

LUDFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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The **Draft** Minutes of Ludford Parish Council Meeting held at Shropshire Council Meeting Room Stone House Ludlow on Monday 21st February 2011 commencing 7.00pm

1. Present:

Mr T Carter Mr D Riley
Mrs I Liddle Mrs S Framer
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mrs N North and Mr R Maddicott.

3. Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith:

Martin gave an update on the following items to which the Parish Council also made comments:

a) The work had commenced on Ludford Bridge with the first part of the repair involves erecting complex scaffold platform to enable contractors to access the damaged part of the bridge.

It is expected that the work will be completed just before the Easter holiday period however this will involve weekend working.

It was unlikely that a weight limit could be imposed on the bridge however it was anticipated that a length limit will be imposed. The Parish Council will continue its request for a weight limit with access for large vehicles from the North end of the bypass.

b) The Market Regeneration for Ludlow Town will take place on the 23rd February when 18 schemes will be considered. There will then be a special meeting of the Local joint Committee to review recommended schemes on the 30th March 2011.

c) The Public Inspector had approved the Shropshire Council Local Development Framework which will be implemented from the 1st April 2011.

d) There will be some changes to the Planning Delegation Scheme from the 1st April 2011 where objections from a Parish Council will not result in the application being automatically referred to the Planning Committee but will initially be referred to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Planning Committee.

4. Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. Planning Applications:

a) Planning application 11/00239/Ful – Installation of 21 no solar photovoltaic panels on roof of stable block – Manor Cottage Steventon Road Ludlow – No Objection.

b) Planning application 11/00378/OUT – Outline application (access) for the development of a health facility (Use Class C2) to provide a community hospital and two general practice surgeries (Use Class D1) and ancillary uses including pharmacy and cafe, associated infrastructure, parking and access – Eco Business Park (phase 2) Sheet Road Ludlow - No Objection it should however be noted that this uses all existing development land at the Eco Business Park.

c) Planning application 10/05641/VAR -Variation of condition No.8 attached to planning permission reference 1/06/18517/F - relating to play areas – No Objection

7. Highway Items:

a) The Clerk reported that a submission had been made to the Ludlow and Rural Local Joint Committee for a grant towards the initial running cost of vehicle activated signs which would be rotated at two different sites Rocks Green and The Sheet, however this will be subject to the Parish Council meeting the one off installation costs being £500 per site and a speed survey being undertaken by Shropshire Council

The running cost of each individual sign is £60 per week with the minimum commitment being two weeks per site on a quarterly basis.

The Parish Council after the initial year will then need to consider if the scheme has been beneficial to the two areas and whether and how to meet future ongoing running costs.

It was not possible to place a sign at Ludford as the vehicle activated signs depended on solar power and the trees along the roadway blocked the required sun rays for operation of the signs.

The Parish Council approved the initial installation costs of £1,000.

b) The Parish Council are still hoping to obtain signs to indicate Ludford Village for which an offer of a donation had been made for the supply of the sign by Park Road Ludford.

8. Financial Items:

a) The following accounts were approved for payment

Npower - £63.07

C E Williams – salary and expenses - £456.64

b) It is anticipated that the Parish Council will have bank balances of £4,020 at the 31st March 2011.

9. Reports from other Organisations:

a) Teme Weirs Trust – no items to report

b) Conservation Advisory Group – The group had been discussing issues relating to Building Risk and the properties proposed by St Laurence's.

The internal works at Bell House Ludford had been considered to which there was no objection from the group.

c) Friends of Whitcliffe – Dangerous Trees had been removed from along the roadside.

d) South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils – consideration was being given to the future of the group following to the low numbers of representatives attending the meetings.

e) Ludlow and Clee Hill Local Joint Committee – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd February 2011. In future there will three meetings a year and there had been a 50% reduction in the grant fund for 2011/2012 although this would still result in £25,000 being available for local schemes.

10. Other Items:

a) Parish Council Vacancy – the notice of vacancy will expire on the 24th February 2011 after which the Parish Council will be able to co-opt any qualifying elector as a Parish Councillor.

b) Footpaths – The Parish Council were concerned that the Countryside Agency support work had been significantly reduced because of the Budget Cuts and would make their views known to Shropshire Council.

c) Footpaths – the Parish council had received details of improvements that had been made to a footpath running south from Ashford Bowdler by the Ludlow Parish Paths Partnership.

d) The Queens Jubilee 2012 – The Parish Council noted that a group had been set up to arrange The Queens Diamond Jubilee in June 2012 to consider activities over the Jubilee weekend and would offer their support to the group.

e) D Riley reported that areas of Ludford had been missed from the new Shropshire Ludlow Telephone Directory. The Parish Council to write to BT expressing concern and requesting BT to include Ludford on the Shropshire directory, concerning the matter.

11. Next Meeting:

Next Meetings: 18th April 2011

Chairman