

Ladbroke Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council held in Ladbroke Village Hall on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 19:48 hrs

- 1 **Present:** Cllr Batty, Cllr Morten, Cllr Mrs E Kemp, Cllr Mrs Copley, Mrs J Chapman, (Clerk) and District Cllr Rock.
- 2 **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.**
Cllr Neal – holiday; apology accepted.
County Councillor Stevens – County Council business; accepted
- 3 **Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**
None
- 4 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2019**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th July 2019 were signed as being a true and complete record.
5. **Public Participation**
None
6. **Matters arising from the minutes and for ongoing attention:**
There have been changes to the Bus Service timetable which were included in an article in the Harbury and Ladbroke News. A resident has been in contact with the Cllr Batty regarding “smells” from the pig farm. The resident is aware all complaints need to be made to the Environment Agency. There was an attempted theft in Bridge Lane. A resident approached the person and they ran off. The following week a large mower was taken from the same place.
7. **District and County Councillor Reports**
District Cllr Rock reported:
Climate Change: The Council has passed a Climate Change Emergency Motion. Around 170 other local authorities have declared a ‘Climate Emergency’. Our motion calls on the Group to report back to Cabinet/Council in January. This means completing the bulk of the work by the end of the year (2019).
Brexit: Government has contacted SDC to ask for details of the SDC contingency plan for a ‘No Deal’ Brexit and told to appoint a Brexit Lead Officer. A recent (and leaked) report ‘Operation Yellow Hammer’ has revealed the seriousness of the UK leaving without a deal. It is clear public services will be affected and that the impacts will be serious. SDC has been given £17,500 to do their contingency planning.
Site Allocations Plan Consultation: This closes on 23 September and proposes 3000-3500 extra homes in ‘reserve’ across the District on allocated sites. As indicated back in July, an area around Southam is being proposed for a moratorium on extra housing because of the strain of infrastructure (particularly secondary education).
Rural Crime Meeting: This took place on 4 September and answered some, not all questions. Much ‘work in progress’ was the message. Increasing resources were to be deployed. The supported villages and smart water marking scheme was promoted (Prior Marston and Hardwick specifically mentioned as in progress). Regrettably, my own questions submitted well in advance of the deadline were not dealt with, being gazumped by unlisted spontaneous questions at the meeting. I have, and will, take these up privately with the Police and with the Commissioner who under questioning from me will come to my ward to speak to parishes if we think it would help.

County Cllr Stevens reported:

General Comments: A year so far dominated nationally by the indecision and political shenanigans created by Brexit, the consequent lack of information over Local Government funding. The Chancellors financial statement was made last week but detail of how Warwickshire will fare is awaited. Initial indications are that WCC funding will marginally increase. This, together with a new prime minister, subsequent cabinet reshuffle and impending General election, leads to an uncertainty which does not help local government planning. Although the County council have developed a new 3-year plan we are told that we will only receive funding to cover this year. WCC has a new Chief executive and 5 new directors and an organisation reshuffle of responsibilities at all levels.

Finances: WCC are currently planning next years (2020/21) Budget and although the council's finances (including reserves) are healthy, pressures in the pipeline especially Adults and children, continue to exist. Despite further dedicated funding these will suck funds from other services. The rise in crime, especially in rural areas, continues to cause concern. More police cover is promised but how this will materialise is still to be decided. Council tax rises are presently capped and other sources of funding are limited. S106 money continues to be received across the county and major infrastructure schemes being progressed. The process is slow, and a schemes design work does not start until receipt of the money.

HS2: Early works progress and disruption will continue on the roads between Bascote Heath and Welsh Road West as the pipeline and electrical infrastructure is progressed. Works involving major hedge and tree clearing have commenced especially in the vicinity of the proposed works compounds and along the route of the track. The main work is still scheduled for next summer and despite the overall viability being subject to an enquiry expected to report later this autumn, HS2 are still aiming to meet that date. At the time of writing the drilling rig has yet to be ordered although preparations for the tunnel under Long Itchington wood is progressing apace. Last week's announcement that HS2 was behind schedule and massively over budget has not halted DfT's instructions to contractors to continue as normal. A formal decision, as to the future way ahead for the project, is expected later this year.

Highways: The routine annual resurfacing programme is well underway, and the final grass verge cut is nearing completion. Coordination of all the utilities works associated with the new housing is causing concern as many developments are over running their planned schedule. HS2 works are adding to the problems. We are fortunate in Feldon to have a hard working and dedicated Highways maintenance engineer. Patch Byrne investigates all complaints honestly and realistically and will reply eventually. He is equally frustrated by the time his colleagues take to respond; but now the Highways department reorganisation is almost complete, and individual responsibilities clarified, this should improve.

