

Luddington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Luddington Village Hall on 19th June 2018 at 19:30

Present: J Warrender (JW) (Chairman), C Wise (CW) (Vice-Chairman), A Hegarty (AJH), M Brayshay (MB), M Hardwick (MH), A Haines (ADH)

In attendance: R D Armstrong (Clerk), P Barnes (PB) (District Councillor), M Brain (MCB) (County Councillor)

1. Record of members present

As shown above.

2. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

There were no apologies.

3. Declaration of interests in any item on the agenda

Councillors were reminded that they are required to disclose an interest in any item on the agenda. No interests were disclosed.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2018

JW proposed that the minutes of the meetings of 15th May 2018 be approved and this was seconded by **CW** and passed unanimously.

5. To receive any questions or representations from the public

There were no representations from members of the public.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not covered in the agenda

There were no matters arising.

7. County Councillor's Report

MCB reported the following matters:

- An email forwarded from D Nutt concerning the Transport Act 2000 and the possible designation of Luddington Road as a *quiet lane* has been sent to council officers for comment.
- The Community Grant Scheme will be launched later in the month.
- The Clerk asked MCB to investigate why the contribution from the fund to support the parish defibrillator had not been received from WCC.
- A further request for a lower speed limit to be considered for Luddington Road has been made to council officers.
- **MCB** has joined the Police & Crime Commissioners panel.

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- The crime detection rate in Warwickshire is low and the Chief Constable is being asked to account for this worrying trend. Warwickshire nevertheless one of the safest counties in the country in terms of crime.
- **MCB** would not be drawn on his support or otherwise for the SWRR.
- There have been changes to the SDC Cabinet following the election of a new leader.
- **MCB** is now responsible for Services to the Community portfolio which includes leisure, car parking, toilets, recycling and grounds maintenance, including the cutting of grass verges.

8. District Councillors Reports

PB reported the following:

- Cllr Cargill is now responsible for the Transport portfolio in the SDC cabinet.
- A transport study into the rail link to Long Marston has reported that it is not sustainable by the 400 homes initially planned for LMAGV and will therefore be extended to include the full 4000 homes and will include changes to the B4632.
- A planning application for the SWRR has yet to be submitted.
- Bloor Homes will not progress with the Shottery development until the progress of the SWRR is clearer.
- The Nadhim Zahawi MP is now supportive of a bypass around Studley.

9. Clerk's Report

- £12041.19 was held in the Community account as at 29th May 2018.
- All correspondence received by the Council has been forwarded to members by email.

The Clerk reported that the quotation for insurance cover discussed at the last meeting did not include a brokerage fee of £50.00 which rendered it less competitive. Members are asked to approve the alternate quotation provided by Zurich Municipal at a cost of £316.18.

The following retrospective account was presented for payment:

Zurich Municipal	Insurance	100804	316.18
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The following accounts were presented for payment:

R D Armstrong	Salary	100805	644.31
Grettons Gardening Service	Grass cutting	100806	370.00
WALC	Training	100807	30.00
J Warrender	Expenses	100808	110.00

MH proposed that the payments be approved and this was seconded by **CW** and passed unanimously.

The Clerk reported that the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 provides that a Parochial Church Council is responsible for the maintenance of a churchyard.

A Parochial Church Council may apply for a closing order when there is no room left for burials in a churchyard.

A Parochial Church Council may give notice to the Parish Council requiring the Parish Council to take over the responsibility of maintaining a churchyard which has been closed by Order in Council.

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The second situation does not apply because the churchyard is not closed which also renders the third situation inapplicable.

Members felt that it would be appropriate to continue the present arrangement of maintaining the grassed areas at All Saints Church as a civic duty.

The Clerk reported that a file had been located which contained several significant documents relating to the conveyance of the land adjacent to the churchyard between the road and river bank by a Mr Romer-Lee in 1980. **AJH** proposed that a solicitor approached to quote for registering the land in question with the Land Registry and this was seconded by **ADH** and approved unanimously.

10. Grounds Maintenance Contract

MB reported that parishioners had expressed approval for the work carried out in cutting and strimming grass by Grettons Gardening Service. **MB** proposed that they continue with the contract for the remainder of the season and this was seconded by **JW** and passed unanimously.

MB reported that there has been little response to requests for assistance in establishing a rota for cutting the grass on the village green. If this situation continues, the contractor will be asked to carry out the work for the remainder of the season.

The Clerk asked **MB** to contact the contractor and ask him to be prepared to submit his quotation for the 2019 season by the end of September.

11. Planning

DEFRA Site

No further progress has been made with the outline planning application.

