

Luddington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held at Luddington Village Hall on 21st August 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), M Brain (MCB) (County Councillor), P Barnes (PB) (District Councillor)

Members of the public: 8

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 17th July 2018

MB proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 17th July 2018 be approved and this was seconded by **CW** and passed unanimously.

5. To receive any questions or representations from the public

Members of the public commented on the following matters:

- Thanks were expressed for the groundworks carried out at the Village Hall by the Parish Council.
- The Council were asked what was being done about unauthorised construction taking place in the conservation area. **JW** confirmed that the matter is being investigated.
- The replacement of the stile on the footpath which crosses Parish Council land. The WCC Rights of Way Officer has been informed of the issue. **MCB** asked the Clerk to supply him with supporting documents and he will follow this up with the Rights of Way Officer.
- Rubbish being dumped on the village green.
- Thanks were expressed for the support of Cllr Brain and the Parish Council in achieving the successful deployment of the defibrillator in the telephone box.

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

There were no matters arising.

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7. County Councillor's Report

MCB reported the following:

- The councillors grant scheme ends on 31 August 2018.
- Several defibrillators have been installed in the area with one having already been used to save a life.
- The SWRR consultation has not yet begun due to the complexity of the application.
- Bloor Homes are not in contact with CALA Homes in relation to the SWRR.
- Work on the four traffic islands at the foot of Bordon Hill is likely to begin in January 2019. Council officers have been asked to ensure adequate signage is installed to prevent Luddington being used as an alternative route to avoid the road works.
- The judgement returned in the recent court case concerning Wellesbourne Airfield is in direct contradiction with the Core Strategy.

8. District Councillors Reports

PB reported the following:

- Appletree Developments has contacted him to express an interest in purchasing the DEFRA site.
- The 27 bus service from Stratford to Pebworth is subsidised by Worcestershire County Council and this funding is at risk due to cutbacks.
- Reserve sites are being identified for the Core Strategy, including Wellesbourne Airfield.

MG reported the following in writing:

- Shottery Link Road/Evesham Road Roundabout construction
In accordance with the planning permission long since granted for the 800 homes in Shottery behind Anne Hathaway's cottage, there is the plan to construct the "Shottery Link Road", with a new roundabout on Evesham Road/bottom of Bordon Hill and a spur/new piece of road connecting the roundabout with Luddington Road, turning the current top section of Luddington Road down to the racecourse into a cul-de-sac.
Bloor Homes are responsible for building the link road and the roundabouts on Evesham Road and Alcester Road (Wildmoor).
I have established previously that the reason for this spur road at Luddington Road entrance is because technical requirements for a roundabout of this size means that standards would not be met if they tried to link the current entrance of Luddington Road onto the roundabout.
I met with Bloor Homes yesterday (also in attendance Mike Brian, Peter Moorse, Jenny Fradgley). The meeting was ostensibly about providing information on the works in relation to the Shottery Link Road Relief Road and Evesham Road Roundabout.
It will be important for parishioners to understand that this isn't the construction of the South-West Relief Road. I wouldn't want people thinking that fight was lost.
The roundabout now has technical approval but the s.278 agreement is still in the process of being signed off and contractors for the roundabouts have to be appointed.
Steve Roberts MD Bloor homes said his anticipated time-scale for start (i.e. spades in the ground) would be January 2019 with the work taking 6-9 months. It was acknowledged that the work was likely to be disruptive particularly because traffic measures in the form of traffic light controls will need to be established at the roundabout. He said that this is one of the most technically difficult junctions he has worked on because of the land ownership issues (e.g. proximity of number of driveways that have direct access onto the carriageway) and because of the culvert and flood issues.
They anticipated the whole of the link road would be constructed in less than 2 years from the commencement.

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Steve Roberts was asked about liaison with CALA and said they were not talking to CALA at the moment. As far as they are concerned, any plans to use the newly constructed Luddington Road and roundabout to link the SWRR into is entirely a matter for them and any mitigation is entirely a matter for CALA. So, it will be for CALA to make the argument that these pieces of infrastructure are suitable to run large quantities of traffic into. My understanding is the current design has been entirely led by the traffic requirements for the Shottery Link Road and the 800 homes.

Steve Roberts, Bloor indicated that he thought residents could apply for compensation for road work schemes through the County. It seemed as though he was saying this would be for compensation for the disruption and noise of the actual road-works, but this isn't something I have come across.

As a result, this morning I spoken with Alan Chapman, a County Council officer in Design Services who said he wasn't aware of such a scheme. The only scheme is was aware of is the ability to make a Part 1 Claim under the Land Compensation Act POST construction. A noise engineer would need to assess the post construction effect and pre-construction effect and it would be Bloor who are liable for any assessed compensation.

More information about Part 1 claims is at <https://www.gov.uk/compensation-road-property-value/make-a-claim>

Mr Champan also said that within a s.278 agreement with the Highway Authority may be some wording in there that makes them liable for Part 1 claims or in the original planning consent. I don't know how relevant that is for this scheme but it is worth bearing in mind in relation to the upcoming application by CALA where we know that the traffic impacts will be much more significant. Clearly something that can be pushed for is in the event the SWRR is granted is that there is a proper compensation scheme provided for within the s.278/planning consent.

- **South West Relief Road**

At the end of July, I met with Nadhim Zahawi MP to see whether he would be prepared to support a request to "Call-In" in the CALA planning application i.e. have it considered as part of a public inquiry. Mr Zahawi indicated that he would not be prepared to support that as it would be seen as him coming off the fence in relation to the application and he wished to stayed neutral on a matter for local government. I countered that a public enquiry was simply a mechanism to allow the application to be thoroughly explored (something which had not happened at Core Strategy stage). Mr Zahawi felt that it would look like he was opposed to the scheme by supporting a Call-In. I am extremely disappointed and angry at that response. I am in continuing discussion with SRAG about the pros and cons of applying for the application to be called in in the absence of the support of the MP.

