

## **LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2015 AT 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Hegarty, Heyworth and Jones.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk)

Apologies: County Councillor Horner, District Councillor Vaudry and Cllr 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
4. Matters Arising:
  - (a) Village Green: The Clerk contacted the Marquis of Hertford direct as a result of which a response has been received from the Ragley Estate Manager confirming that the Estate's Property Manager Steve Lyon has been asked to review the site so a more definitive response can be made.
  - (b) Veterinary Laboratory Facility at Luddington: Ian Nixon of EMR Group had confirmed that the joint venture with Ainscough Strategic Land had withdrawn from their proposed acquisition of the site. The residents who asked to be kept informed had been notified.
5. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner sent a written report as follows:
  - (a) Warwickshire has produced a short video using a sound track donated by Ed Sheeran to publicize the dangers to young people of sex gang grooming. There are also a series of short audios going out on Coventry and Warwickshire radio. Warwickshire's child protection team is responding to the findings in the Jay Report on Rotherham.
  - (b) Warwickshire County Council's Adult and Community Learning team (ACL) have achieved re-accreditation to the national Matrix quality standard for information, advice and guidance. The ACL team has also been successful in securing £10,000 of funding from the Tinder Foundation to increase the number of people who have access to the Internet.
  - (c) The County is holding a Big Day Out weekend on May 16 & 17. The aim is to get everyone out and about and enjoying the outdoors and open spaces around them. It is hoped that by holding the event residents will recognise the health benefits, both physical and mental, that come from regular outdoor activity.
  - (d) The Annual Quality of Life in Warwickshire report is available on the Warwickshire CC Observatory web site and has findings ranging from earnings and employment, to house prices and the county's booming population.
  - (e) The report says that by 2037 there will be almost 100,000 more people living in Warwickshire, and that one in six of the 624,000 people living in the county will be aged over 75 – around 100,000 people. Currently about one in 12 of the population is aged over 75, just over 40,000 people. The Quality of Life report

says that while the ageing population can have health and social care implications, it can also have positives with increased volunteering, spending power and charitable donations.

6. District Councillor's Report: There was no report from DCllr Vaudry

7. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £5,342.34.
- (b) The Annual Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 were considered together with a comparison of the actual expenditure as against the budget. The Accounts were approved and the Annual Governance Statement was considered approved and signed.
- (c) SDC have confirmed that the Council will be receiving the sum of £1,183.38 in respect of residual funds arising from the dissolution of Old Stratford & Drayton PC
- (d) The following Bills were passed for payment:
  - i. £232.00 for WALC Annual Subscription for 2015;
  - ii. £45.00 for Luddington Village Hall for meetings between January and March 2015
  - iii. £237.00 for P Rudge for work between 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

8. Specific Agenda Items:

Responses to Survey Questionnaire: A total of 51 responses had been received, 33 from Luddington Village, 7 from Luddington Road and 11 from Dodwell Park. Cllr Hegarty had produced a summary of the replies which have also been posted to the Luddington website

9. Correspondence:

- (a) SDC – Election Notifications
- (b) Ian Nixon of EMR Group – not proceeding with purchase of Veterinary site
- (c) Old Stratford & Drayton Parish Clerk – final Minutes and Chairman's Report
- (d) WCC – Chairman's Invitation to Open Evening and Reception at Shire Hall Warwick on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2015 6.30pm. There was no-one available to attend.
- (e) WALC – Legal Briefing on Transparency Code
- (f) WALC – Housing Related Support – Consultation.
- (g) WCC County Highways – Temporary Closure of D5443 Luddington Road 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
- (h) WALC – Legal Topic Notes on Section 137 Local Government Act 1972; Legal Proceedings and Staff Pensions.
- (i) WRCC – Affordable Rural Housing – A Practical Guide for Parish Councils
- (j) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

10. Planning:

- (a) Hall (15/00365/LBC) Clover Cottage 203 Luddington – erect a firewall in loft space. Agreed to support as a sensible safety measure.
- (b) Betts (15/00963/TREE) 1 Church Close Luddington – Douglas fir tree – remove 3m of branches overhanging drive and 2m overhanging lawn to front. No objection provided the work is undertaken by a suitably qualified contractor.

(c) Notification of Planning Appeal: Higgins (14/03452/COUMB) Land opposite  
209 Luddington – change of use of agricultural building to a single dwelling

11. Business for Future Consideration: None

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm after the forthcoming  
Elections.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm