

## LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Jones, Thorpe, Hegarty and Heyworth.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk) County Councillor Horner District Councillor Vaudry and 2 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Gist.

1. Public Participation: Anne Jackson and Sarah Black wished to raise concerns about traffic speeding through Luddington Village. They had attended the last Community Forum Meeting and met with Darren Pemberton and PC Essex, and obtained agreement from the Forum that monitoring the speed of traffic in the Village was one of the Neighbourhood Team's priorities for the next quarter. They have also offered to form a group to be trained to use speed guns, and are waiting for training from West Mercia Force. They were asking for assistance in getting others involved in the group, and suggestions were made concerning use of the Parish Noticeboards, newsletter and website and raising at next month's Annual Parish Meeting.
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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
  - (a) Bus Shelter scheduled for work to start on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014
  - (b) Work to underground cables at Village Green due to start on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014
5. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner provided a written report, a copy of which is attached. He also mentioned the following points:
  - (a) County Council making training available for those who are considering starting new businesses. County Council keen to promote the fact that the area is a very good environment for small companies and particularly for new technology companies.
  - (b) Debate about a unitary authority for the county was well attended by Parish Councils, but not by the District Councils. There was a strong view that such an arrangement would facilitate Parish Councils doing much more locally. The County Council voted to do more investigation work on the subject.
6. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Vaudry reported as follows:
  - (a) Core Strategy – Proposal from Cala Homes for major development at Long Marston Airfield including £120m investment in western relief road linking to the proposed Shottery development, light railway scheme between Stratford and the development and a technology park within the site to provide employment for up to 4000. It would also provide 2 primary schools and a new secondary school. Perceived advantages that it was on a brown-field site, that Cala have an option to purchase and therefore control the whole site required, compared to

green field proposal at Gaydon/Lighthorne where there could be problems with owners seeking to hold ransom land preventing total planned delivery. Perceived disadvantages were the effect of a relief road at the race course end of Luddington Road, traffic and noise issues and possible compulsory purchase of some properties.

- (b) Parish Plan – he suggested it may be timely to undertake a further review of the Parish Plan. It was agreed to schedule time in the May Meeting to do this.

7. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £6,460.68.
- (b) The following bills were passed for payment:
  - (i) £505.00 for Clerk's salary and HMRC for Jan to March 2014
  - (ii) £141.60 to HCB Solicitors to re-imburse paper printing copying and postage costs

8. Specific Agenda Items:

- (a) Proposed Stratford on Avon District Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan – the nature and number of the pitches proposed and the policy criteria for the selection of possible sites were all considered. It was not proposed for any response to be made to the consultation.
- (b) Proposals for Veterinary Centre – no information as to whether any marketing yet being undertaken and no information as to any proposals.

9. Correspondence:

- (a) WALC – Minutes of Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- (b) Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team March Community Newsletter had been circulated.
- (c) Roger Dopson Pro-Warden All Saints Church Luddington – requesting the Council's assistance with churchyard maintenance as provided last year. As this has been budgeted for, it was agreed to respond requesting that the work included the trimming of additional growth on the trees to the drive, as pollarding had recently been done, and to ask about plans for maintenance on some of the larger yew and scots pine trees in the churchyard.
- (d) WALC – Public Right to Record Local Council Meetings
- (e) Dodwell Park Residents' Association February Newsletter
- (f) SDC – Register of Electors as at 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014.
- (g) WCC – Invitation to Chairman's Open Evening Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014. No representative able to attend.
- (h) WCC – Transport and Highways Update had been circulated.
- (i) WALC – Briefing on the repeal of the reliance on cheque payments and procedures required to make use of internet banking. This has led to NALC's model set of Financial Regulations being revised and brought up to date. To be reviewed at the Meeting in May.
- (j) SDC – Consultation on proposed revised arrangements for dealing with complaints of Councillor misconduct.
- (k) WALC – Consultation on proposed new audit framework for local public authorities with a turnover of less than £25,000 and proposed transparency code.
- (l) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

10. Planning:

- (a) Twyman (14/00599/FUL) Boddington Farm Luddington – change of use of land for equestrian purposes and erection of 20m x 40m all weather manege for private use. It was noted that the application did not include any lighting and was supported for that reason.
- (b) Higgins (13/01435/FUL) Land at 209 Luddington – Appeal against the Decision to refuse permission for a new dwelling had been dismissed.

11. Business for Future Consideration:

- (a) Round Lock Update

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm  
Meeting closed at 9.20pm