

# Luddington Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting held at Luddington Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 19:30

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

In attendance: R D Armstrong (Clerk)

### 1. Record of members present

As shown above.

### 2. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Apologies were received and approved from MB.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018

JW proposed that the minutes of the meetings of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be approved and this was seconded by MH  
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 was unable to attend the meeting.

### 8. District Councillors Reports

PB and MG were unable to attend the meeting.

### 9. Clerk's Report

- £10,970.70 was held in the Community account as at 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018.
- All correspondence received by the Council has been forwarded to members by email.

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The Clerk requested approval for the alteration of the payee of cheque number 100806 to Alex Gretton. **CW** proposed that the alteration be approved and this was seconded by **AJH** and this was passed unanimously.

The following accounts were presented for payment:

Alex Gretton	Grass cutting	100809	222.00
Luddington Village Hall	Room hire	100810	45.00

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

The Publication Scheme will be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

The Clerk requested approval to purchase plastic storage boxes to store the Parish Council records currently held in filing cabinets. The boxes can be locked using padlocks and will be stored in the loft space of the village hall and the filing cabinets can then be disposed of.

### **Land Adjoining All Saints Church**

The Clerk reported that a cost estimate of £625.00 had been obtained from Robert Lunn & Lowth, solicitors for the registration of the land adjoining All Saints Church.

**MH** mentioned that the NFU Corporate Social Responsibility Fund may be able to assist in providing financial support. A team of volunteers from NFU Mutual may be able to assist in clearing the land as part of team building and corporate social responsibility. A bench bearing a plaque recognising the donation of land to the Parish by Mr Romer-Lee and Mr & Mrs Smallman would be appropriate.

**JW** proposed that the Clerk be instructed to proceed with the registration up to a maximum cost of £750.00 and this was seconded by **CW** and approved unanimously.

### **10. Grounds Maintenance Contract**

**JW** reported that Alex Gretton had advised that the current spell of hot weather had resulted in a reduced level of grass cutting. He will take a look at the churchyard and other areas to identify and work which was required.

### **11. Planning**

#### **DEFRA Site**

The application for outline planning consent has been referred to the Planning Committee meeting on 25 July 2018 at 18:00 Planning officers have recommended approval by the committee.

#### **Village Design Statement**

The Clerk presented a printed copy of the VDS as requested by the last meeting. Further copies are available to members of the public on request at £5.00 each.

### **Updates**

**Scope/00030** Planning Applications are in for SWRR and LMA3100. Massive job for SDC to verify and make public

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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.  
**Referred to Planning Committee 25<sup>th</sup> July.**
- 17/03258/REM** Long Marston Airfield First 400 Houses;  
**Revised determination date 31<sup>st</sup> July 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 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 due to modification of landscape/trees etc.**
- 18/01069/FUL**  
**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)  
**Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.**
- 18/01249/FUL** 95 Luddington Road, Stratford-Upon-Avon, CV37 9SG. Construction of detached, oak framed double garage.  
**Determine by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018. LPC objection.**
- 18/01612/FUL**  
**18/01613/LBC** 198 Luddington Road Luddington CV37 9SJ; Partial demolition of rear single storey extension and construction of new single storey rear extension.  
Members felt that the application should be supported as the work will be tasteful, sympathetic and will be a much-needed improvement to the property. We understand that this includes updating old and unsafe pipework and electrics. We understand that neighbours both sides have no objections.  
The VDS recommends that extensions should respect and reflect the character of the settlement and neighbouring properties and use traditional materials.  
The use of reclaimed brick and timber boarding is good and the Council have been assured verbally that Rosemary clay tiles will be used for the roof as preferred in the VDS. We would have preferred to see timber framed windows in place of metal Crittall windows, but as this is a rear extension, it will not have an impact on the street scene.  
**JW** proposed that the applications be supported and this was seconded by **MH** and passed by a majority vote.  
**Determine 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**
- 18/01911/TREE** Orchard House, The Green, Luddington Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9SJ;  
Proposal T1 - holly – Fell.  
The tree is dying and represents a danger to pedestrians. We would have preferred the planting of a substitute tree, if possible.  
**JW** proposed that the application be supported and this was seconded by **MH** and passed unanimously.  
**Determine by 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018.**

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## 12. Environment

**JW** reported that the phone box refurbishment was nearly complete and the defibrillator will be installed over the coming few weeks. **AJH** noted that the power to the telephone box will need to be turned off when the defibrillator is installed.

