

Luddington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Luddington Village Hall on 13th June 2017 at 19:30

Present: D Nutt (DN) (Chairman), J Warrender (JW) (Vice-Chairman),
W Hughes (WH)

In attendance: R D Armstrong (Clerk), M Brain (MB) (County Councillor),
P Barnes (PB) (District Councillor), M Giles (MG) (District Councillor)

Members of the public: None present

1. Record of members present

As shown above.

2. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received and approved from A Hegarty.

3. Declaration of interests in any item on the agenda

Councillors were reminded that they are required to disclose an interest in any item on the agenda.
No interests were expressed.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 16th May 2017

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

5. To receive any questions or representations from the public

No questions or representations were made by any members of the public.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered in the agenda

There were no matters arising.

7. County Councillor's Report

MB reported as follows :

Warwickshire Observatory has published several consultations.

MB felt that the current SWRR proposal was not attainable.

There are two speed cameras available at Quinton which could be used by LPC Community Speed Watch with only the annual recalibration cost being incurred.

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8. District Councillor's Report

PB reported as follows :

The planning application in respect of 131 Luddington Road has been refused by the Planning Committee.

The lorry routes used by Sandfields Farm have been agreed and will exclude Luddington village.

The owner of Boddington Farm has displayed the types of tiles and brick to be used in the development and these have been agreed with Planning.

The five year land supply required by the Core Strategy has remains unsatisfied and the District remains vulnerable to speculative development.

A meeting of Long Marston stakeholders is being held on 15 June 2017 at Quinton.

MG reported as follows :

MG is a member of a working group monitoring the five year land supply in conjunction with Council officers. The calculation is extremely complicated and is provided at six monthly intervals.

MG has objected to the Bordon Hill development. There have been over 60 objections from residents.

Stratford Town Council have published a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

SDC have published the Infrastructure Project Report containing priorities for medium to long term projects.

Nadhim Zahawi MP was concerned at the nature of the SWRR which he encountered at the community open day. The road can be challenged in the planning system and by identifying alternative routes. LPC has a part to play and may wish to consider raising a fighting fund.

WH asked whether a study could be initiated to consider the effectiveness of the proposed route.

JW felt that if Long Marston was being promoted as a stand-alone garden town, appropriate infrastructure should be provided. Research should be carried out to cost the alternative routes, such as the defunct Long Marston to Salford Priors *eco town* route.

DN asked **MB**, **PB** and **MG** to provide agreed terms of reference for a transport strategy outlining the level of support available to allow LPC to begin work with other parish councils.

9. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that £9657.09 was held in the Community account as at 29 May 2017.

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The following accounts were presented for payment :

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| R D Armstrong | Stationery | 9.95 |
| W Hughes | Village Design Statement printing | 433.20 |
| P Rudge | Grass cutting | 311.25 |
| R D Armstrong | Salary | 664.31 |

JW proposed that the payments be approved and this was seconded by **TB** and passed unanimously.

The Clerk reported that **DN** and **JW** had performed an examination of the accounts and had expressed satisfaction with their findings.

The Clerk reported that no separate budget had been allocated to the Village Design Statement. Members were of the opinion that VDS costs should be allocated to the Professional Planning Research and Advice budget.

The Clerk reported that online copies of the Stratford Observer were available at no cost.

The Clerk provided an Annual Parish Council Timetable of key events through the year to assist members.

The Clerk reported that a Parish Council Forum had been established which contained the key areas of business. **JW** asked if he could receive an alert when a new message had been posted. The Clerk will contact all forum users to explain the process of setting up notifications.

The Clerk reported that all correspondence received by the Council had been forwarded to members by email.

10. Statement of Intent

DH described the Statement of Intent which describes the key objectives of the Council for the year from May 2017 to May 2018. **DN** proposed that the Statement of Intent be adopted as a work in progress and this was seconded by **JW** and passed unanimously.

DN further described the changes to be applied to Parish Council procedures. **DN** proposed that the changes be adopted as a work in progress and this was seconded by **WH** and passed unanimously.

11. Planning

JW and **WH** reported as follows :

17/00561/FUL - Bordon Hill; An update to drainage and land levels has been lodged with SDC site as a defence against questions on these issues. However, this does not alter the fact that the land in question is not included in the SDC Core Strategy. Objections mainly relate to the density of the site, privacy levels for Luddington Road residents, drainage and flooding. Access from Bordon Hill is also seen a major safety issue.

Scope/00030 - SWRR; The Local Action Group has been instrumental in gaining published support from the Stratford Herald in opposing this proposal which came from “walking the route with councillors and our MP” and is leading to more coverage and more individuals and groups coming forward to assist, some ex-professionals are being met with over the coming weeks.

