

Ladbroke Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 19:45 hrs

1 Present: Cllr Batty (Chair), Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs V Copley, and Mrs J Chapman, (Clerk)

5 members of the public

2 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Cllr Maffey, Cllr Mrs Kemp, County Councillor Stevens, District Councillor Williams.
Absences approved

3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None

4 It minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2018 were signed as being a true and complete records.

5 Public Participation

The owner of The Lares thanked the Parish Council for their support regarding their recent planning applications.

6 Matters arising from the minutes and for ongoing attention:

6.1 Defibrillator Training.

The Clerk advised this is still to be resolved.

ACTION: Clerk to establish if Heartbeat undertake training on Saturdays.

7 District and County Councillor Reports

Neither County Councillor or District Councillor were present at the meeting.

The Clerk read out a report provided by County Councillor Stevens. WCC has set its budget which has enabled local authorities to set theirs. WCC have used some reserves however this is only a short-term measure. Most savings have been made via staff redundancies or retirement. A memorandum of understanding has been signed between West Midlands Fire Service and Warwickshire Fire Service. Secondary School places will be announced on 1st March 2018, Southam College has 270 places. Cllr Stevens paid credit to the Highways Gritting Teams for their 24-hour operations during the recent snow.

Cllr Batty read out a report provided by District Councillor Williams. Administration – the District Council will increase Council Tax for 2018/19 by 1%. This is one-third of the 3% increase permitted by government without holding a referendum. This increase equates to £1.36 per year which is less than 3p per week extra for a property in Band D. Stratford has one of the lowest tax bases not only in Warwickshire but compared with the rest of the country. As with most other local authorities, it is facing significant financial pressures through a reduction in government funding. Due to healthy financial reserves not only is the council able to set a low tax increase but also spend some of its reserves on helping the homeless together with investing in the Shakespeare Birthday celebrations. Planning –The Council is mindful of the government direction that it needs to provide more social housing. SDC's Core Strategy originally planned to suffice until 2031 will probably have to be revised at an earlier date to accommodate the demand for social housing. Birmingham City Council has approached SDC to see if land can be made available within the Stratford District to meet Birmingham's housing crisis. The only land that can be considered is Green Belt land in the north of the district. Policy Issues – The Cabinet

has considered the Stratford-on-Avon Area Transport Strategy. Consultation will take place after the document has been presented to the full Council for approval on 24th April 2018.

8 Financial

8.1 To approve the following payments

| Payee | Amount £ |
|---|----------|
| Clerks Wages February 2018 | |
| HMRC – February | 33.40 |
| Clerks Wages March 2018 - post-dated to 14 th April 2018 as no meeting in April 2018 | |
| HMRC – April 2018 post-dated to 14 th April 2018 as no meeting in April 2018 | 33.40 |
| Cllr Neal reimbursement - servicing of water pump | 54.00 |

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

8.2 Financial Report 01.04.17 – 28.02.18

Noted

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Consultation List

The following planning applications have been received:

| Application | Address | Details | Decision |
|---------------|---|---|-------------------|
| 18/00087/FUL | Woodlands, School Lane, Ladbroke | Erection of two and single storey side extension, two and single storey rear extension and two storey front extension with addition of front bay windows and conversion of existing garage | No representation |
| 18/00420/TREE | Hallsfield, School Lane, Ladbroke | T1 - weeping willow – pollard stem at level of adjacent failed limb. Tidy clean/fracture joint. T2 Cypress fell T3 Poplar prune off 4 number lowest branches T4 Blue Cedar Prune off 3 number lowest branches | No representation |

9.2 Decisions

The following decisions are reported for noting

| Application | Address | Decision |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| 17/03728/FUL | Flat 16 Ladbroke Hall, Church Road, Ladbroke | Granted |
| 18/00015/TREE | The Lares, Ladbroke | No objection |
| 17/02537/FUL | Swanwick Barn, 12 Hedges Close, Ladbroke | Granted |
| 17/03604/LBC | Swanwick Barn, 12 Hedges Close, Ladbroke | Granted |

9.3 Others - none

10. On-going reports

10.1 Highways and footpaths

Nothing to report

10.2 Flooding and drainage

Work has started on some properties. There has been a lot of rain over the last few days, the river has been running well.

10.3 Village Hall and Millennium Green

Millennium Green - currently nothing happening on the green. A fallen tree has been dealt with. Norgate have mended the entrance gate, the Parish Council offered them their thanks. A tree has fallen on the fence, Norgate own the fence and it is assumed they will fix it.

Village Hall - film nights in the Village Hall are proving successful. The Village Hall Committee are still intending to apply to HS2 for a community grant to make improvements to the kitchen and toilets.

10.4 Broadband

Cllr Neal advised he keeps chasing Openreach, they have advised broadband will hopefully be available in May 2018. Cable will cover the centre of the village and out to the edges, but it is unlikely this will extend out to the farms.

11. SOX Streetlights

There are 15 streetlights within the village, the light fittings need changing, not the poles. Cllr Neal advised Warwickshire County Council are due to carry out a survey imminently and provide a quote for replacements. Cllr Neal will contact WCC again.

12. Maintenance of streetlights

It was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Mrs Copley and **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from Warwickshire County Council for the maintenance of streetlights for 2018 - 2019

13. Section 137 Grant request from Ladbroke Village Hall

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting to enable the streetlight quote to be received from WCC. Councillors will then be able to determine if there are sufficient reserves to cover these costs.

14. Village Housing Needs Survey

After discussion the Parish Councillors determined they are not minded to carry out a Housing Needs Survey.

15. Ladbroke Footpaths Group

All the footpaths around Ladbroke have been mapped and photographed. The group will be writing to all the farmers where public footpaths cross their land to advise what is happening. Warwickshire County Council Footpaths will be funding new signs /posts where needed and possibly new gates.

There will be implications for the footpaths due to HS2. At Windmill Hill there will be a bridge and road over HS2. At Starbold Farm there is no planned crossing over or under HS2

16. Stratford District Council – Councillors Code of Conduct

The Councillors made the following comments on the new Code of Conduct: -

- The changes to the Code have not been identified.
- There is a lot of information and there is no summary.
- Which sections are relevant to Ladbroke Parish Council

ACTION – Clerk to contact SDC and seek clarification.

- 17. Grant Application for Flood Defences to defray the cost of building works**
A property in the village needs work doing to it in relation to flood defences. Warwickshire County Council are not able to carry out this work. However, they can fund the necessary work via a grant to the Parish Council.
- It was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Mrs Copley and
RESOLVED the Parish Council will apply for the grant.
- 18. Correspondence**
Bank Statements, Planning Applications 18/00087/FUL, 18/00420/TREE
- 19. Chairman's Items**
Cllr Batty advised the Clerk has received a letter from Stratford District Council which advised that as the bus service to Ladbroke has been reduced it can no longer be classed as a Category 4 Local Service Village. It is now classed as Core Strategy 15 Part F: All other settlements. This change will affect how planning applications are determined in the village. It means only infilling and new properties where there is a proven need will be granted planning permission. The Councillors considered this change to be beneficial for the village.
- 20. Date of next Meeting** – Wednesday 9th May 2018 @ 7.45 pm at Ladbroke Village Hall.
There will be two meetings, Annual Council Meeting followed immediately by the Parish Council Meeting