Village Design Statement

AJH proposed that a printed master copy of the VDS be produced which can be referenced at LPC meetings and this was second by **JW** and passed unanimously. The Clerk will arrange for this to be done.

Copies are available to members of the public on request at £5.00 each.

The Thatched Cottage

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Mr S Gist concerning some works which were being planned for The Thatched Cottage. The consensus was that the Listed Building Officer at SDC should be consulted to fully understand the work being proposed and obtain informed advice and guidance.

Updates

Scope/00030	SWRR; Cala; Planning delayed due to getting Campden Road modifications sorted and also added complications with the site owners at LMA. Alscot Estates may be getting involved too.
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- 18/00940/OUT** Veterinary Investigation Centre Luddington, CV37 9SJ; Outline application with all matters reserved except access for a Local Needs Scheme for up to 20 dwellings, open space and associated infrastructure. DEFRA VL Site. Cushman & Wakefield, Homes & Communities Agency and Zebra Architects.
Determine by 10th July.
- 17/03258/REM** Long Marston Airfield First 400 Houses;
Determine by 30th May 2018.
- 17/03629/OUT** Land South Of The A46 West Of The Proposed Western Relief Road Alcester Road Stratford-upon-Avon. Mixed use business park development.
Revised determination Date 22nd June 2018 Due to Modification of Landscape/Trees etc.
- 18/01115/TREE** Land To The West Of Avonvale Luddington,
T1 - Lombardy poplar - Fell, T2 - Lombardy poplar - Fell,
T3 - Lombardy poplar - Fell, T4 - Lombardy poplar – Fell,
Application for tree felling in conservation area.
Approved 24th May 2018.
- 18/01070/LBC** Luddington Manor, CV37 9SJ, proposed new replacement entrance gates, works to third floor including reroofing, rebuilding dormers, replacement windows, structural works & internal repairs (Listed Building)
Determine by 14th June 2018.
- 18/01249/FUL** 95 Luddington Road, Stratford-Upon-Avon, CV37 9SG. Construction of detached, oak framed double garage.
Determine by 1st August 2018.
Members noted that the proposed garage fell in front of the building line of other properties in Luddington Road which have garages built to either the side or rear. The Luddington Village Design Statement expects that replacement homes and extensions to existing homes respect and reflect the character of the settlement and neighbouring properties and contribute harmoniously to the rural streetscape. There is evidence that this proposal is not suitable and would adversely affect the amenities and outlook of neighbouring properties. **ADH** proposed that LPC object to the application on these grounds and this was seconded by **JW** and passed unanimously.

12. Environment

The Clerk reported that he had located a file containing a large amount of historical information concerning the leasing of the village green from Ragley Estate. **MB** offered to make contact with the Estates Manager at Ragley Hall to organise a meeting and share the contents of the file. It was hoped that progress could be made towards the purchase of the green in the near future.

MB reported that the bins adjacent to the river bank near the lock regularly overflowed and had been in regular contact with Avon Navigation Trust to have the problem addressed.

MB further reported that a parishioner had mentioned that the seats on the swings on the village green were becoming regularly soiled with bird droppings. It was not considered appropriate to install spikes to discourage birds perching on the crossbar, but that regular cleaning should be performed if a member noticed soiling.

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13. Health & Safety

No activity.

14. Traffic Management & Community SpeedWatch

ADH reported that he police had held a roadshow to encourage crime prevention.

There has been no recent contact with Sandfields Farm.

15. Crime Prevention & Fire Safety

No activity

16. Communication & Engagement

No activity

17. Business for future consideration

There was business for future consideration.

18. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 17th July 2018 at 19:30 at Luddington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:10.

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Notes

Indices to the open and closed issues referred to in these minutes can be found on the Parish Council website.

Abbreviations used:	JW	-	J Warrender	LPC Chairman
	CW	-	C Wise	LPC Vice-Chairman
	AJH	-	A Hegarty	LPC Councillor
	ADH	-	A Haines	LPC Councillor
	CW	-	C Wise	LPC Councillor
	MB	-	M Brayshay	LPC Councillor
	MH	-	M Hardwick	LPC Councillor
	MCB	-	M Brain	WCC Councillor
	PB	-	P Barnes	SDC Councillor
	MG	-	M Giles	SDC Councillor
	SDC	-	Stratford District Council	
	LPC	-	Luddington Parish Council	
	SRAG	-	Stratford Residents Action Group	
	WCC	-	Warwickshire County Council	
	LMAGV	-	Long Marston Garden Village	

Signed: _____ J Warrender (Vice-Chairman) Date: _____