

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Jones, Thorpe, Hegarty and Gist.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk) and County Councillor Horner

Apologies: District Councillor Vaudry and Councillor Heyworth.

1. Public Participation: None.
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 21st January 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising: None
5. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner provided a written report, a copy of which is attached. He also responded to the following points:
 - (a) He will report trees across the footpath at Bordon Hill.
 - (b) Work on bus shelter is continuing and progressing.
 - (c) There is a suggestion that the responsibility for the SpeedAware signs transfers to the Parish Council after 5 years. Cllr Gist requested that the Parish Council is provided a detailed specification so that their working are known and can be easier maintained.
6. District Councillor's Report: There was no report from DCllr Vaudry but CCllr Horner confirmed new from the District Council as follows:
 - (a) SDC have agreed a 0% Council Tax increase. Joint working proposals with other Councils have led to a grant from central government which has assisted in the budgeting.
 - (b) Core Strategy – SDC is intending to have an emergency Council Meeting before the elections so that the Core Strategy can be submitted to the Communities Secretary for approval, and so that it can be settled as quickly as possible.
7. Finance:
 - (a) The Community Account stood at £6,460.68.
 - (b) There were no bills for payment:
8. Specific Agenda Items:
 - (a) Proposals for Veterinary Centre. Site is owned by DEFRA and is thought to be on the market for continued light business use. It was agreed to ask to be kept informed of any proposals for the site and be provided with any marketing material.
 - (b) Hedge adjoining telephone box in Luddington. It was pointed out that the hedge is on private land and is not the Parish Council's responsibility. It was also felt

that the position of the bank on which the hedge is situated would continue to obstruct the visibility of traffic in any event.

9. Correspondence:

- (a) SDC – Focused Consultation on Stratford District Core Strategy. It was agreed for a copy of the consultation document to be circulated and for the Clerk to make any comments raised by Councillors prior to the consultation closing on 14th March 2014.
- (b) Luddington Village Hall – Application for New Homes Bonus Grant. Clerk had sent letter in support of the application.
- (c) WCC – Recruitment of Home Composting Champions
- (d) WALC – Up-dates on Financial Issues
- (e) Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team February Community Newsletter had been circulated
- (f) WALC – Ministerial Statement that no capping of Parish Council Precepts
- (g) WALC – Parish Council Development Officer and consultation re postal services in rural areas
- (h) Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting – 19th February 2014.
- (i) WCC – Alcester Bidford Community Forum on 11th March 2014.
- (j) WALC – whether IT training would help Cllrs with Council business.
- (k) WALC – notice of Public Interest Debate on Unitary Local Government in Warwickshire on Tuesday 25th February 2014 at Shire Hall Warwick.
- (l) WALC – Summary of Predetermination Rules Guidance provided by Government
- (m) WALC – Legal Topic Noted on Elections; Defamation; Staff Pensions and update on discontinuation of Cheque Payments
- (n) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

10. Planning:

- (a) Ainsworth (14/00239/DDT) Avonvale Luddington – Dead/Dangerous Tree Notification
- (b) Naylor (14/00316/DDT) Land to West of Avonvale Luddington - – Dead/Dangerous Tree Notification

11. Business for Future Consideration:

- (a) Proposals for Veterinary Centre
- (b) Proposed Stratford on Avon District Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 7.30pm
Meeting closed at 8.35pm