

Ladbroke Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 19:50 hrs

1 Present: Cllr Batty, Cllr Mrs E Kemp, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Copley, Mrs J Chapman, (Clerk) and one member of the public

2 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Cllr Morton, County Cllr Stephens and District Councillor Williams

3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests
None

4 Minutes of previous meetings
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2019 were signed as being a true and complete record.

5. Public Participation
The meeting was offered a brief resume of the work being undertaken by the Church prior to applying for funding late in 2019.

6. Matters arising from the minutes and for ongoing attention:
None

7. District and County Councillor Reports
Cllr Batty read out County Cllr Stephens report. Warwickshire County Council has been relatively quiet over the last month. The County council is the Fire Authority for Warwickshire and the recent inspection report is being assessed and an action plan will go to cabinet towards the end of March. Most of the areas of concern relate to administrative and HR. Fire prevention and operations are rated as Good. A new chief fire officer is due to join in April and his first major task will be to sort these areas out. The County Council held a public interest debate at the end of February on combined working between health and Adult services. This topic has been on the national agenda since Public Health was transferred back to local government nearly 10 years ago. The county's Revenue finances are in a Healthy state with sufficient contingency reserves to cover any foreseen events. Future income streams are unknown as the movement away from government grants towards Business rates as a source of funding is continuing with pilot schemes in some authorities. The County Councils responsibility with respect to education, has been diluted since the introduction of Academies and free schools. It is the counties responsibility to ensure there are enough school places to meet the needs, that pupils can access their local school and that there is sufficient provision of "Good" education for those with Special education needs. There are only 2 secondary Schools in the county that are not academies and members of MATs. Primary schools are also converting especially faith Schools. The interface between Academies and state-run schools will be at the top of the agenda for new Director of education once appointed. There are an incredible number of road closures and traffic disruptions presently taking place. Not only are HS2 early works creating problems between Wormleighton to Long Itchington (as well as the rest of Warwickshire to the North) but the large number of housing developments, all requiring additional utility services and road improvements, are adding to the congestion.

Cllr Batty read out District Cllr Williams report. Administration – The Council Leader, Cllr Tony Jefferson, has outlined his priorities for the District Council which are:- Keeping the District prosperous particularly in light of macroeconomic difficulties such as the UK's poor Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita. Running an efficient and effective Council with a 'can do' attitude. Guaranteeing the Council was in a strong financial position and Council Tax

increases are controlled. Being clear not only on what the Council can do, but also on that it cannot do and encouraging personal responsibility amongst residents. The Council continues to 'punch above its weight' in terms of regional influence and opportunities to bring in inward investment. Budget – On Monday 25th February 2019 the District Council set the lowest Council Tax for any authority in Warwickshire on 1.5% and expressed as an average Band D payment this amounts to £137.07. Warwickshire County Council set a budget figure earlier in the month of 5% made up of 3% Council Tax and 2% for Adult Social Care. The Police precept will be £203.98.

8. Financial

8.1 To approve the following payments

Payee	Amount £
Clerks Wages February 2019	
Clerks Wages March 2019 – post-dated to 13 th April 2019 as no meeting in April.	
Warwickshire County Council Streetlight maintenance	174.96

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Kemp, seconded by Cllr Neal and **RESOLVED** the payments be made.

8.2 Financial Report 01.04.18 – 28.02.19

Noted, Bank reconciliation agreed and signed by Cllr Batty.

8.3 Footway Lighting Maintenance

It was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Mrs Copley and **RESOLVED** the accept the quote from Warwickshire County Council to maintain the streetlights at £1.43 + VAT each for the year 01.04.19 – 31.03.20.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Consultation List

Application	Address	Proposed	Decision
19/00348/FUL	Rectory Farm Cottage, Harbury Lane, Ladbroke	Replacement dwelling and garage	No objection
19/00305/FUL	Brock Farm Stud, Deppers Bridge Southam	Proposed permanent rural workers dwelling	No objection
18/03484/LBC	The Old Rectory, Church Road, Ladbroke	Amendment/additional information has been received	No objection
19/00663/TREE	Woodlands, School Lane Ladbroke	T1 Cypress: Fell	No comment

9.2 Decisions

The following planning decisions have been received.

Application	Address	Proposed	Decision
18/03504/TREE	Attwood Cottage Banbury Road Ladbroke CV47 2BY	Tree work	No Objection
18/03448/TPO	Woodcutters Cottage, Ladbroke	Tree work	Consent given with conditions

9.3 Others - None

10. On-going reports

10.1 Highways and footpaths

Windmill Lane is breaking up – Clerk to report to Locality Officer.

10.2 Flooding and drainage

Cllr Neal advised the new company employed by Warwickshire County Council have surveyed the properties affected by flooding and have undertaken any remedial work required. A letter from W.C.C re the work undertaken to properties regarding House Insurance is still not forthcoming.

10.3 Village Hall and Millennium Green

Cllr Neal advised it has proven very difficult to obtain three quotes for the proposed works to the village hall, however they do now have three quotes. The next film night will be on 22nd March 2019 – Bohemian Rhapsody.

10.4 Broadband

Cllr Neal advised he has had a long conversation with CSW and there is still no completion date. Work has been started on the 9km of missing cable. Technically they need to finish this work by the end of March 2019 as this is when Contract 2 comes to an end. Local Businesses are going to see Jeremy Wright M.P. CSW has offered to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 17th April 2019

10.5 HS2

Cllr Batty advised of the recent meeting he had attended in Southam, with HS2 Liaison Officers and Contractors.

11. Possibility of additional Gritting within the village

It was agreed the Parish Council may be interested in extra gritting in the village, however, this will be dependent upon the cost.

ACTION: Clerk to reply to County Councillor Horner.

12. Correspondence

Bank Statements

13. Chairman's Items

Cllr Batty advised a "Footpaths" meeting was held in January. Following this work was undertaken at Windmill Lane to replace 3 way-master posts and cutting back of vegetation on 17th February 2019. On 17th March 2019, volunteers walked the footpath by Rectory Farm and during April 2019 the style in Farmyard Field will be changed to a kissing gate. Cllr Batty offered the Parish Council's thanks to Zoe James, who is co-ordinating this project.

14. Items for next Agenda

Date of next Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 17th April 2019 @ 7.30 pm, Ladbroke Village Hall.

Annual Council Meeting, Wednesday 15th May 2019 @ 7.45 pm at Ladbroke Village Hall, immediately followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed 21:00 hrs

Signed

Date