This morning (15.08.18) I spoke to the planning department. The Long Marston/SWRR application is still not validated and up on the website. I was told timescales are for it to be up and ready for consultation end of August/start of September. I continue to work with SRAG to look at publicising the opportunity for people to object to this application.

- **WW1 Centenary Commemorations**

The District Council has circulated a request to all Parish Councils requesting that they forward a list of the names of all those fallen in their parish so that these can all be accurately recorded for November. The deadline is 31st August 2018.

9. Clerk's Report

- £10,895.70 was held in the Community account as at 29th July 2018.
- All correspondence received by the Council has been forwarded to members by email.
- The Clerk presented the LPC Publication Scheme for approval. **JW** proposed that the policy be adopted and this was seconded by **ADH** and approved unanimously.

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The following accounts were presented for payment:

PKF Littlejohn	Audit fees	100812	240.00
Parish Council Websites	Website hosting	100813	130.00
Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd	Play equipment maintenance	100814	284.58

The following retrospective account was presented for payment:

Robert Lunn & Lowth	Legal fees	100811	648.00
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JW proposed that the payments be approved and this was seconded by **CW** and passed unanimously.

Land Adjoining All Saints Church

The Clerk reported that Robert Lunn & Lowth, had been instructed to register the land adjoining All Saints Church and this was proceeding.

10. General Data Protection Regulations

The Clerk reported that the company hosting the LPC website has informed us that changes to support GDPR would be required at a cost of £160. ADH offered to implement the changes at no cost. The Clerk will provide the credentials to access the website as an administrator.

The Councils' policies and compliance with GDPR will be considered at the next meeting.

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

- 18/01664/FUL** Land South of Bordon Hill Farm, Evesham Road Stratford-upon-Avon.
Proposal; Erection of 99 dwellings with associated access and landscaping, and the demolition of existing farm buildings.
Comment by 10th August 2018, Determine by 17th October 2018.
- 17/03258/REM** Long Marston Airfield First 400 Houses;
Revised determination date 31st July 2018. No decision as of 16th August 2018.

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- 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 3rd August 2018 due to modification of landscape/trees etc. No decision as of 16th August 2018.
- 18/01249/FUL** 95 Luddington Road, Stratford-Upon-Avon, CV37 9SG. Construction of detached, oak framed double garage.
Determine by 1st August 2018. LPC objection. Application withdrawn.
- 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.
Comment by 17th July 2018, determination revised from 30th July 2018 to 23rd August 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.
Approved 26th July 2018.
- 18/02166/FUL** Beaconwood, Bordon Hill Stratford-Upon-Avon CV37 9RX; Erection of new dwelling.
Notified as adjoining parish Only. Application temporarily withdrawn.
- 17/02778/FUL** Glen Yeat, Evesham Road, Dodwell; Construction of three storey detached house and garage block. This application was originally refused and has now been appealed.
Appeal reference APP/J3720/W/18/3200143 in progress.

12. South-Western Relief Road

Planning Applications are in for SWRR and LMA3100. This is a massive job for SDC to verify and make public.

13. DEFRA Site

The application was scheduled to be determined by 10th July 2018 and was referred to the Planning Committee on 25th July 2018 where it was delegated back to planning officers for decision. No decision had been made as of 16th August 2018.

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14. Environment

The bins near the river were not emptied as Biffa were unable to access the site due to overhanging trees. Tree maintenance work has now been carried out and the bins are now being regularly emptied.

Alan Granger, the estate manager at Ragley Hall has discussed the village green issue with Lord Hertford and has been asked by him to include the Estate Trustees in the final decision. He believes that it should be possible to resolve the issue but cannot say for definite until he has their instructions.

15. Health & Safety

AJH has reported the plastic safety barriers located at the end of Luddington Road on www.fixmystreet.com with no result. It was suggested that the barriers be relocated to the village hall.

Cigarette ends and packets have been found around the bench in Stannells Close. O² have reported several people using the same address in Luddington when purchasing mobile phones. The householder at the address has reported several large bills being received from O² and they are now alerted to the problem. These matters are thought to be connected to workers from Sandfields Farms.

ADH will bring the matters to the attention of Sandfields Farm.

16. Traffic Management & Community SpeedWatch

Alcester police sent two motorcycle officers to monitor speed at the racecourse end of Luddington Road. **JW** has installed speed warning signs in the hope that drivers will reduce their speed.

17. Crime Prevention & Fire Safety

18. Communication & Engagement

CW is preparing a newsletter to be distributed in the Parish. It was felt that a frequency of either bi-monthly or quarterly would be appropriate. **CW** will engage with Jane Beeley who produces the village newsletter and may be able to assist with distribution.

JW proposed that a newsletter be produced and distributed in the Parish and this was seconded by **ADH** and passed unanimously.

The House of Lords Select Committee on the Rural Economy has issued a call for evidence with a deadline for our response to NALC of 27 August 2018. NALC will submit a combined response to the Select Committee.

ADH agreed to collate comments from the bulletin board and submit a response to NALC on behalf of LPC.

19. Traffic Management & Community SpeedWatch

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

20. 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.

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21. Communication & Engagement

No activity

22. Business for future consideration

AJH suggested that the dead holly tree on the village green be replaced with a group of three sorbus hupehensis or sorbus decaisneana majestica, as suggested in the VDS.

ADH suggested that we apply for funding from the councillors grant scheme for fencing and replacement of the stile on the LPC land. JW will make an application.

23. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

24. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 19:30 at Luddington Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21:00.

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 (Chairman) Date: _____