

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.30pm

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

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

Apologies: None

1. Public Participation: Mrs Mitzi Higgins wished to draw the Council's attention to a co-operative scheme between 3 parish Councils in Herefordshire in which they had taken responsibility for mending small potholes in their roads before they could grow to become larger ones. This had improved the road condition and also saved money for the County Council. There are issues to consider regarding the Council's legal competence and insurance liabilities in such matters. It was agreed to consider at next month's Meeting. Mrs Higgins was also able to confirm that ANT were likely to start work in the lock area to re-fence the land, delineate the round lock area, improve the surface of the track and move the storage box against the fence in the next 4 to 6 weeks.
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): Cllr Gist declared a personal interest in Planning Application 14/02188/TPO regarding Thatched Cottage Luddington
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th July 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Village Green: Still no response from Ragley Estate so far.
 - (b) Mrs Zambonini, local Dementia Friends advocate has agreed to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2015.
5. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner reported as follows:
 - (a) WCC is undertaking a consultation exercise regarding adult social care, in particular on its cost and pricing as well as provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities.
 - (b) Flu Jabs – awareness for those entitled to free inoculation, as only approximately half of those entitled take advantage of the service.
 - (c) Snitterfield is the first village in the District to have been provided with superfast broadband, and already it is clear the demand has been underestimated and the cabinet provided by BT does not have the capacity required to meet it.
 - (d) Safer Warwickshire Initiative has been launched to prioritise rural crime.
 - (e) WCC has received an award for its success in assisting small businesses.
 - (f) WCC is reviewing lessons to be learned from failures of management by elected councillors that contributed to health issues in South Staffs hospital and child protection issues in Rotherham.
6. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Vaudry reported as follows:

- (a) Core Strategy – has been deemed sound and sent to Inspector. Housing numbers confirmed at 10,800 and Gaydon/Lighthorne development the prime site for delivery, so the Council now has a 5 year housing supply that can be relied on when considering new planning applications. Possible outstanding issues are the lack of identified gypsy and traveller sites and the potential for overspill numbers from plans in neighbouring districts, although there was consultation between SDC and Birmingham Solihull and Coventry to try and deal with this issue. It is possible the public examination could be in January 2015.
- (b) Development at Glen Yeat has been reported to Enforcement Officer.

7. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £6,398.84.
- (b) Following bills passed for payment:
 - i. £500.00 for P Rudge
 - ii. £505.00 for Clerk's Salary and HMRC for July to September 2014.

8. Specific Agenda Items:

- (a) Defibrillator – Locations for the installation of a defibrillator were considered, and it was agreed that either a position by the noticeboard or at the Village Hall would be appropriate. It was also agreed to investigate prices.
- (b) Conservation Area – the responsibility for reviewing a Conservation Area rests with the planning authority. It was suggested that SDC be asked to consider undertaking a review.
- (c) Broadband – a draft letter from the Council in response to the consultation was agreed to be submitted.
- (d) Electoral Roll Open Register – members of the public are included on the publically available register unless they opt out. Discussion as to whether the position should be reversed so that members of the public opt in.

9. Correspondence:

- (a) Cllr Thorpe' letter of resignation was read. The Chairman paid tribute to the work he has done on behalf of residents of Dodwell Park and regretted his decision to resign.
- (b) SDC – Proposals of Governance Review Group for new committee structure
- (c) Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation – agreed to circulate.
- (d) WALC – Filming of Meeting Guidance and amended Standing Orders, Guidance on written record of officer's decisions and Consultation on changes to planning framework
- (e) Severn Rivers Trust – Warwickshire Avon Partnership Public Workshops
- (f) CPRE – AGM of CPRE Warwickshire and Annual Review
- (g) SDC – Site Allocations Plan – Intention to Prepare a Local Plan Consultation
- (h) SDC – Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule Consultation
- (i) Alcester Bidford Community Forum – 16th September 2014
- (j) SDC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. No change for the Parish.
- (k) WALC – AGM on Tuesday 4th November 2014.
- (l) Police and Crime Commissioner Warwickshire – Public Scrutiny Meeting 15th September 2014
- (m) Electoral Review of Warwickshire – consultation on draft recommendations. Agreed to circulate.

- (n) Clerk of Old Stratford & Drayton PC regarding their noticeboard within 93 Luddington Road, which the owners have asked to be removed, and offer for the Council to utilise it. It was agreed to obtain the usable parts and look for a suitable site to re-locate.
- (o) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

10. Planning:

- (a) Gist (14/02188/TPO) Thatched Cottage Luddington – Walnut tree crown reduction. No comment.
- (b) Nailer (14/02328/TREE) Land to West of Avonvale Luddington – work to 5 trees. No objection to the work to T1 T3 and T4 as the work was recognised to avoid possible dangers to the public, but the application contained no evidence justifying the proposals regarding T2 and T5, and therefore insufficient evidence on which to base a decision.
- (c) Stratford Antiques & Interiors Ltd (14/02180/FUL) Unit 2 Dodwell Trading Estate Evesham Road Dodwell – erection of part two storey part single storey extension (387 sq m.) to provide additional trading space. No comment.

11. Business for Future Consideration:

- (a) Possible acquisition and location of a defibrillator.
- (b) Joint working for road maintenance.

Next Meeting scheduled for **Monday** 20th October 2014 at 7.30pm (subject to availability of the Hall)

Meeting closed at 9.00pm