

Ladbroke Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Ladbroke Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th March 2025 @ 19:45 hrs in Ladbroke Village Hall.

1. Record of Members Present

Cllrs Groves, Copley, Kemp, Neal, and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

2. To receive Apologies and approve reasons for Absence

Cllr Holloway – Apologies accepted

3. Declaration of pecuniary interests

None

4. Approval of minutes

4.1 It was proposed by Cllr Kemp, seconded by Cllr Neal and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 8th January 2025.

4.2 It was proposed by Cllr Copley, seconded by Cllr Kemp and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 6th February 2025.

4.3 It was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Groves and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 27th February 2025.

5. Public Participation

Cllr Groves advised she has received a letter from the Millenium Trust thanking the Parish Council for the recent grant they were awarded.

Cllr Neal advised he has been in contact with Severn Trent regarding the “road works 19/20 March” signs which have arrived on Banbury Road. Cllr Neal believes these signs ought to be on Church Road. Cllr Neal has contacted Severn Trent but has not been able to resolve the situation.

Clerk to contact Severn Trent

6. Matters Arising from the minutes and for ongoing attention

None

7. District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Kettle advised the Parish Council the County Council has approved a 4.99% increase in Council tax, comprising 2.99% increase in general services plus a 2% increase in the adult social care surcharge. The Devolution Whitepaper - WCC has now heard back from the Minister that Warwickshire will not be considered in the first tranche of those counties being unitarized. Cllr Kettle reminded all Cllrs if they are aware of any one in the village whose child has SEND needs and are struggling please encourage them to contact him. Cllr Kettle's report was circulated to all Cllrs.

Cllr Kettle to provide further information regarding SEND at next meeting 14th May 2025.

District Councillor Ostrander report covered SOA District Council Budget, Devolution and Govt Reorganisation, SWLP, Community Noticeboard Grant and Community Safety. Stratford District Council Council Tax increase will mean residents will be asked to pay £169.12 for a Band D property, an increase of £5. This is an increase of 3.05%, which for an average home represents an additional 42p per month. Stratford-on-Avon remains a low-taxing authority, 18th lowest out of 164 district councils across the country in 2024/25. Although the District Council acts as the collecting agent for Council Tax, it only receives 7.1% of the Council Tax paid by residents. Warwickshire County Council receives the lion's share of 76.6%, the Police 12.8% and Towns/Parishes 3.5%. Cllr Ostrander's report was circulated to all Councillors.

Clerk to apply to SDC for a noticeboard grant as detailed in Cllr Ostrander's report

8. Financial

8.1 Direct Debit payments made since last meeting on 8th January 2025

Payee	Amount £
Hugofox 13.01.25 website fee	11.99
Hugofox 13.02.25 website fee	11.99
Ionos 26.01.25 email	4.80
Ionos 26.02.25 email	4.80
Yu Energy 01.01.25 – 31.01.25 5853 Inv 02335311	31.78
Yu Energy 01.02.25 – 28.02.25 5853 Inv 02414675	27.48
Yu Energy 01.01.25 – 31.01.25 5852 Inv 02335310	14.01
Yu Energy 01.02.25 – 28.02.25 5852 Inv 02414674	12.46

8.2 To approve the following payments.

Payee	Amount £
Clerk Salary February 2025	
Clerk Salary March 2025	
HMRC 01.01.25 – 31.03.25 and 01.07.24 – 31.09.24	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement of Water Pump Service Charges	109.33
Warwickshire County Council streetlight maintenance	43.56

It was proposed by Cllr Kemp, seconded by Cllr Neal and **RESOLVED** to authorise all the payments in 8.1 and 8.2.

8.3 Financial Report 01.04.24 – 28.02.25

Noted

8.4 Bank Statement dated 28.02.25 and Bank Reconciliation up to 28.02.25

Cllr Grove signed the Bank Reconciliation as being correct.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 Consultation List

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting held on 6th February 2025.

9.2 Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions have been received since the last meeting held on 6th February 2025.

Planning No.	Address	Outcome
24/03263/TREE	Ladbroke Farm Ladbroke Southam CV47 2BY	Tree Consent with Conditions
25/00025/TREE	Attwood Cottage Ladbroke Southam CV47 2BY	Tree Consent with Conditions

9.3 Appeals

None

10. HS2

10.1 There were no updates.

10.2 To discuss HS2 road closures which will impact upon Ladbroke Cllr Neal has been contacted by EKFB Liaison Officer advising the A423 is likely to be closed to 10 – 12 weeks from October whilst they join in the new bridge carriageway into the existing road. Following this the B4451 (road from Southam to Deppers Bridge) will then be closed for approximately 6 weeks. EKFB recognise this will impact upon Ladbroke heavily and they want to know what they can do to mitigate the issues. It was agreed Cllr Kettle will consult with the HS2 team at Warwickshire County Council regarding these closures to see what suggestions they can put forward. Cllr Kettle to report back at the next meeting.

12. Items for next Agenda

SEND, HS2 Road Closures, WCC Options for managing traffic flow through Ladbroke, Parish Council AGM,

13. Date of next Meeting – 14th March 2025

Meeting closed 21:08

Signed

Date