in their current accommodation.
- (g) **£800k fund available for Warwickshire businesses.** Warwickshire micro, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) having difficulty accessing loans to fund their growth, are being given the chance to get loans from a new package of funding worth £800,000 from Warwickshire County Council and Coventry and Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust (CWRT). The small business loans programme is designed to help businesses access investment that will help them diversify or modernise their operations, leading to economic growth and job creation. Loans up to £75,000 are available. To find out how we can help please visit our website at www.cwrt.uk.com or call us on 024 7655 1777

5. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Barnes reported as follows:

- (a) The Core Strategy had been adopted but is still in a period when it is open to legal challenge, and there may be a challenge from Gaydon. However, the adoption decision gives SDC more power to refuse applications, and this seems to have been a factor in the appeal by Smith for 10 houses in Luddington Road being withdrawn. The application at Boddington Farm has also been withdrawn.
- (b) Greenway parking charges has resulted in fewer dog walkers and less dog mess being left.
- (c) Welford Parish Council are also looking for the use of a speed-gun from their County Councillor and could combine the Police training, and Welford and Long Marston are also looking for additional speed signs.

6. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £6,659.32.
- (b) The following bills were passed for payment:
 - i. £272 for WALC annual membership
 - ii. £60.00 for Luddington Village Hall for 4 meetings between April and June 2016.
 - iii. £800.00 for P Rudge for work, including work in the churchyard, between 24th May and 22nd July. The Chairman requested a copy of the invoice to review the costs at the next Meeting.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

- (a) Issues raised by Dodwell Park residents:
 - i. Traffic and speeding problems persist particularly with the volume and speed of traffic at the entrance to Dodwell Park, making it dangerous for residents emerging from the entrance and for those trying to cross the road to the bus stop. There are similar difficulties at the access to the Care Home. Chairman agreed to raise the issues with the Traffic and Safety Officer and to see if support can be elicited from the Care Home Manager and traders on the Dodwell Trading Estate. Cllr Nutt also suggested assisting in the preparation of a petition for residents to express their views. Solutions suggested included the creation of a road island in the road at the entrance to Dodwell Park and the use of the speed gun when available.
 - ii. The Residents Association had also made complaints about other issues to the site owner and were unhappy that these seem to be ignored. Advice as to the means of escalating the complaints and supporting action concerning the Site Licence conditions was given.
- (b) Village Design Statement – the draft VDS had been displayed on the Open Day and some useful comments had been received
- (c) Traffic calming and Speed Watch – Traffic calming dealt with above. There have been 12 volunteers to assist operating the speed gun, and it is proposed that sufficient people receive police training to use the laser gun. Dates are being discussed, the difficulty being that the volunteers are requesting weekend sessions, but the Police are only offering sessions on Tuesday afternoons. Thanks were expressed to Ann Jackson and Sarah Black for their assistance and activity in promoting this and engaging others to volunteer.
- (d) Cllr Jones – Regrettably Cllr Jones has received a conviction which disqualifies him from acting as a Councillor. The Senior Electoral Officer at SDC has been informed, and the vacancy created by his disqualification can be advertised from 9th September 2016. The Chairman thanked Cllr Jones for his stalwart service and practical assistance during his period of office.

8. Correspondence:

- (a) WCC – Home Composting workshops
- (b) Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner – survey to shape future plans
- (c) WCC Green Wheeled Bin competition
- (d) SDC – Core Strategy Adoption Statement
- (e) SDC – UBUS Service
- (f) WCC – Housing Related Support
- (g) S Warwickshire Rural Crime Coordinator August Newsletter
- (h) WCC – Voluntary Snow Wardens
- (i) SDC – Electoral Register Returns
- (j) SDC – Community Infrastructure Levy
- (k) CSW Broadband – FTTP Fibre
- (l) WALC – Community Led Housing Survey

9. Planning:

- (a) Keighley ([16/02207/FUL](#)) – The Haven Luddington: Replacement dwelling.
After considering the plans in depth it was agreed that the Council would make no comment but would encourage the applicant to use phase-change glazing in the large windows proposed in the front gable to minimise external light pollution.
- (b) Smith 15/04033/OUT – Land off Luddington Road – Planning Appeal Informal Hearing on 14th September 2016. The appeal has been withdrawn.

10. Business for Future Consideration: Review P Rudge

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.34pm.