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17/01088/VARY - 6 Avonbank Drive; LPC has raised an objection with this change of access as there is an issue with trees/screening being reduced and therefore reduced privacy for the Harriott's facing garden and property. Planning officer Amy Flute has written to LPC to ask if the height of the hedge was increased, would this overcome our objection. The Harriotts` have been contacted to ask for their latest thoughts. Due to correspondence from Amy Flute, the decision has been extended to 7th July 2017. If the objections stand, the application is likely to go to the Planning Committee.

17/00234/FUL - 131 Luddington Road; The application has been refused by the Planning Committee citing CS9 and CS20 of Core Strategy; "not sensitive,not appropriate, and overbearing,". No doubt we will be seeing this again sometime in the near future.

Pending News and Information; A few minor applications have recently been looked at and resulted in no representation from LPC. These applications had no comments from neighbours and so can be deemed as not being an issue.

The Clerk reported the status of the following live planning applications :

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| 15/03785/VARY | Land S W Of Alcester Road Stratford-upon-Avon | Pending | 24/05/16 |
| 16/00737/REM | Land S W Of Alcester Road Stratford-upon-Avon | Pending | 24/05/16 |
| 17/00839/TPO | All Saints Church, Luddington | Granted | 12/04/17 |
| 17/00775/S106A | Land S W Of Alcester Road Stratford-upon-Avon | Pending | 18/04/17 |
| 17/00808/FUL | Manor Farm, Luddington | Pending | 02/05/17 |
| 17/00561/FUL | Bordon Hill Farm | Pending | 10/05/17 |
| 17/00234/FUL | 131 Luddington Road, Luddington | Refused | 28/03/17 |
| 17/00072/VARY | Drayton Manor Farm, Alcester Road | Granted | 24/02/17 |
| 17/01088/VARY | 6 Avon Bank Drive, Stratford-upon-Avon | Pending | 24/05/17 |
| 17/01092/VARY | 2 Dodwell Farm Cottage, Evesham Road, Dodwell | Pending | 07/06/17 |
| 17/01126/COUQ | The White Bungalow, Stratford-upon-Avon | Pending | 19/05/17 |
| 17/00518/LBC | 202 Luddington, Stratford-upon-Avon | Pending | 03/07/17 |
| 17/01577/FUL | 202 Luddington, Stratford-upon-Avon | Pending | 03/07/17 |

17/01126/COUQ ; No comment

17/01092/VARY ; No comment

17/00518/LBC and 17/01577/FUL ; The merits and otherwise of these applications were discussed and **JW** will prepare a response which the Clerk will post.

17/01088/VARY ; The Clerks was asked to respond to Amy Flute by reiterating our objection to the application and that the planting of specimen trees at the border of Ms Harriott's property would overcome both her concerns and those of LPC. The planning reasons for our objection are that the proposal contravenes CS9(8) and CS20(E)(1) in that it unacceptably detracts from the amenity of a neighbouring property by reason of loss of privacy.

12. Environment, Health & Safety

TB reported as follows :

ENV01 - ANT advised and issue resolved. Suggest ongoing monitoring of rubbish in lock area and general appearance. Propose ENV01 closed and ongoing monitoring added as part of ENV03. Proposed by **TB**, seconded by **WH** and passed unanimously.

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ENV02 - Need to clarify whose responsibility the trees are and therefore what if any action necessary. The site is thought to be owned by Orbit. **TB** will write and ask them to assume responsibility. Proposed by **TB**, seconded by **JW** and passed unanimously.

ENV03 – ongoing

ENV04 - Clarify is this the village conservation area? If so this will require liaison with SDC as the designating body. Suggest LPC decide what areas we might want included in the conservation area & why to take to SDC if this is to be actioned.

ENV05 - **TB** to liaise with **JW** as to the issues in first instance.

ENV06 - **TB** to get contact details for BT from the Clerk and follow up.

ENV07 - Decision taken by LPC to continue with lease with potential for future purchase. **WH** confirmed one year lease agreed and waiting for agreement to be sent. Option for future purchase remains available. Suggest this remains open until lease is finalised and signed. Future purchase to be reviewed as part of annual budget setting.

ENV08 - Contacted SDC and asked to be considered for dog fouling packs. Limited number of packs likely to be available & no other materials available currently, LPC now on list of communities with interest and should receive information in future. NFA currently, but suggest issue remains open

ENV09 - **TB** will look into process and cost of getting bin and regular collection as first step.

ENV10 - Suggest spring & autumn clean up event. Recommend spring clean take place. Could ask for involvement of ‘Rubbish Friends’ group for any problem areas identified if necessary.

ENV11 - Peter Barnes has followed up with SDC Environmental Health department. Recommend we close this as not a PC issue as private dispute between business and customer. Proposed by **TB**, seconded by **DN** and passed unanimously.

