

## LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hughes, Warrender, Hegarty and Nutt.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk) and District Councillor Barnes.

Apologies: Councillors Beeley and Harriott.

1. Public Participation: None
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 had been circulated. Cllr Nutt requested an amendment to the seventh line of paragraph 3(b) so that it reads: “..is a 30mph or 40mph speed limit, so could not operate on the Evesham Road at Dodwell as it is a 50mph limit.” This amendment was agreed, and subject to the amendment the Minutes were approved and signed.
3. Matters Arising:
  - (a) Village Design Statement: The Statement is with Matthew Neal for him to read and respond with any comments.
  - (b) Speed Watch: Ann Jackson provided a written update concerning Luddington Community Speed Watch (LCSW) as follows:

The main aim of LCSW is to record vehicles travelling in excess of the speed limit in both the Village and along Luddington Road, and to try to deter drivers using this as a “rat-run”.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September Sharon Hilton from Warwickshire Police trained 10 volunteers from Luddington and 4 from Welford on Avon. At LCSW’s request the Police have identified 7 appropriate CSW sites at Little Luddington Farm, Broadmead, Little Luddington Lodge, Heathcote, the Village Hall and the entrance to the former Veterinary site.

The volunteers are currently using the Police equipment (laser gun, signage and high viz jackets) and the team have been out on 8 occasions so far, starting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016, varying the sites used and placing the signage in different places on each occasion.

Unfortunately, on the first day the team were subjected to verbal abuse, including from a resident of the Village, but there have not been any problems since then. On average approximately 10% of vehicles travelling through the Village and along Luddington Road were recorded over the legal speed limit.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October the team operated for 45 minutes from 17:30. In that time 102 vehicles came past, the majority of which were from the Race Course. 15 were over the 30mph limit. Unfortunately, the team were unable to get any assistance from the Police on this occasion due to lack of resources, but have requested that some breathalyser checks are undertaken at the next and final race meeting, as it was reported that one vehicle from the Race Course was weaving all over the road.

On the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> October a check was carried out between 07:30 and 09:15 hours. There was a noticeable increase in traffic from the west (133 vehicles in 1.45 hours). Many of the vehicles were using the Village as a “rat-run” due to congestion on the B439 Evesham Road, and many were speeding.

There is no doubt that the team's presence and the signage makes a massive difference to the speed that vehicles travel in the Village and along Luddington Road. They are lucky to have 10 very enthusiastic volunteers who are doing a great job.

The team are currently borrowing Police equipment that is being shared by several Warwickshire villages. It is possible to obtain a second hand laser gun from Teletraffic costing £900.00 plus VAT, and there is a cost of £250.00 for annual re-calibration. 2 portable signs would cost £160.00, and high-viz jackets would be required. LCSW ask whether it might be possible to join forces with Welford in order to share one set of equipment.

It was agreed to investigate the best method of acquiring equipment that could be available to the volunteers.

- (c) Traffic Calming Measures: The Chairman has received assurance that the CC grant funding for the work to the highway for traffic calming measures is being allocated to the Highways Department for the work to be done. Cllr Warrender suggested that a further application is made after completion of the currently proposed work to obtain yellow lines at Luddington Road near the Race Course entrance.

4. County Councillor's Report: There was no report from CCllr Horner.

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

- (a) The Core Strategy: There has still not been any legal challenges to the Core Strategy. The application for 500 homes in Bishopton has been approved. It appears that the overspill allocation of housing from Birmingham is going to Sutton Coldfield.
- (b) The Boddington Farm proposal is back in for further consultation, although it is thought the conservation architect has reservations about the current proposal.
- (c) Full Council Meeting on Monday includes a statement from DCllr Barnes asking for the provision of DIY shops in Stratford to be referred to the Cabinet in the light of the application to replace the B&Q premises with 3 shops. He invited further public questions to be put to the Meeting.
- (d) Long Marston Parish Council are asking for 30mph speed limit to be reduced to 20mph on category C roads
- (e) He has asked for grant funding to assist with the purchase of a second hand speed gun, but is not confident of getting the funding. Salford Priors are also interested in co-operating, and have grant applications to Warwickshire and Worcestershire County Councillors.
- (f) In response to a question from Cllr Nutt, DCllr Barnes confirmed that there is no traffic management plan for the SDC area, and none is presently proposed. There is a plan for Warwick DC.

6. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £8,452.58
- (b) The following bills were passed for payment:
  - (i) £90.00 for WALC for the Chairman and Cllrs Warrender and Nutt to attend WALC's Planning course on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
  - (ii) £90.00 for Luddington Village Hall for Hall Hire for Parish Council Meetings between July and September and for LCSW training meeting.



7. Specific Agenda Items:

- (a) Mowing Schedule: Draft schedule was amended to include periodic work to the trees along the Church path and grass cutting in the churchyard. Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for comparison, including one from P Rudge.
- (b) Co-option to fill Vacancy on the Council: It was agreed to co-opt Brian Payne.
- (c) Consultation on Precept changes – Clerk to respond.

8. Correspondence:

- (a) WALC – Invitation to Annual General Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Shire Hall Warwick at 7.30pm
- (b) WALC – Minutes of Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and invitation to the next Liaison Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Elizabeth House Stratford on Avon at 6.00pm
- (c) WCC – Primary Gritting Routes.
- (d) Luddington Village Hall – problem arising from booking of training session for LCSW. Cllr Nutt to check the points alleged with Ann Jackson.
- (e) D Heyworth – concern at behaviour of LCSW volunteers. Chairman to contact him.

9. Planning: None

10. Business for Future Consideration:

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.