

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20th MAY 2014 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Heyworth, Hegarty, Thorpe and Jones.

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

Apologies: Councillor Gist

1. Public Participation: None
2. Election of Chairman:
Cllr Gist was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Heyworth and seconded by Cllr Heyworth but was not present to confirm his willingness to stand. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Heyworth as Chairman for the time being on the express understanding that Cllr Heyworth intends to resign in the event that Cllr Gist is willing to stand.
3. 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
4. Election Vice-Chairman:
Cllr Hegarty was nominated as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Heyworth and seconded by Cllr Thorpe and was unanimously elected.
5. Dates of Meetings for the year:
It was agreed to hold Meetings at Luddington Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Tuesdays in each month except August and December.
6. Cheque Signatories:
It was agreed to retain the existing cheque signatories (Cllrs Thorpe Heyworth and Hegarty).
7. Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations:
The Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were reviewed. It was agreed to amend the Financial Regulations in accordance with the revised and updated version recommended by NALC, subject to the inclusion of the same financial limits were applicable as applied to the Regulations as previously adopted.
8. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th April 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
9. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Removal of trees at Avonvale, The Rushes and in the lock area. Response from SDC Enforcement Officer Roger Thatcher considered. It was agreed to seek further clarification from him.
 - (b) Arising from Annual Parish Meeting at which Mr Smallman had sought action to keep dogs and their owners to the public footpath across Manor Field. The Clerk had obtained further signage from WCC Footpaths Team and erected them at both ends of the public footpath across the field.

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

11. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Vaudry reported as follows:

- (a) Core Strategy – SDC had approved the Proposed Submission Core Strategy at the Council's May Meeting which identified the proposal at Gaydon/Lighthorne as the preferred large-scale site. Legal challenges to the decision and the Strategy are already coming in.

12. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £7,639.34. First payment of precept of £2,400.00 had been received.
- (b) Following bill passed for payment: £188.00 for P Rudge for work between 25th March and 14th April 2014.

13. Specific Agenda Items:

- (a) Review of Parish Plan. The Action Plan arising from the Luddington Parish Plan 2006 was reviewed together with the identified problems, subsequent actions and outcomes, and how changes in circumstances since the preparation of the Plan affected the same issues, if at all. The following conclusions were reached:
 - i. The appropriate time to consider whether the process of creating a new Plan should be considered again is after the inclusion of the parts of Old Stratford & Drayton Parish Council into the parish following the implementation of the Boundary Commission review. The issues pertinent to the "new" parts of the Parish may well dictate a wholesale review being desirable.
 - ii. Traffic issues remain despite some progress concerning the B439, and concerns about the effect of future proposed developments and the effect of possible relief roads suggest that further issues will arise. Advice from the Highways Agency and consideration of methods of mitigating possible effects are likely to be required.
 - iii. The Council should review the original Conservation Document identifying the parish's Conservation Area and its features as a first step to considering whether there is a desire to up-date it.
 - iv. The Public Footpath connecting Luddington and Dodwell, and in particular the stile across the path by the disused railway bridge still needs attention to improve connection between the two communities.
 - v. Continuation of cycle route from Stratford and better connection from Luddington Road to Welford worthy of consideration.
- (b) Round Lock Update – it was agreed to adjourn to the next Meeting
- (c) Broadband Update – No improvement is likely until 2015 at the earliest. SDC has agreed match-funding to ensure 95% of the county to get promised improvements by March 2016 to avoid the question of funding being deployed as a reason for delaying implementation. There appear to be staffing issues within BT and its contractors preventing some progress.

14. Correspondence:

- (a) Dodwell Park Residents' Association April Newsletter. Agreed to circulate.
- (b) P Rudge – Renewed Annual Insurance Certificates

- (c) WCC – Our Warwickshire, new community history and heritage website for the county: www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk and free training sessions for anyone interested in adding to it. Cllr Hegarty to contact John Hobbs concerning his films and photos and extensive local knowledge.
- (d) WCC – speedgun training. Contact details of Ann Jackson and Sarah Black had been passed on.
- (e) WCC – Free training session for Social Enterprise
- (f) Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service consultation roadshows.
- (g) Parish & Town Council Liaison Meeting 26th June 2014.
- (h) Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team Community Newsletter for May 2014 had been circulated.
- (i) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

15. Planning:

Craddock (14/01207/Tree) The Holly Tree Luddington. Pollard willow at rear of property to 6ft. No comment.

16. Business for Future Consideration:

- (a) Review of Conservation Area.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17th June 2014 at 7.30pm
Meeting closed at 8.55pm