

LUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of Ludford Parish Council held at Ludford Conference Centre on Monday 13th May 2013 commencing at 7.00pm.

1. Present:

Mr T Carter Mrs I Liddle
Mr D Riley Mr R Maddicott
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Shropshire Councillor Mrs V Parry

2. Apologies:

Nil

3. Election of Chairman:

It was agreed by the Parish Council that Mr T Carter be-elected Chairman for the ensuing Year

4. Election of Vice-Chairman :-

It was agreed by the Parish Council that Mrs I Liddle be-elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Year.

5. Appointment of Representatives to Other Organisations:

Ludlow and Cleve Area Local Joint Committee – Mrs I Liddle

Friends of Whitcliffe – Mr R Maddicott

LAPLAC – Mrs I Liddle

Ludlow Conservation Group – Mrs I Liddle

Teme Weirs Trust – Mr D Riley

6. Items from the Public and Shropshire Councillor Mrs V Parry

Mrs V Parry was welcomed to the Parish Council as the newly Elected Shropshire Councillor for the Ludford Parish Area.

Mrs V Parry referred to the Planning application 13/01449/Out for the erection of a building for a combined use as a veterinary surgery and A1 retail and 1 No building for a combined A3/A5 use to include access and layout = Land on the East Side of Foldgate Lane Ludlow.

The Clerk explained the current position relating to saved policies from the former South Shropshire District Council and the production of SAMDev which relates to sites for Industrial Land and Housing Land to the Year 2026. As SAMDev had not yet been completed and adopted and wit saved polices having expired as at the 31st March 2013 the relevant documentation for determining a planning application for Industrial and Housing Development would be the Shropshire Council Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework.

7 Registrable and Other Interests:

Nil

8. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd April 2013 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Nil

10. Planning Items:

a) Planning Application 13/01449 – Foldgate Lane Ludlow

The Parish Council were concerned that the Planning Application Notice/Site Notice did not adequately describe for the general public the actual proposed usage of the proposal unless they are aware of the Planning Categories of Use A1 Shop, A3 Restaurant and Café and A5 Hot Foot Take Away.

The Parish Council were concerned that this was a departure from the Original Planning Purpose Type B1 as shown below in the original saved policies, that there was insufficient detailed evidence within the documentation that all other available sites within the Town Area had been considered, that there was no

detailed traffic impact assessment both in respect of the A49 and the Sheet Road/Foldgate Lane Junction and the actual site itself where there is already a Pub/Restraint, Hotel, Garage/Shop and Care Home

The Original Saved Policy S7 (South Shropshire District Council) was as follows:

Proposals for the development of a petrol filling station and a restaurant/hotel and/or BI uses will be permitted on land at Foldgate Lane

The Reasons for which were:

- a) To provide a site for a petrol filling station, restaurant/hotel and/or BI (Business) uses which is well related to the primary road network;
- b) To provide a choice of employment sites within the town;
- c) To encourage the establishment of businesses that have a minimal impact on the landscape, which are seeking a high quality environment.

The Parish Council agreed to object to the Planning Application due to the proposed change of Use from B1 to A1 and A3/A5 use with the site not being appropriate or suitable for this type of development.

The current roadway into and exiting the site are inadequate to accommodate the impact of additional amount of traffic that would be generated.

The Road Junction Sheet Road/Foldgate Lane which already has inadequate Pedestrian Crossings is inappropriate, as is the nearby access to the A49; where queues can currently be experienced on this stretch of road with access to the garage.

It has been assumed that the Highway Agency will have been consulted on this issue as previously they have objected to this site as a Retail Park.

The Parish Council also request that the application be called in by the Local Member for determination by the Planning Committee.

b) Planning application 13/01665/Ful – Proposed Dwelling South Of Spring Cottage Steventon Road Ludlow – Erection of a dwelling and detached garage

The Parish Council considered the application and noted that the development was in the Countryside and that the area under previous planning policies which expired the 31st March 2013 was outside the area of housing development; however the application needed to be considered under the national planning policy framework. The Parish Council noted that the proposed dwelling was adjacent to neighbouring properties and that the proposed design fitted into the current environment and with Steventon being adjacent to Ludlow would also be regarded as being sustainable.

The Parish Council under NPPF guidelines had No Objection to the proposal.

11. Highway Items/Amenity Items:

- a) The trees on the patch of land in Park Road had now been pruned, it was agreed that the Parish Council would take over the cutting of the grass at the site; the Clerk will make appropriate arrangements.
- b) There was concern about the damage being caused to the Bone Bed at Ludford Corner by large vehicles the Clerk will refer this to the Shropshire Council Conservation Officer to see if a solution can be found to prevent the damage occurring.
- c) The Clerk to enquire when the bus sign situated at Policeman's Corner will be moved further along the roadway as the Parish Council considered it to be a Road Safety Matter both to pedestrians and other road users.

12. Financial Items:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

- a) A Jones – Trimming of Trees Park Road - £310.00
- b) K L Adams – Internal Audit - £55.00
- c) SALC – Annual subscription - £237.11
- d) Aon – Insurance - £410.49
- e) Ludlow In Bloom – grant - £400 include replacement cheque of £200 for last financial year
- f) Ludlow Conference Centre – Hire of Room - £42.20

The Parish Council approved the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2012 to the Audit Commission which was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Accounts for the financial year 2012-13 had been audited by the Councils Internal Auditor Mr K Adams with no items to be reported

13. Local Elections:

Following the Local Election the Parish Council still had three vacancies to which the Parish Council could co-opt. The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Mrs N North and Mr Floyd Wilson-Lloyd as parish councillors leaving one vacancy which the Clerk would advertise.

14. Reports from other organisations:

Nil

15. Next Meeting:

Monday 22nd July 2013, Monday 30th September 2013, Monday 18th November 2013, Monday 20th January 2014, Monday 17th March 2014, Monday 19th May 2014 the meetings would commence at 10.00am but may be subject to change at the discretion of the Chairman should the agenda dictate.

Chairman