

DRAFT MINUTES OF LUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 12 May 2020 at the Village Hall, Ludford at 7.10 pm.

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Mrs Ridger
Vice-Chairman Cllr Guthrie
Cllrs: Brader, Donner & Holland.

Also Present: Cllr Marfleet (LCC) arrived at 7.28 pm.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Fry (ELDC).

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr Mrs Ridger indicated that she was, if the Committee wished willing to continue for another year, nominations were invited and

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elected Chairman.

Cllr Mrs Ridger in the Chair.

The Chairman thanked the Committee for re-electing her.

4. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Guthrie indicated that he was also, if the Committee wished, willing to continue for another year, nominations were invited and

Cllr Mrs Ridger PROPOSED that Cllr Guthrie be elected Vice-
Chairman
Cllr Brader SECONDED a vote was taken and Cllr Guthrie was
elected Vice-Chairman.

4. Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 March 2020 were approved and signed.

**5. Matters Arising
Defibrillator**

Cllr Holland asked if there was any update on this matter, following an approach from Ms S Cordwell, who had advised that the fund raising group in the village were needing some final funding to be able to go ahead with this project. The Clerk advised that she had the initial letter from Ms Cordwell dated 27/08/19, but had not received any further correspondence/progress report. It was noted that this would be an asset to the village, particularly, as it had been reported in the national press and media, that the public were worried about calling the emergency services or going into A&E, due to the Covid-19 situation. Cllr Marfleet advised that LCC had a community grant allowance of £500 for Covid-19 related issues. Cllr Holland volunteered to ask Ms Cordwell to write to the Clerk or Chairman, providing an update on the exact sums raised to date, a quote from LIVES of the full cost involved and a request for a donation. Only when this was received could the Council consider it as an Agenda item and at a Parish Council Meeting.

6. Correspondence

ELDC – Electoral Register & Covid-19 updates & LALC update & Covid-19 info (received via email), Clerk's & Councils Direct Mag – all noted.

7. **Finance**

Annual Audit/Accounts, Yearly Reports. Reviews/Insurance Renewal, etc.

The Clerk presented the year end accounting statements prepared according to proper accounting practices. The Council noted all receipts/payments for the year ending 31st March 2020 and verified the bank reconciliation. The Council considered the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements for audit for the financial period 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 and dates for the period of public rights. The Council expressed their appreciation to the Internal Auditor, who had completed the audit. It was

- RESOLVED**
- a) to approve the Annual Governance Statement (Minute 7a);
 - b) to approve the Accounting Statements for the period (Minute 7b);
 - c) dates for the Notice of Period of Exercise of Public Rights were agreed and to meet the Notice of Period of Exercise of Public Rights which commence 15/06/20 until 24/07/20, the appropriate documents were to be held by the Chairman for inspection;
 - d) Insurance and Risks Reviews were made; no changes were required. Insurance renewal from BHIB was unchanged, due to a 3-year fixed fee agreement;
 - e) Expenditure & Invoices for Payment
 - BHIB Ltd-Insurance £527.61
 - R Taylor-Accountant £ 60.00
 - LPFA- Messenger Donation £ 70.00
 - Clerks Salary £283.60
 - HMRC-PAYE £ 2.40The Precept of £4150.00 had been received. VAT Refund Claim to be submitted.
All accounts were received and agreed for payment.

8. **Reports**

Village Hall Committee – The Chairman advised that no meetings had been held due to Covid-19. Everything had been closed down, including the play equipment, although it had been noted that there had been some unauthorised use of the equipment, and pick-nicking, whereby those attending had not responsibly disposed of their litter. It was also noted that dog fouling had suddenly become an issue in the village, when there were numerous dog/waste bin facilities.

Speeding/Traffic Calming – Cllr Brader advised that again, due to Covid-19 it had not been possible, despite now having the speed gun, etc., to start training or use the speed gun, but all would commence as soon as it was appropriate. Cllr Marfleet advised that the problems the Parish Council had raised regarding the crossroads between Market Rasen and Ludford and the A631 generally through the village were likely to be covered following consultation from LCC, due to funding having been successfully applied for by LCC. This involved some change of speed limits on the length of road between Market Rasen straight through to Louth. Details were not finalised, due to consultation having to be undertaken.

9. **Business**

ELDC – Planning Applications/Decisions

The Chairman (Cllr Mrs Ridger) declared “an interest” in respect of Application N/108/00632/20 Brelan, Magna Mile, due to the property being in close proximity her home and took no further part in the discussion.

The Committee had considered applications N/108/00518/20 The Bungalow (Tye), Magna Mile–Section 73 application condition no. 2, N108/00567/20 Thorpe Top, Binbrook Lane erection of a replacement house on site of an existing dwelling that is to be demolished and N/108/00632/20 Brelan, Magna Mile. There had been a failure in communication with regard to N/108/00518/20, which had been received whilst the Clerk was moving home, thus the closing date for response had been missed. It was also noted that this had previously been submitted under Application N/108/02023/19, to which the Parish Council had objected, but had not received a decision from the District Council. This appeared to be an amendment, but under a new application ref., with no clear detail on the letter. Following discussion of all applications it was

- RESOLVED**
- i) to object retrospectively to N/108/00518/20 The Bungalow (Tye) on the same grounds as previously given;
 - ii) to support N108/00567/20 Thorpe Top, Binbrook Lane;
 - iii) to support N/108/00632/20 Brelan, Magna Mile.

Financial Assistance

The Committee considered applications for financial assistance the Magna Messenger and it was

- RESOLVED**
- i) to grant a donation of £70.00 to the Ludford Playing Field Association (LFPA) towards the costs of printing the Magna Messenger village newsletter.

Encroached Footpaths

The Clerk had written to the owner of the hedge/bush asking that it be trimmed to stop it encroaching the footpath, but had not received a reply. The owner maybe holding back due to Covid-19. The regulations regarding hedging, etc., were noted; in particular, that coppicing can take place between 1 March – 30 April.

Refurbishment of village sign and purchase of village entrance gate

Cllr Brader advised that he had started making some brackets for the village sign, to help restore it.

There had been no final decision made in respect of the village entrance gate, at the last meeting due to the considerable cost, which exceeded that sum included in the budget. Further discussion ensued and it was

- RESOLVED**
- i) that the prices for a straight across, 3 foot, with Ludford sign gate be obtained by Cllr Donner

Maintenance of village flower tyres

Cllr Brader reported that Mr Bowden had ordered Dahlias for the tyres, to which the Parish Council expressed their sincere gratitude for his assistance.

101 Service

The Chairman reported that this event had been cancelled, but a wreath would be purchased and laid at the memorial.

10. Matters for Discussion

The Chairman reported that the stocks needed cleaning down and sadolin putting on them.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14 July 2020 at 7.30 pm. Meeting closed 8.48 pm.

Signed Chairman/Vice-Chairman Date

THE COUNCIL MET/HELD BOTH MEETINGS FOLLOWING THE STRICT GUIDELINES ON SOCIAL DISTANCING