

## **LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Gist, Jones, Hughes, Hegarty and Harriott.

In Attendance: J. Madge (Clerk), District Councillor Barnes and 1 member of the public

Apologies: County Councillor Horner

1. Public Participation: None
2. Election of Chairman:  
Cllr Hegarty was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Gist and seconded by Cllr Hughes and was unanimously elected.
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. The Chairman signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk
5. All Councillors signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk
6. All Councillors completed forms providing disclosure of their financial and other interests and provided the same to the Clerk
7. Election Vice-Chairman:  
Cllr Hughes was nominated as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Hegarty and seconded by Cllr Harriott and was unanimously elected.
8. 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.
9. Cheque Signatories:  
It was agreed to retain Cllr Hegarty as a signatory and to appoint Cllrs Hughes and Harriott as additional signatories.
10. Accounts and Annual Governance Statement:  
The values on the current Asset Schedule were considered and it was agreed to review the figures on the basis of their original cost, where this can be established, subject to depreciation of 2% per annum thereafter. This Asset value is to be separated from the insurance value, which is to be retained at the estimated replacement values.
11. Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations:  
It was agreed to re-adopt the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations in the same form as previously approved. The Clerk to circulate.

12. Exercising the Council's power to co-opt to fill the vacancies on the Council:  
It was agreed to co-opt Tom Beeley, who had wished to stand for election, but had been unable to complete his Nomination Forms in time. Cllrs to consider any possible candidates for the second vacancy for the next Meeting.
13. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 had been circulated and were approved and signed.
14. Matters Arising:
- (a) Village Green: There had been no further contact from the Ragley Estate. Clerk to chase the Property Manager and/or Estate Manager.
  - (b) Former Veterinary Laboratory Site: Contact with the Agents marketing the site, Montagu Evans has resulted in a proposal for a meeting between representatives of DEFRA, the Parish Council, the Residents' Action Group and Montagu Evans. It was agreed to arrange a meeting at the Village Hall between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June to suit all parties and that Cllrs Hegarty Hughes and Harriott would attend for the Parish Council.
  - (c) Affordable Rural Housing Guide – Clerk to email a copy to all Cllrs.
15. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner sent a written report as follows:
- (a) This month WCC are running up to the new financial year and new Council. This means the election of a new Chairman of Council to carry out representative functions and a new budget.
  - (b) This coming year will be the first where the £92 million in cost savings will really begin to bite and he expects a number of difficult decisions will need to be made as inevitably circumstances do not turn out as expected.
  - (c) He is involved in a subcommittee looking at safety around the trip to school and another group developing an energy strategy for Warwickshire.
16. District Councillor's Report: DCllr Barnes reported as follows:  
He was happy to have been elected and to be re-connected with the Parish, and was prepared to help in any way he could. He would check on progress with the review of the Conservation Area. He also mentioned the proposed developments at Drayton Manor Farm.
17. Finance:
- (a) The Community Account stood at £8,644.22. First payment of precept of £2,632.50 had been received, as well as the payment of £1,183.38 in respect of the surplus from the disbanded Old Stratford & Drayton PC.
  - (b) Following bills passed for payment:
    - i. £163.00 for P Rudge
    - ii. £378.74 for Aon Insurance for the renewal of the Council's insurance from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015
18. Specific Agenda Items:
- (a) Adoption of BT Telephone Kiosk – following the discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting it was agreed to proceed.

- (b) Location and Removal of Old Stratford & Drayton Noticeboard: Cllr Harriott agreed to investigate possible locations alternative locations and ascertain what consents may be required from Highways department of WCC.
- (c) Neighbourhood Plan – it was agreed to invite the Neighbourhood Planning Officer to a meeting to discuss the options regarding a Neighbourhood Plan, revision of the Parish Plan or a Village Design Statement.

19. Correspondence:

- (a) CSW Broadband Roadshow dates – Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 6.30pm at SDC
- (b) WALC – Consultation on extending the Remit of Local Government Ombudsman to Larger Parish and Town Councils.
- (c) Clerk to circulate further relevant correspondence

20. Planning:

Boswell (15/01589/FUL) Sandfields Farm Luddington. Proposed conversion of barn to form one dwelling. No comment.

21. Business for Future Consideration:

- (a) Co-option to fill remaining vacancy
- (b) Possible replacement of benches
- (c) Meeting with Montagu Evans
- (d) Neighbourhood Plan, revision of the Parish Plan or a Village Design Statement.
- (e) Luddington Village sign.

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.46pm