

## LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 2008 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH AT  
7.30PM

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs Francis, Cllr Corney, Cllr Mrs Toogood, Cllr Mrs Fox, Cllr Mrs Lester, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Cox, Cllr Polgreen, C. Cllr Mrs Compton.

1. **APOLOGIES** – D Cllr Caborn

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared relating to matters included on the agenda.

3.a **WARWICHSIRE COUNTY COUNCIL EMERGENCY PLAN**

Mick Potter, Assistant Manager of the Emergency Planning Unit gave an interesting presentation in relation to the work of the Emergency Planning Unit and the role of the Parish Council, and use of the Emergency Plan.

3.b **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Councillor Polgreen left the meeting.

Mrs Charlotte Jay and other representatives from the SLOWeR 40 Campaign Group were in attendance. Mrs Jay advised the Parish Council of a meeting she had had with Carolyn Burrows, Senior Safety Engineer WCC, who had carried out the technical review of the speed limit on the Old Warwick Road. The recommendation of the review to reduce the speed limit from 60 mph to 50 mph was purely based on technical data and did not take into consideration the number of accidents and public views. Mrs Jay felt the meeting had been very productive and that Carolyn Burrows would support proposals to further reduce the speed limit to 40mph in certain sections. The ideal outcome for campaigners of the SLOWeR 40 group would be to see the entire stretch reduced to 40mph and that the 30mph zone be extended from village to past the Boot Public House.

In view of the members of the public wishing to attend for item 13(a) Speed Limit Review Old Warwick Road it was agreed to consider that item as a priority.

**13.a Speed Limit Review Old Warwick Road**

The Parish Council discussed at length the proposal to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 50mph on the Old Warwick Road to Hockley Heath. Consideration was given to the input and proposals from the SLOWeR 40 group. The Parish Council did not believe it was feasible to have some stretches at 50 and others at 40mph as this would cause confusion and a proliferation of road signs.

The view of the Parish Council was that there should be a 40mph speed limit from Hockley Heath to the junction with Lapworth Street at which point the speed limit should be reduced to 30mph and extend until it meets the current 30mph limit at the start of the village.

It was agreed to put this proposal in response the County Council.

**Clerk to Action**

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meetings of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### Received

a. Matthew Taylor Review on Rural Economy and Affordable Housing – Councillors Corney, Lewis and Mrs Toogood undertook to study the questionnaire and respond.

## 7. PUBLICATIONS- circulation box.

## 8. WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

8.1.a Scrutiny of Flooding Review Group – no-one to attend. Councillor Mrs Lester advised that the 20,000 gallons had been sucked out of the culvert by the post office by the County Council.

8.1.b Making it Real – Sustainable Community Strategy – C Councillor Mrs Compton would attend and feedback to the Parish Council. C Councillor Compton also advised of dates that the Sort It roadshow would in the area to answer questions in relation to the new waste disposal system.

## 9. WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

9.1 Warwick Area Committee – C Councillor Mrs Compton updated the Parish Council on matters discussed at the Warwick Area Committee – these included:

- Youth Grants – these were available, up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, to support the local Youth Clubs. Mr Armitage of the Lapworth Youth Club had been advised of this.
- proposals for additional 25 parking spaces at Lapworth Station for next year; and
- a proposal for a footpath on the sharp bend in Station Lane which would be subject to further consultation.

## 10. ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

10.1 Documents for circulation in box

10.2 Details of training opportunities were provided – Councillors to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend.

## 11. LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL

a. Disposal of Cigarette Ends. It was agreed to buy a further bin to be fixed to the front wall.

**Clerk to order**

**Councillor Corney to install**

b. Flowerbed upkeep – Councillor Corney was talking to a gardener regarding the upkeep of flowerbed outside the Village Hall and to arrange meeting with Councillor Mrs Francis

**Councillor Corney to action**

## 12. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

a. Councillor Corney had attended the recent meeting. He advised that there had been another change in the local Police representative and the Sgt Johal was now in place. Funding was available for measures that could support local safety and it was agreed to request signage for an Old Persons Crossing at Harborough Cottage.

**Clerk to action**

Whilst it was not felt necessary for a police representative to attend every meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed to invite a representative to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Clerk to action**

Next meeting of Safer Neighbourhood 12<sup>th</sup> March

### 13. ROADS AND PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

- a. Speed Limit Review Old Warwick Road – discussed earlier in the meeting.
- b. The Parish Council also welcomed and supported the proposal to reduce the speed limit on Section C of the Aylesbury Road, Tanworth-in-Arden from 60mph to 40 mph.

**Clerk to action**

- c. Road Closures –  
D5045 Packwood Road, Lapworth from its junction with D5043 Vicarage Lane until its junction D5045 Grove Lane, anticipated to be closed ne day only on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008.  
C22 Lapworth Street , Lapworth from it junction with D5042 Catesby Lane for 300m in a southerly direction – anticipated to be closed from 10<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> March inclusive.
- d. Crossing Warning Signs at Harborough Cottages – request funding from Safer Neighbour Hoods campaign.

**Clerk to Action**

### 14. LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES

- a. Canal Picnic Site – The public toilets would be reopened on Good Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2008 for the summer season. The issue of storage for cleaning materials was discussed.

**Councillor Mrs Francis to progress**

### 15. PLANNING

- a. Planning applications received – the following application was discussed.

W08/0117	Erection of garage with store Far Croft, Tapster Lane, Lapworth <b>Objection – in the green belt</b>
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- b. Decision Notices

W07/1914	Land to North of Pckwood Farm, Packwood Road, Lapworth Erection of two stables, tack room and hay store on a concrete apron	Granted
W07/1983	2 Kingswood Close, Lapworth Two storey side extension	Refused
W07/2008	Kingswood Grange, Mill Lane, Lapworth Erection of swimming pool complex and orangery	Granted

- c. Appeal Notice – The appeal against the decision of Warwick District Council not to allow vehicular access at Lombardy, Old Warwick Road had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

### 16. FINANCE

- a. BALANCES as at 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Community Account – statement date 11.1.08	£ 7,409.46
Business Premium Account – Statement date 7-12-07	£ 611.96
Business Reserve Acct - Statement date 7-12-07	£ 11,216.99
National Savings	£ 1,447.68

- b. PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Invoice No	Cheque No	Payee	Amount
	100988	Councillor Mrs Francis 72 miles at 0.442p (Nov 07– Jan 08)	£31.82
01088H0X0 W	100989	ScrewFix – Cigarette Bin Reimbursement to E Priestley	£34.99
	100989	Staples – Black Printer Ink Reimbursement to E Priestley	£24.99
	100989	E Priestley Salary and Expenses January	£467.68
0876	100990	Lapworth Village Hall 14 <sup>th</sup> January meeting	£23.00
Total			£582.48

c. Annual Budget 2008-2009

An annual budget of £19,625 for 2008-2009 was agreed, an increase in the precept from £16,000 to £16,500 was requested from Warwick District Council.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - none

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Meeting closed at 9.45

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Dated .....