**MB** submitted the following report in writing as he was unable to attend the meeting:

I have been in communication with Avon Navigation Trust as Biffa did not empty the bins last week which led to an overflow of rubbish but have subsequently been told by ANT that this was due to difficulties in getting down the lane to the weir caused by overhanging trees at the adjacent property. This is not true as they managed to get down there last Wednesday before the tree work was done.

The tree work was subsequently carried out on Friday and this should not be an issue going forward., however I went down to the weir on 16<sup>th</sup> July to find that one of the bins has now been locked. I will be contacting ANT today.

There was initial concern that a bench at the weir had been vandalised however ANT is currently carrying out refurbishment of the benches and this particular one has been removed temporarily.

ANT have done a substantial amount of cutting back of the weeds around where the old round lock is situated which has tidied up the area substantially.

Suggestion from a former parish councillor that we do have a duty to walk the path's in the parish and this should be minuted.

On the matter of the Village Green, I had a very pleasant meeting with Alan Granger who is the estate manager at Ragley on Monday where I was able to show him the archive documentation referring to the Lord of Luddington (The Marquis of Hartford). We have requested that the land be gifted to the village as it has no commercial value to anyone and as the lease has expired the options are to extend the lease on a peppercorn basis or to buy the Village Green where the price originally mooted was £5000. I was lucky enough to go to the meeting with a parishioner Penny who lives in the old Forge on the village green and who personally knows Alan.

Alan asked if he could have copies of the lease and newspaper article from the Sunday Mercury which highlighted the issue on 1966 which I gave to him.

Alan said that the problem was that Ragley had never registered the land and therefore how can they sell something when they cannot prove true title. This could obviously be to our benefit and advantage. The Green is something that Ragley does not really want to have to deal with going forward and therefore could be that the green is just gifted to us and we need to register ownership with the Land Registry.

If Alan had his way he would gift it to us but it was not his call. He will be speaking to the Marquis as he may have other ideas.

The Clerk and I have had interesting conversations with John Hobbs who was a former parish councillor and Chairman. John is adamant that we should not pay for something that we do not have to, from someone who cannot prove that they own it and he remembers a conversation with the estate in the 80's where they were verbally told the Green would be gifted to the Parish at the end of the lease.

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We are now waiting for a response from Ragley.

**ADH** expressed concerns about the lighting of barbecues which represent a fire risk and enquired whether **LPC** could frame byelaws to prohibit activities of this nature within the Parish. The Clerk will make enquiries of **WALC** on the procedure. **ADH** will also approach **ANT** to see if any byelaws covering this behaviour already exist.

There have also been reports of small silver paper packages being found which suggest that drug taking may also be taking place in the same area.

**ADH** will approach **ANT** and invite them to attend a future meeting to discuss the problems.

### **13. Health & Safety**

**AJH** reported that there are several plastic safety barriers located at the end of Luddington Road near Evesham Road left over from a gas safety incident some time ago which need to be removed.

**JW** advised **AJH** to report the problem on [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com).

### **14. Traffic Management & Community SpeedWatch**

**AJH** reported that a speed limit sign outside the Little House is obscured by vegetation.

**CW** reported that a Volkswagen Golf is parked in a dangerous position on the Luddington Road. **JW** offered to visit the householder and ask them to park more considerately.

**JW** suggested that efforts be made to get Community SpeedWatch running again. Warwickshire Police will provide training. **ADH** will approach Ann Jackson, Daniel Payne and David Nutt with a view to setting up a rota and co-ordinate training.

**AJH** has obtained a quotation for speed camera warning signs at £100 each.

### **15. Crime Prevention & Fire Safety**

**JW** publicised the Police Priorities Poll on the Luddington Facebook page which was viewed by 101 people and votes registered by 16 people.

### **16. Communication & Engagement**

No activity

### **17. Business for future consideration**

**JW** requested that separate items be included for the SWRR and DEFRA planning applications.

**AJH** requested that an agenda item be included to discuss the General Data Protection Regulations.

### **18. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

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## 19. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 at 19:30 at Luddington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20:50.

## 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	
	ANT	-	Avon Navigation Trust	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ J Warrender (Vice-Chairman) Date: \_\_\_\_\_