Care for the elderly: This topic covers a large area of local government spending. It ranges from care at home as opposed to care home provision. Pressures on the health services and hospital discharge criteria to ensuring a safe return from hospital to full involvement in the community. The county Council still run care homes together with the NHS rehabilitation homes to assist return home after a period of hospitalisation. Private care homes are well used and generally popular but are costly and not always affordable. Locally Galanos House is expanding and 10 more dementia rooms are expected to be completed by the end of this year. They are also expanding their facilities for carers and dementia patients to improve counselling and respite care. 24-hour warden cover is also being introduced to new Social housing premises (EG Tithe Lodge in Southam). This all cost money to Local Government and hence the council taxpayer. This will be an ongoing financial and human pressure for years to come

Children in care and at school: Warwickshire is not immune from the national crises of foster children and associated problems of child behaviour in many families. This is exacerbated by the increasing numbers of children with special education

needs. Although education(schools) is no longer the responsibility of the local authority as more and more schools become Academies, free schools or part of a multi academy trust. There are only 2 Warwickshire secondary schools that are not academies; the provision of “good, suitable schools” is. Locally the large number of new housing is putting pressure on this provision and new primary schools are being included in some of these developments. A new secondary will be necessary soon and its location is under discussion –Wellesbourne or Kineton are possible locations but another secondary school in Southam is not out of the question. Any new school is automatically a free school or Academy. Southam College once again is oversubscribed, and the recent exam results continue to be excellent

Climate Change: WCC in common with other local councils nationally have declared that climate change should be treated as an emergency state of affairs and will take action to reduce the counties carbon footprint. The possible cause is an international issue and although leading by example is to be encouraged, the rest of the world must follow. Is there anything Ladbroke can do to make a difference?

Grants: From time to time I am advised of organisations that are offering “Community Grants”. The grants generally are to address a degree of local deprivation and a prerequisite is often to aid ethnic minorities. I pass these onto the parish clerks where relevant to your community. The county councillor community grant opens again later this month for a short period (1 month) as payment is to be made this year. HS2 and Cemex also have funds for community projects

8. Financial
8.1 To approve the following payments

Payee	Amount £
Clerks Wages Sept 2019	
Clerks Wages Oct 2019 – post-dated to 9th October 2019 as no meeting in October	
Ladbroke Village Hall - Hire, Annual Parish Meeting and storage charges for 2019	300.00
Defibshop – new replacement door for defibrillator cabinet – to be dispatched once payment is received. REPLACEMENT CHEQUE	144.00
Insurance Renewal fee - Community ActionSuffolk - cheque made payable to Business Services @ CAS Ltd	207.48
Stratford-on-Avon District Council - Administration of uncontested Parish Council Election	100.00

It was noted the payment to SDC in relation to election fees is £100.00 and not £10 as shown on the Agenda.

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

8.2 Financial Report 01.04.19 – 31.08.19
 Cllr Batty signed the report as being correct.

9. Planning Matters
9.1 Consultation List

The following planning applications have been received:

Application	Address	Proposed	Decision
19/01758/FUL	Attwood Cottage Banbury Road Ladbroke	Proposed timber summer garden house to rear garden of property	No Comment

9.2 Decisions

The following planning decisions have been received.

Application	Address	Decision
18/03642/FUL	Starbold Farm, Banbury Road, Southam	GRANTED
19/01657/FUL	The Croft, Banbury Road, Ladbroke	GRANTED

9.3 Appeals

No further information

10. On-going reports

10.1 Highways and footpaths

Windmill Lane will be closed for repair 7th – 10th October 2019. Four large trees have come down in Ladbroke Hall and blocked School Lane, they were quickly cleared. A large branch blocked Bridge Lane over the Bank Holiday weekend. A tree fell and blocked the SM90A footpath, it has been removed.

10.2 Flooding and drainage

See item 17

10.3 Village Hall and Millennium Green

A Quiz Night is planned for the end of September

10.4 Broadband

Several residents are transferring from other suppliers to Superfast Broadband

10.5 HS2

HS2 are available to meet with the Parish Council and residents on either 9th October 2019 or 6th November 2019. The preferred date for the meeting is 9th October 2019.

10.6 Streetlight

WCC has stated the streetlight which is shining into a resident's bedroom has been fitted correctly. Cllr Batty feels there are two screws on the light itself which allows for further adjustment. Cllr Batty will take photos of the screws.

11. Warwickshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Councillors decided a presentation on this subject was not necessary.

12. Warwickshire Police - Communication Links and Engagement

Correspondence - Letter and Southam Councillors flyer for information - Noted

13. UBUS Service

The Cllrs decided they would like more information. Clerk to request.

14. Consultation on draft Warwickshire Rail Strategy 2019-2034

Ladbroke Parish Council does not wish to respond to this strategy.

15. Notification regarding BT's intention to consult regarding removal of telephone boxes

Noted – there are no telephone boxes in Ladbroke.

16. SDC Site Allocations Plan

Ladbroke Parish Council does not wish to respond to this consultation

17. Property Flood Resilience - University study

It was felt WCC has lots of information on the flooding within Ladbroke and at least since 1998. Cllr Neal has written to WCC again regarding a letter from them confirming work has been undertaken to residents' properties to mitigate the effect of flooding on their properties.

Reply to request for information from a student at Birmingham University – Clerk to advise the Parish Council considers WCC and the Environment Agency has all the information.

18. Chairman's Items

The Chairman raised the problem of speeding within the village. It was agreed Cllr Neal will send an e-news around the village asking for volunteers to form a Community Speedwatch.

19. Items for next Agenda

Date of next Meeting – 13th November 2019

Meeting closed 21:38 hrs

Signed

Date