

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hughes, Hegarty, Payne and Nutt.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk), County Councillor Horner, District Councillor Barnes and 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Councillors Warrender, Beeley and Harriott.

1. Public Participation: None
2. Declarations of Interests by Members: Cllr Nutt declared a personal interest in Planning Application 16/03331/TREE
3. Minutes of the Meetings held on the 18th October 2016 and 8th November 2016 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Village Design Statement: The Statement is still with Matthew Neal. Chairman to chase him so that it can be signed off. It was agreed in principle to provide paper copies of the final version to each household in the Parish. Further consideration as to whether a Neighbourhood Plan could still be appropriate.
 - (b) Traffic Calming Measures: The Chairman has received assurance that the work is going forward. It was agreed to check whether the road is scheduled for re-surfacing so that the calming work is not overtaken by any re-surfacing work.
 - (c) The Chairman had obtained copies of NPPF, SDC's Core Strategy, Conservation Principles and Guide to Permitted Development Rights and distributed them to the Cllrs, requesting that Cllrs familiarise themselves with the policies in the documents to be able to respond effectively to planning applications.
 - (d) Broadband: Cllr Nutt had chased his complaint with a BT case manager, and discovered that the Welford on Avon exchange has been up-graded, although it seems that neither Openreach nor CSW Broadband had been informed. Residents can now upgrade to BT Infinity by ringing 0800 374566 or 0800 587 4787
5. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner indicated that the Traffic calming work was not going to be funded by his grant, and indicated that he felt the proposed scheme will not work. The Chairman suggested that if CCllr wanted to be unhelpful he should leave the Meeting, which he did.

CCllr Horner had sent a written report as follows:

 - (a) County Budget 2017-2020 is in preparation. The assumption is that local government funding will not change in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement due out on November 23 and the Council will need to find an addition £67 million annual savings by 2020. The challenge is severe and the Council is looking at radically redesigning the way services are delivered as a way of ameliorating the impact.
 - (b) County Council and key strategic partners have launched a second annual cyber-crime survey to assess the impact that online crime is having around the county.

This is to test if there is a change in the level of awareness of cybercrime. The survey can be found on <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RegionalCyber16>

- (c) A secret store of illegal cigarettes led to prosecution of a Rugby Shop and Save store owner. 25% of a sample of ham and cheese pizzas bought from 40 small takeaways from across the County and were found not to be ham or cheese.
 - (d) A major new business support service for small and medium sized firms in Coventry and Warwickshire has been launched. The service is available to businesses with up to 250 employees.
 - (e) A series of child car seat clinics will be held at supermarket car parks around the county, organised with the Police and the Good Egg Guide, as there has been a worrying increase was found in the number of children who were not being appropriately restrained in cars.
 - (f) The gap in life expectancy between North and South Warwickshire is at its smallest in a decade. On average, life expectancy in Warwickshire for males (80.1 years) and females (83.9 years) is higher than both the national and regional rates. The gap in expectancy across the best and worst areas in the county is 17 years for men and 16 years for women.
6. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Barnes reported as follows:
- (a) B&Q: the Core Strategy includes a policy that sustainable retail development should be retained in the area, and the NHS had supported his proposal on the grounds that DIY work encourages many elderly to keep busy. SDC have pledged to help B&Q look for a new site – they are seeking a 3 acre site.
 - (b) His application to CCllr Brain for grant funding to assist with the purchase of a second hand speed gun will be determined on 6th December. Salford Priors have made an application to CCllr Horner. He has visited Norfolk where they have a policy of 20mph zones in village centres. There are some 20mph zones in Rugby, one in Alcester and one in Clifford Chambers, but no WCC policy to that effect.
 - (c) He has opposed the planning application to change holiday let property to residential as contrary to tourism policy.
 - (d) The proposed new one-form entry primary school in Long Marston is to be a free school. Welford School has asked to take it over so they can run together.

7. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £8,282.58
- (b) The following bills were passed for payment:
 - (i) £6.00 for WALC for copies of the Good Councillor Guide.
 - (ii) £141.07 to reimburse the Chairman for copies of NPPF, SDC's Core Strategy, Conservation Principles and Guide to Permitted Development Rights distributed to the Cllrs.
 - (iii) £36.00 for CPRE annual membership renewal.

8. Specific Agenda Items:

Speed Watch: Cllr Nutt reported that the SpeedWatch team had completed 16 outings with a total of 80 man hours spent by the volunteers. 111 cars had been logged with 72 going over the speed limit. Cllrs considered whether to either (i) make an offer to buy the speed gun owned by Long Marston PC of £600.00 which would need calibrating at a cost of £250.00, with no guarantee as to its

functionality; or (ii) pay £900.00 to Teletraffic for a reconditioned speed gun that would be calibrated and guaranteed. It was agreed to budget for option (ii) so that it could be acquired in April 2017.

Cllr Payne urged the Council not to forget the continual speeding problems on the B439, and recounted an incident when a Stratford-bound bus had stopped at the bus stop opposite Dodwell Park entrance, and a car behind went to turn right into the Park in the turning lane, and a vehicle from behind overtook both on the wrong side of the road. It was questioned whether any further traffic calming measures might be required in Dodwell Park. There some issues with delivery vans ignoring the 10mph limit. The residents had asked for 50mm speed bumps, but the owner had installed 75mm bumps, which are not liked. It was thought little was necessary at the Park entrance because it is only two vehicle widths wide, and therefore it is necessary to slow down in order to turn in.

9. Correspondence:

- (a) WALC – Launch of Volunteer Connect Service
- (b) WALC – Comic Relief Local Communities Fund
- (c) WALC – Consultation over Community Forum Meetings
- (d) NALC – Legal Topic Notes: (a) Trespass to Land (b) Local Councils’ Documents and Records (c) Byelaws
- (e) CSW Broadband – Contract 3 Public Consultation
- (f) WCC – Warwickshire Health Transport poster/leaflet and Hidden Superhero poster/leaflet. To be displayed on Noticeboard.
- (g) SDC – Consultation on BT programme of removal of payphones. Luddington Kiosk was included in the consultation. The Clerk had contacted SDC in response confirming that no response had been received from BT to the request to adopt the kiosk. BT suggested a further application needed to be made, and the Clerk has submitted a further application as suggested.

10. Planning:

- (a) Bond (16/03613/FUL) Unit 1 Dodwell Trading Estate Evesham Road Dodwell – change of use of portion of carpentry commercial unit (Class B1) to art studio (Class D1) and external alterations. The application was supported.
- (b) Nutt (16/03331/TREE) The Forge Old Church House Luddington – mixed species: cut back to form hedge and lift crowns to 4.5m; elder and copper beech: reduce branches overhanging footpath by up to 3m; holly: reduce crown by 15% and reshape. The application was agreed provided the work was done professionally.

11. Business for Future Consideration:

- (a) Strategies for Transport and control of Air Pollution
- (b) Budget for 2017-18

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm, but with a social gathering in the interim on 20th December 2016.

Meeting closed at 9.56pm.