

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Jones, Thorpe, Heyworth, Hegarty and Gist.

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

Apologies: County Councillor Horner

1. Public Participation: None, but condolences were expressed for the unfortunate passing of Cllr Chris Sharpe, and a tribute paid for his energetic work on the Council particularly as the area's "Broadband Champion" and in liaising with ANT regarding the lock area.
2. Declarations of any Personal or Prejudicial Interests by Members including consideration and decisions upon written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any): None
3. Minutes of the Meetings held on the 19th November 2013 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Electricity cabling undergrounding - Cllr Gist had obtained confirmation that there is no prospect of linking the proposed scheme at Hohnalee to the agreed scheme at the Village Green. There are no delays expected to the Village Green scheme.
 - (b) Complaints about lights at Avonvale were discussed. It is unlikely that any planning conditions have been infringed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter bringing the concerns expressed to the Council to the attention of the owners.
5. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner provided a written report, a copy of which is attached.
6. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Vaudry reported as follows:
 - (a) SDC have agreed a 0% Council Tax increase, but there will be an increase in business rates. Joint working with other Councils has led to a £360,000 grant from central government.
 - (b) Core Strategy – proposal to change the plan period to 2011 to 2031. Housing requirement to total 10,800 for the period. As Luddington is not a local service village the lack of sustainability criteria means there remains little threat to the Parish. Likely that the number of houses for the Gaydon/Lighthorne development proposal will be reduced to 3,000 – meaning it will fall short of the size of development required to trigger additional resources for education, medical and other services. Suggestions for other large-scale developments to be looked at Southam, which has problems, Tiddington/Alveston, which is hampered by transport considerations, and Long Marston, which has the advantage of being a brown-field site and could prompt further ring-road proposals to link with the Shottery development, and may therefore impact on Luddington Road and the racecourse. Decisions likely in April.

7. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £7,394.18.
- (b) Following bills passed for payment:
 - i. £369.50 for P Rudge for work between 9th October and 28th November, including work in the churchyard on 28th November.
 - ii. £30.00 for Luddington Village Hall for Meetings in October and November
 - iii. £29.00 for CPRE for annual subscription
 - iv. £505.00 for Clerk's salary and HMRC for October to December 2013.
- (c) Budget for 2014–15 was considered including consideration of current spending as against current budget, which is anticipated will be in accordance with or under the current budget. It was agreed to set a budget totalling £5,210.00 for the year 2014–15 and to apply £400.00 from existing reserves in order to maintain the precept requirement at £4,800.00 for the year (prop. Cllr Heyworth, sec. Cllr Gist).

8. Specific Agenda Items: Appointment of Representative to Village Hall Committee. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Heyworth.

9. Correspondence:

- (a) WALC – Briefing on Government's Written Statement on Local Authorities' Finance
- (b) SDC Chief Executive letter to WALC re Council Tax Reduction Scheme
- (c) Stratford on Avon and District CAB – Annual Review
- (d) SDC – Likely consultation regarding revised Core Strategy and Local Development Scheme
- (e) Dodwell Park Residents' Association Newsletter November 2013.
- (f) Dodwell Park Residents' Association – Cost of Park Home Site Operators' Licence.
- (g) WALC – Nominations for Royal Garden Party 2014. It was agreed to submit a nomination for Mrs Jane Beeley
- (h) Terry Heath – Force 3 Security. It was agreed to invite him to make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.
- (i) Nadhim Zahawi MP – Posters to promote surgeries.
- (j) NALC – summary of Government's Autumn Statement
- (k) Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team December and January Community Newsletters
- (l) WALC – Section 137 expenditure limit & World War I Centenary Events
- (m) SDC – Guidance for Displaying Promotional Material
- (n) Aon Insurance – Up-dated copy of the Council's Insurance Policy as policy endorsements not previously included on copy provided.
- (o) WCC – Free Home Composting Workshops to promote home composting.
- (p) WALC – Latest news on Community Tax Referendums.
- (q) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

10. Planning:

- (a) Davis (13/03120/FUL) The Little House Luddington – Single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension. No comment

- (b) Rogers (13/03170/LDE) Boat Cottage Binton Rd Welford – use as a C3 dwelling – sent for information purposes as visible from the river bank in the Parish. No comment.

11. Business for Future Consideration:

- (a) Proposals for Veterinary Centre
- (b) Hedge adjoining telephone box in Luddington

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18th February 2014 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.30pm