

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hughes, Warrender, Beeley and Nutt.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk) District Councillor Barnes and 6 members of the public

Apologies: Councillors Hegarty and Harriott.

1. Public Participation:

- (a) Mr Mark Knight introduced himself as the Chairman of the Dodwell Park Residents Association. He had been concerned to learn that complaints had been made to the Parish Council concerning matters at Dodwell Park at the last Meeting without any of the matters having been raised with the Association. The Association has a membership of 76% of the residents, and is therefore a Qualifying Association. He was therefore attending to get better communication and liaison between the Association and the Council. It was explained that Cllr Nutt had met with some residents while getting information for the Village Design Statement, who had raised the issues discussed at the last Meeting, and that the residents had indeed been referred to the Association as the first step in dealing with such issues. It was also confirmed that a vacancy on the Council is currently being advertised, in case there was anyone from the Association who wished to put themselves forward.

- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th August 2016 had been circulated. Cllr Nutt requested an amendment to paragraph 7(a)(ii) so that it reads: "Some of the Residents had also made complaints.....". This amendment was agreed, and subject to the amendment the Minutes were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising:

- (a) Village Design Statement: A draft Statement has been prepared. There is still a requirement for some detail to be added, for example some pictures of some Dodwell Park properties and some key principles regarding Dodwell Park would be helpful.
- (b) Traffic Calming Measures: PC Bennett, the Community Safety Liaison Officer has been in touch with the Chairman regarding the speed watch measures and the proposed traffic calming measures. He was aware of a log by one resident suggesting that there was, for example, one particular car driving regularly at high speeds at around 7.30am each morning, and one lorry doing the same at about 4.30pm. The speed watch laser gun can only be used in zones where there is a 30mph speed limit, so could not operate on the Evesham Road at Dodwell. It was suggested that the Dodwell Residents Association could assist by asking the Traffic and Safety Officer of WCC to re-visit the issue of speeding on the Evesham Road. Involving the management of the Care Home and the Business Park, and any issues that concern them would need to be considered. There had been an offer of high-visibility jackets for the speed watch volunteers at no cost to the Council. It was agreed this should be taken up. It might also be possible to obtain re-conditioned laser guns from a company called Tele Traffic, rather than rely on sharing one with other parishes, but the on-going cost of calibrating the guns annually should be taken into account.

- (c) “Relief Road” proposal: It was agreed to invite Cala Homes to the Council’s November Meeting to provide more details of their proposal.
4. County Councillor’s Report: CCllr Horner sent a written report as follows:
- (a) On Thursday (22nd September) the Council will receive the officers’ options for saving £72 million over the next 3 years. These involve a great deal of process redesign in order to avoid direct cuts to services. However these savings come on top of the £100 million or so savings made over the last five years. Your views will be sought to see what priorities should be going forward.
 - (b) The County are running a series of campaigns this month:
 - i. “Stop for the Lollipop Person” to dissuade drivers from driving through school crossing patrols
 - ii. Raising awareness on loan sharks and offering alternative suggestions and support
 - iii. Prevention is better than falling ill – is a key theme in the latest Annual Report from Public Health Warwickshire
 - iv. An appeal for people to come forward as foster parents
 - (c) WCC is offering funds for business support. For further information contact Coventry & Warwickshire Growth Hub – tel: 030 060 3747; Email contact@cwgrowthhub.co.uk
 - (d) The County Reablement Service was given a rating of “good” by the CQC
5. District Councillor’s Report: DCllr Barnes reported as follows:
- (a) SDC was the fifth best local authority for recycling in the country
 - (b) The Core Strategy has been signed. There are only 10 days for any legal challenges to be issued, so it appears that there may not be any challenge. The Planning Inspector suggested that there should be a 20% reserve in the housing numbers (equates to 2,800 houses) in case the release of land and homes slows down at any stage through the period of the Strategy. There have been overspill numbers from Coventry of 2,000 and from Birmingham of 9,500 which have been allocated mainly to areas such as Wychavon and Sutton Coldfield, but there are problems with those areas assimilating the total numbers, so it still remains possible that SDC could be asked to absorb some.
 - (c) At the Planning Committee DCllr Barnes opposed the application to replace the B&Q store at the Maybird Centre with 3 new shops, and opposed the MP’s application to remove an agricultural tie on his property.
 - (d) Boddington Farm – it is understood that a new application will be brought forward with less glazing in the buildings, and with Highways suggesting the provision of 2 accesses.
6. Finance:
- (a) The Community Account stood at £8,974.82
 - (b) The section portion of the precept of £3,447.50 had been received.
 - (c) The following bills were passed for payment:
 - (i) £156.60 for HCB Solicitors for stationery and postage
 - (ii) £516.25 for Clerk’s salary and HMRC for July to September 2016.
 - (iii) £5.99 to reimburse the Clerk for a memory stick to back up the Council’s documents held electronically.

- (d) It was agreed for the Chairman and Cllrs Warrender and Nutt to attend WALC's Planning course on 5th November 2016.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

- (a) Review of mowing etc costs: Schedule of works to be prepared and agreed to enable comparative quotations to be obtained.
- (b) Village Green. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had been heard from Ragley Estates since he had replied declining their offer to sell for £5,000.00. It was agreed to offer £1,000.00 plus Ragleys' reasonable legal fees.

8. Correspondence:

- (a) WCC – Flood Risk Management Newsletter
- (b) SDC – Adoption Statement for Land at Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath Supplementary Planning Document
- (c) WCC – Notice of temporary road closure of Luddington Road between 28th and 30th September 2016.
- (d) WALC – Technical changes to the Neighbourhood Planning system.
- (e) WALC – Legal Topic Notes (a) The rights of Local Councils to be notified of Planning Applications and Decisions; and (b) Event Licensing. Clerk to circulate Legal Topic Note (a).
- (f) WCC – Community Computers scheme
- (g) WCC – Smart Start (0-5 Strategy) Programme
- (h) Luddington Village Hall requesting revised Hall Hire Form.
- (i) WALC – Government Consultation on proposed changes to Precepts. It was agreed to circulate and put on the next Meeting's Agenda
- (j) Chairman of Clifford Chambers & Milcote Parish Council – noise complaint regarding Blue Rodeo event at Stratford Racecourse. Clerk to respond as advised.

9. Planning:

- (a) Corby ([16/02360/FUL](#)) – 2 Dodwell Farm Cottage Evesham Road Dodwell: Erection of extension to barn outbuilding to facilitate use as ancillary residential accommodation to the main house for the purposes of a dependent relative. No comment.
- (b) Bond (16/02845/FUL) - Unit 1 Dodwell Trading Estate Evesham Road Dodwell: Conversion of portion of carpentry commercial unit to separate live/work unit. No comment

10. Business for Future Consideration:

- (a) Mowing Schedule
- (b) Co-option to fill Vacancy on the Council
- (c) Consultation on Precept changes.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18th October 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.