

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15th JULY 2014 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hegarty, Heyworth, Thorpe and Jones.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk) County Councillor Horner and District Councillor Vaudry and 1 member of the public

Apologies: Councillor Gist

1. Public Participation: Mr Mark Hughes attended to enquire concerning the consultation relating to the proposed solar farm at Little Luddington Farm. The Clerk confirmed that he had been notified earlier in the day that Lightsource had decided to withdraw the scheme for the time being and had cancelled the planned site visit. The Company did not rule out submitting a revised and possibly smaller scheme in the future, but would re-start the entire consultation process if they did decide to do so. Mr Hughes reminded all of the Village Fete on 27th July.
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 Meeting held on the 17th June 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Lock Area: Progress of the work to be reviewed.
 - (b) Village Green: No response from Ragley Estate so far.
5. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner reported as follows:
 - (a) Bus Shelter at Dodwell has been completed. The old bus shelter opposite had also been cleaned by a WCC contractor.
 - (b) Fire and Rescue Service Reorganisation consultation is to be reviewed in September.
 - (c) New Care Act is now in force, and WCC working on revised procedures. The required assessments could cost WCC up to £500,000 each year.
 - (d) Cllr Thorpe reported complaints that the pavement from the new Bus Shelter to the Dodwell Business Park was overgrown. Also the hedge on the Stratford side of the old bus shelter needed cutting back. This was the responsibility of the landowner, thought to be Mr Wilkin, who has recently died.
 - (e) The SpeedAware sign is working.
6. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Vaudry reported as follows:
 - (a) Solar Farm proposal: a further application is considered likely.
 - (b) Core Strategy – Second consultation has ended. There is a risk of action for a judicial review arising from possible failures to declare interests.
 - (c) Gypsy and Traveller Sites: the response to the call for suggestions for sites was disappointing, as no sites were put forward. SDC and WCC may need to look at land within their own control. There is a risk that unless sites are identified the Core Strategy cannot be approved.

- (d) Agricultural Barns: reminder that the planning rules have been relaxed so that redundant barns can be converted to residential use without formal planning application, only a notification process is necessary, but this does not apply to Listed Buildings or barns within a conservation area. The criteria for sustainability do not apply to such notification.
- (e) Development at Glen Yeat appears to have been built differently from the permission granted. It has been referred to the Planning Department. The security fence is also encroaching on to the pavement.

7. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £6,946.34.
- (b) The Annual Governance Statement was considered and approved, and signed.
- (c) Following bill passed for payment:
 - i. £502.50 for P Rudge
 - ii. £45.00 for Luddington Village Hall.

8. Specific Agenda Items:

- (a) Conservation Area: The contents of the original document creating the Luddington Conservation Area were considered. The features included the nature and variety of the trees especially at Avonvale, defined as an “arboretum”, and the negative features of the cables over the Village Green. There had been recent complaints concerning the loss of trees, and progress in undergrounding cables. It was also noted that the consultation responses during the preparation of the Parish Plan indicated a strong desire to avoid light pollution in the area. It was agreed to investigate the process for changing the designation of the Conservation Area, either in its extent and/or in adding criteria to the features to be conserved.
- (b) Broadband: Agreed to adjourn to the next Meeting.

9. Correspondence:

- (a) WCC – Local Dementia Friends advocate. It was agreed to invite Carole Zambonini to the next Annual Paris Meeting.
- (b) Coventry & Warwick Reinvestment Trust – Small Business Loan Fund
- (c) WCC – Compost Bin Workshops
- (d) Healthwatch Warwickshire Annual Report 2013-14
- (e) Dodwell Park Residents Association Newsletter - circulated
- (f) NALC – Legal Topic Note – Handling Complaints
- (g) Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire and Chairman of WCC – Invitation to Service of Commemoration for Centenary of outbreak of World War I – 3rd August 2014. No-one available to attend.
- (h) WALC – Minutes of Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting 26th June 2014 and Notice of next Meeting on 29th October 2014.
- (i) Laterlife Challenge
- (j) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

10. Planning: None

11. Business for Future Consideration: Possible acquisition and location of a defibrillator.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16th September 2014 at 7.30pm
Meeting closed at 8.50pm