

MINUTES OF LUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 8 September 2020 at the Village Hall, Ludford at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Chairman - Cllr Mrs Ridger
Vice-Chairman - Cllr Guthrie
Cllr Holland.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Wetton.

2. **Minutes of Meeting**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2020 were approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that the Website Training had been completed, although some issues had been raised regarding the incompatibility of the new system with various items of documentation that need to be displayed on the website.

4. **Correspondence**

Clerks & Councils Direct, LALC Newsletter, Speed Sign offer.

5. **Finance**

The Clerk distributed a statement of Income and Expenditure which met the Council's approval. It was noted that an increment to the Clerk's Salary had been advised by NALC with effect from 01/04/2020. It was

RESOLVED to implement the Clerk's new salary scale backdated to 01/04/2020.

Green Grass-Cutting	£122.18	Clerks Salary	£431.04
Green Grass-Cutting	£125.99	Playsafety-ROSPA	£103.20
HMRC-PAYE	£100.20		

All accounts were received and agreed for payment.

The Clerk had received a letter from Npower regarding the installation of a smart meter for the church floodlighting and the Vice-Chairman is to forward this matter to the church committee for their attention.

6. **Reports**

Village Hall Committee – The Chairman advised that, with the exception of medical reasons or for Parish Council Meetings, the Hall would remain closed until at least Christmas. Play equipment, which had been painted, cleaned and inspected, had been re-opened. Some of the grant had been used, but a sum had been retained for use on the fibre of the building during winter and a goodwill gesture had been made to the licensee for retainment purposes, when the Hall re-opens.

Speeding/Traffic Calming/Reactive Speed Signage – The Parish Council were still looking for interested people to train on the radar equipment, this had been advertised in the Magna Messenger. There were no other matters.

7. **Business**

Co-option of Councillor

The Parish Council had still not received any interest in filling the one remaining Councillor position, despite advertising in the Magna Messenger. Any interested person should write to the Clerk.

ELDC – Planning Applications & Decisions – The Committee noted the planning decision made by ELDC for Full Approval of N108/01167/20 Broadlands Farm.

The Committee had considered Street Naming SN/20/0064 The Bungalow, Magna Mile. The suggestion of Magna Court was rejected, Butchers Yard or Tye’s Close had been submitted as a much more suitable alternative. The Clerk had missed a call from ELDC, but on following up this matter, it appeared that the Officer had over-looked the Clerk’s email advising of the above suggestion (she re-checked her emails and confirmed its receipt. The item had not yet gone to Committee at ELDC and the Officer confirmed the Parish Council’s suggestion and its reasons, would be put forward.

Defibrillator

The public house had confirmed to the Clerk that they held funds, which they were happy to pass the Parish Council, but they did not wish a defibrillator to be sited on the wall of the public house, due to the installation of a gate, which now restricted access. It was agreed that the village hall was not an easily seen location and that a main road location would be more suitable. Item deferred to the next meeting, when it was hoped a full council would be in attendance.

Encroached Footpaths

It was noted that the footpath outside of The Rectory had been attended to, but long stretches of path between Chapel Lane corner down to the school could not be used, because they were covered in rubbish, leaves etc. Clerk to contact the appropriate authority because footpath reduced from 1 metre to 1 foot in places, making it impossible for wheel-chair, mobility cart users or parents with children to walk safely.

Refurbishment of village sign and purchase of village entrance gate

Chair will investigate further. Item deferred to next meeting.

Maintenance of village flower tyres

Item deferred to next meeting.

8. Matters for Discussion

The Vice-Chairman reported that the Service would be held outside on 08/11/2020, weather permitting. Wreaths to be organised in usual manner.

Christmas Tree and Service was provisionally agreed for the 5/6 December, with carols round the tree and mince pies in Mrs Feit’s porch. Chairman to ask Cllr Donner to organise.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 November 2020 at **7.30 pm.**

Meeting closed 8.34 pm.

Signed Chairman/Vice-Chairman Date