

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hegarty, Heyworth, and Jones.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk)

Apologies: County Councillor Horner and District Councillor Vaudry and Councillor Gist

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 Meeting held on the 16th September 2014 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
 - (a) Village Green: Still no response from Ragley Estate. Clerk to chase a response.
 - (b) Lock: No work has started yet.
 - (c) Noticeboard belonging to Old Stratford & Drayton PC – Clerk has confirmed the Council would like to retain the usable parts, and has offered assistance in taking the board down when arrangements can be made with the Clerk of Old Stratford & Drayton PC.
 - (d) Conservation Area – Clerk to ask for the review process to be initiated by SDC.
5. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner reported as follows:
 - (a) The task and finish report on criteria to assess safe routes for walking to school and 20 mph school speed zones, which I chaired, has been submitted to cabinet.
 - (b) Warwickshire is always looking for families to foster children and anyone who thinks they have the enthusiasm and patience to foster should call 0800 408 1556 and discuss the options.
 - (c) Public Health Warwickshire, Warwick District Council and South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group, is offering the community and voluntary sector an opportunity to bid for the one off funding. The funding amounts to £30,000 in total and organisations can bid for projects up to £10,000. The priorities the community and voluntary sector need to focus their bids on include:
 - i. Reducing unhealthy lifestyle behaviours including smoking and excessive alcohol consumption.
 - ii. Promoting activities that reduce obesity and obesity related long term conditions.
 - iii. Admission avoidance and supporting early discharge.
 - (d) MPs from the HS2 Select Committee are in Warwickshire this week to examine the impact of the proposed railway on the county. The two day site visit is intended to give the select committee MP's a flavour of the impact of the route of Phase One of HS2.
 - (e) Traders offering building and home maintenance or improvement services are being encouraged to join the Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards 'Buy with Confidence' trusted trader scheme and become 'Trading Standards

Approved'. Trading Standards Officers have begun to recruit Warwickshire traders to the scheme and are particularly interested in encouraging building and property maintenance businesses to join up.

6. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Vaudry reported as follows:
 - (a) Core Strategy is now with the Planning Inspector. Public hearings are likely in January 2015.
 - (b) The SDC Enforcement Officer has had conversations with the owner of Dodwell Trading Estate concerning the hardcore encroachment, but is satisfied no planning breach has occurred.
 - (c) A retrospective planning application is expected regarding Glen Yeat.

7. Finance:
 - (a) The Community Account stood at £7,793.84.
 - (b) Second instalment of precept had been received
 - (c) Internal Audit and closure of Audit: Internal Audit had been completed. It was indicated that VAT still has not been reclaimed since 2010, and this needs to be addressed. No other significant matters of concern. The Clerk has filed the Report with the Annual Return in order to close the External Audit.
 - (d) Following bills passed for payment:
 - i. £480.00 for Accounting Data Services Ltd in respect of Internal Audits for the years ending March 2013 and March 2014.
 - ii. £30.00 for Luddington Village Hall for hall hire for 2 meetings in July and September (not £45.00 as detailed on the bill, and as confirmed by Mr T Smallman).

8. Specific Agenda Items:
 - (a) Defibrillator: Quotations between £1,050.00 and £1,200.00 depending on type and fittings etc. Cllr Heyworth had found information that British Heart Foundation may have grant funding to reduce cost to £400.00 and also provide training on use. He also suggested ascertaining whether the Village Fund might contribute. It was suggested that advice could be sought from the ambulance service as to the type of the best equipment and suggested location, and to see whether WALC can provide any guidance from other local councils. It was also suggested Dodwell Park Residents Association might be contacted to see if they considered equipment within Dodwell Park to be desirable.
 - (b) Joint working for road maintenance: Contact to be made with surrounding Councils to see if there is interest in co-operating.

9. Correspondence:
 - (a) Electoral Review of Warwickshire: Draft Recommendations
 - (b) WALC – Notice of amendment to WALC Constitution and AGM – 4th November 2014.
 - (c) CSW Broadband – it would seem that tranche 2 is due in April 2015, when this area may be considered. It is not clear that they have taken any notice of the survey results obtained due to the efforts of the late Cllr Sharpe.
 - (d) WCC – Transport and Highways Update
 - (e) WCC and Coventry City Council – West and Shires Permit Scheme
 - (f) WCC – Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

- (g) WALC – Parish and Town Council Liaison Meeting and presentation on SDC's policy on Community Infrastructure Levy on 29th October 2014.
- (h) NALC – Report by NALC Representatives attending Conferences of the main political parties.
- (i) Dodwell Park Residents Association October Newsletter.
- (j) WALC – new guidance on Housing Assessments
- (k) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

10. Planning: None

11. Business for Future Consideration: Graffiti on village road sign and blocked drain on corner by 204/205 Luddington

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.30pm.
Meeting closed at 8.38pm