

LUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25th AUGUST 2015 AT 7.30pm

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

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

Apologies: Cllrs Gist, Nutt and Beeley

1. Public Participation:

Lisa Dunkley of 111 Luddington Road drew attention to a planning application at 109 Luddington Road involving a proposed garage on a separate plot in front of her property and with windows overlooking her garden upon which the Parish Council had made no comment. The application had been declined, but she is expecting a further application to be made, and wished the Council to be aware of the detrimental effect the proposal would have on her property.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th July 2015 had been circulated and were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising: Old Stratford & Drayton Noticeboard – Cllr Harriott up-dated as to progress in obtaining response from WCC concerning an alternative location. Clerk had received further request from the owner of Suakin for the board to be removed. Cllr Jones agreed to remove it on Saturday 29th August and store it temporarily.

4. County Councillor's Report: CCllr Horner reported as follows:

- (a) The Combined Authority debate is continuing. Greater Birmingham has made an approach to all the districts and a questionnaire has been issued to the electorate. The detail in the preamble of the SDC questionnaire is less comprehensive than the prospectus. Warwickshire has made an offer to Coventry to form an equal strategic partnership. The Birmingham offer on the other hand has three classes of member; the urban metropolitans like Wolverhampton and Coventry, a second class of the shires and a third class of the districts. The counties have limited voting and the Districts have no vote. The combined authority will manage housing demand and Warwickshire has land outside the Green Belt. Although the current planning policies require adjoining districts to co-operate over housing they do not have to agree. In the case of the Combined Authority the housing can be allocated by the voting members.
- (b) The County launched its new offer to support families of children and young people from 1 to 25 years at the end of July. This document lays out the education, health and social care support available in the county.
- (c) There will be some changes in recorded crime as a result of revision by the Home Office of the method of counting crimes. The result will be an increase in recorded crime when compared to counting under the old method and as a result any comparison with previous years would be misleading.
- (d) A summer don't drink and drive campaign was launched to coincide with the school holidays and the fire and rescue service has been lecturing schools on the

“fatal four”; these are speeding, drink, distractions and no seatbelts. I have suggested the presentation is used in the speed awareness courses for adults.

- (e) Warwickshire County Council is the chief investor in the UK Social Bond, which has just won the European Pensions Innovation Award for 2015. The County Council has £40million invested. The bond invests in affordable housing, education, employment and training, health and social care, financial inclusion, community services, transport and communication infrastructure, utilities and the environment.
- (f) The trading Standards department has been taking action against rogue security alarm traders. The main problem is the hidden costs of maintenance and monitoring. Misrepresentation of claiming to work with the Police is a common issue.

5. District Councillor’s Report: DCllr Barnes reported as follows:

- (a) Core Strategy amendments are out to consultation with comments required by 25th September 2015. There are proposals for 5 new settlements including at Gaydon/Lighthorne, Long Marston, and adjoining A46 to meet increased housing numbers. The proposals at Long Marston involve the proposed new road crossing the Avon near the Racecourse and meeting the proposed new road in the Shottery development, and there may be a proposal to change the route of the road through the Shottery development linking Alcester Road to Evesham Road. He has extended an invitation to a meeting of Parish Councils affected by the Long Marston proposal at Long Marston Village Hall on 14th September.
- (b) There is a possibility that there could be a request for the housing number for the District to be increased to take an overspill from the Redditch Borough Council numbers of up to 8000.
- (c) There had been complaints made about fires at Dodwell Park and an allegation that the camp site was overcrowded with too many campers, but the investigation found the complaints unjustified.

6. Finance:

- (a) The Community Account stood at £6,853.23.
- (b) Following bills passed for payment:
 - i. £283.00 for P Rudge for work at Village Green and Church between 16th July and 6th August 2015.
 - ii. £200.00 for Stratford District Council in respect of charges for uncontested election expenses.

7. Specific Agenda Items:

- a) Meeting with Matthew Neal of SDC: Cllrs Hegarty Hughes Harriott and Nutt and the Clerk had met Matthew Neal on Tuesday 18th August 2015 to discuss the pros and cons of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and/or Village Design Statement or other options including updated the existing Parish Plan adopted in 2006. The discussion and advice was reviewed along with documentation subsequently provided. It was agreed to arrange a public meeting provisionally for 20th October 2015 in order to explain the options to residents and consult as to the preferred option. The Chairman drafted a letter to invite residents to a public meeting and quotes for printing or copying the 2006 Parish Plan to be circulated to all residents obtained.

- b) Crime Prevention Briefing. Cllr Nutt has arranged with Warwickshire Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor Ian King for a Briefing to be hosted jointly with the Village Hall Committee on 22nd September 2015 at the Village Hall. It was agreed that any orders for smart water packs on the night rather than buy them in advance to be sold on the night.

8. Correspondence:

- (a) WCC – school safety zones; any school routes considered unsafe
- (b) WCC – Tourism Event Grants Fund. Agreed to forward to Village Fund Committee.
- (c) WALC – WCC Community Lengthsman Scheme
- (d) Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire and Chairman of WCC – invitation to County Church Service to celebrate the Queen as the longest reigning British Monarch on 20th September 2015 at 10.30am. Two Cllrs wished to attend. Clerk to RSVP.
- (e) TG Smallman – (a) request for finger posts designating the public footpaths; - it was agreed to refer this request to WCC Footpaths Officer; and (b) request to take down hedge to assist road safety. Cllr Jones agreed to cut the hedge back at the same time as the work to the Church trees is scheduled.
- (f) WALC Newsletter – circulated.
- (g) SDC – Consultation on proposed modifications to Core Strategy. Link circulated and a copy of the up-dated modifications to be obtained for consideration of any response at the next Meeting.
- (h) VASA – newsletter with information concerning grant availability and other services. Agreed to forward to Village Hall Committee.
- (i) CPRE – invitation to AGM of CPRE Warwickshire on 11th September 2015.

9. Planning:

- (a) Haines-Lea (15/03047/LBC) Clover Cottage 203 Luddington – work to take down unstable and unsafe chimney to 600mm below the lower roofline and build back up arising from ongoing thatching work – it was agreed to support the application on the grounds the work was necessary to safeguard the listed building.
- (b) Land-Sadler (15/03051/TREE) Deepfield Luddington – remove 23 lawson cypress trees (group A) remove 9 leylandii (Group B) remove 2 lilac trees (Group C) and remove 3 of 8 whitebeam trees (Group D) – it was agreed to object to removal of Lilac and whitebeam trees (Groups C and D) as they provide part of the aspect and view from the roadside, Village Green and Church footpath. No objection to the removal of Groups A and B subject to re-planting with appropriate deciduous trees in the location of Group A.
- (c) Gosbell (15/02914/FUL) Court House Luddington – single storey oak framed garden room and porch, removal of existing porch, enlarged dormer window to front, conversion of existing garage to ancillary residential accommodation with linking roof and construction of new double car port garage. It was agreed to adjourn to the next Meeting as not all of the plans were available on the SDC website, and the elevations of the enlarged dormer window, the linking roof and the existing and proposed garage were not evident.
- (d) Lyall (15/02660/FUL) Land adjacent to Mullions Church Bank Welford-on Avon – Construction of 2 dwellings (notification as an adjoining Parish).No comment.

10. Business for Future Consideration:
(a) Avon Navigation Trust

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.55pm