HEA01 - Suggest LPC asks for feedback on health concerns & aspects village want further addressing. Possibly via website, facebook and newsletter

HEA02 - Suggest LPC asks for feedback on concerns for & impacts of cuts village want further addressing. Possibly via website or newsletter

HEA03 - Suggest LPC asks for feedback on community health professionals or those willing to act as first responders if seen as necessary. Possibly via website or newsletter.

HEA04 – Ongoing

FIT01 - See FIT04

FIT02 - See FIT04

FIT03 - See FIT04

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FIT04 - Suggest info gathered to see if there is interest/ demand for these as first step. Perhaps inclusion in village news or poll on website/ Facebook to gather interest.

SAF01 - Recommend for safety inspection to be funded by LPC as per previous discussion at LPC April meeting and recorded on risk register. Necessary first step if swings are to be retained. Need for decision on future of swings. It was felt most appropriate to have the swings repaired and then inspected in order to comply with insurance policy requirements. The Clerk will provide names of suitable repair contractors. Proposed by **TB**, seconded by **WH** and passed unanimously.

13. Traffic Management

DN reported as follows :

All Referral issues are still open.

TMP01: Meeting to be arranged with Nadhim Zahawi after his re-election supported by County Councillor Mike Brain to to ask why we cannot get money from the Government's infrastructure budget for a proper solution to Stratford's traffic problems in order to protect the value of Stratford as a national tourist and heritage asset; co-working across parish and town councils to be pursued dependent on results of meeting with Nadhim Zahawi

TMP02 – Ongoing

TMP03 - Ongoing

TMP04: Clarify validity of use of dashcam evidence by police

TME01: See TMP01 above. Note County Councillor does not support the SWRR but pointed out that we have to wait for planning applications. He did not think they would be successful.

TME03: Traffic & Road Safety Group Engineer has confirmed that the police will not support any proposal to reduce speed limits to 30mpg along East Luddington Road due to the potential increased demand on speed enforcement which they are unable to resource, the absence of any injuries in the last 3 years, the alignment of the road and the partly built up nature of this section of the road. In addition Traffic & Road Safety Group does not think that speeds could be reduced to comply with a new 30mph limit without significant engineering input in the form of traffic calming measures which they do not have the funds for. **DN** proposed that the issue should now be closed, seconded by **JW** and passed unanimously.

TMV01 - Ongoing

TMV02 - With reference to TME03 above, it is highly unlikely that speed limits in the village can be changed.

DN proposed that the issue should now be closed, seconded by **JW** and passed unanimously.

TMV03 - Ongoing

TMV04 - Ongoing

TMD01 to **TMD03** - Notes on a meeting with our Dodwell Community Contact and the incoming Chairman for Dodwell Residents Association as set out in appended meeting report.

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SW01 - Community Speedwatch Team is continuing to carry out speedwatches in Luddington, Welford and Binton with volunteers from each parish co-operating as an extended speedwatch team. A new volunteer in Luddington Parish has been identified to join the team.

SW02 - Ongoing

SW03 - Ongoing

SW04 – Ongoing

14. Crime Prevention & Fire Safety

DN reported as follows :

Referral Issues CMP01 to CMP08 remain open. There are no new issues identified as at the time of this report.

Action on (and prioritisation of) all issues is awaiting formulation of a Parish Communication Strategy (see issue COM02) which will clarify how we communicate with parishioners. There has been no progress on this strategy as it is part of Communication & Engagement Referrals (see COM02) for which at present we have no Parish Councillor responsible.

Our Community Champion for Crime Prevention & Fire Safety, Ann Jackson comments as follows:

To find out the best way to communicate we need to ask parishioners how they would like to receive communication. I anticipate that we will need to use all channels available. Ideally we need to gather email addresses from parishioners. Shame that this couldn't have been done at the Fete (or even on Thursday at the village hall when folk are voting). I think the only way we can do this is to put a team together and do house to house giving them a short brief explaining what the Parish Council is doing across the different levels (planning and development, crime prevention etc etc). Also we need to know what is planned for a Parish website, and whether it will sit alongside the Luddington website or separate?

It should be noted that the Community Information Table suggested for the fete had to be cancelled as a volunteer could not be found to man it.

15. Communication & Engagement

DN reported as follows :

Referral issues COM01 to COM13 are still open. There are no new issues identified as at the time of this report.

Claire Wise is interested in our strategy and **DN** will be meeting with her on 15 June 2017.

16. Business for future consideration

Support for SRAG – to be discussed under Traffic Management.

Fundraising events – to be discussed under Communication and Engagement.

Report on Long Marston Stakeholder Workshop – to be discussed under Planning.

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17. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 19:30 at October House, Loxley.

The meeting closed at 21:30.

Signed: _____ D Nutt (Chairman) Date: _____