

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 7th JULY 2008 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Cllrs Mrs. Lester, Cox, Lewis, Polgreen, Mrs. Fox, Corney and C.Cllr Mrs. Compton, D
Cllr Caborn and the clerk.

Concillor Corney chaired the meeting

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Mrs Francis and Cllr Henderson

2. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors Mrs Lester, Mrs Toogood and Lewis returned and had witnessed their signed register of interests.
- b. No personal interests in items on the agenda declared.
- c. No prejudicial interests in items on the agenda declared.

3. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Two residents of Packwood Lane were present and expressed their objections to Planning Application W08/0845 the erection of new stables at Cedar Lawn, Packwood Lane.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS :-**

Parish Council Meeting – 9th June 2008 signed as a true record.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

C Councillor Mrs Compton reminded the Parish Council of the new Post Office and One Stop Shop facility at Shire Hall.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

6.1 Received

- a. Post Office Network Change Programme – in circulation box

7. **PUBLICATIONS**

Circulation Box

8. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

8.1 **Items for discussion**

a. **Transfer of Allotment Land from WDC to Lapworth PC** – Councillors Mrs Francis and Corney had met with the Head of Legal Services and the Estates Manager of Warwick District Council. Details of the lease for the Vicarage Road Allotments had been discussed together with the likely fees if the allotments were to transfer to Lapworth PC. The estimated costs were in the region of £200. The District Council had also raised the option of Lapworth PC buying a small piece of adjacent land.

All Councillors were in favour of the transfer of the allotments to Lapworth PC and considering buying the piece of land. Councillors Mrs Francis and Corney to pursue. Clerk to initiate consultation with the allotment society.

**Councillors Mrs Francis and Corney and
Clerk to action**

b. **Options for Growth - Core Strategy** – All Councillors were encouraged to respond to the Options for Growth questionnaire. **All Councillors**

c. **Lap Dancing Clubs** – is current legislation enough? – Councillors did not feel this was an issue relevant to Lapworth. **Clerk to respond**

9. **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a. **Operation Bordeaux – motorbike traffic calming** – County Councillor Mrs Compton reported on ‘Operation Bordeaux’ which entails the use of a static speed camera van (or the camera car) and three Police motorcycles as stopping/enforcement vehicles. There are also a couple of Police cars floating (one may be the plain video car depending on availability).

The primary target of "Bordeaux" is the excess speed of motorcycles but it also extends to other road users or other offences. The operation is directed at areas of greatest impact - eg: A4177, A4141, B4439, A4189, A3400 and at the most pertinent times - Wednesday evenings and the weekends. The operation may change location several times in one session.

It had been run on four occasions with great success and provides a very high profile deterrent as well as an effective enforcement strategy. The Parish Council was advised that 15 motorists had been prosecuted for travelling between 40 - 50 mph in 30 area and that there had been many positive comments from local residents. Three motorists had been prosecuted for driving 70 - 78 mph in the 60 limit near Five Ways Island.

One of the Parish Councillors had previously advised that he had seen them in action outside Lapworth Village Hall.

10. **WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL**

- 10.1 Documents for circulation – Newsletter in circulation box

11. **LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL** – Councillor Mrs Fox reported on progress of the refurbishment of the Village Hall. These included new double glazing, painting and decorating and new carpets.

12. **SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS**

- a. **Mobile Police Station Timetable** – in circulation box

Dates in Lapworth Include Tuesday 19th August 14.00 to 14.30 at the Village Hall and Wednesday 29th October 15.00 to 15.30 at the Village Hall.

b. **Voluntary traffic monitoring** – a number of parish councillors had volunteered to use the speed guns to monitor speeds of traffic. These ‘guns’ were now at the District Council and would be made available to Lapworth in due course. Clerk to liaise with the Police and the District Council to ensure adequate training. It was advised Sergeant Gary Holtby had returned to the Warwick West Safer Neighbourhood team. **Clerk to Action**

c. **Localities Forum** – C Councillor Compton advised that it appeared inevitable that the proposed Localities Forum and the Safer Neighbourhoods would be combined and that the next Safer Neighbourhood meeting was cancelled.

13. **ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - General highway issues

a. **Proposed New Footway Station Lane Lapworth** – the County Council had written advising that discussions were ongoing with Network Rail to try and secure the release of land necessary for a footpath. The County Council had requested that the Parish Council consult with a small number of residents who live directly opposite the proposed footway.

C Councillor Mrs Compton advised that three things needed to happen before the footway was secured. Namely Network Rail needed to agree to the release of the land, the Parish Council needed to consult those living opposite and funding needed to be secured. C Councillor Compton was working with the County and hoped to secure the funding available. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to those living opposite and also write to the school and playgroup encouraging them and parents to write direct to the Chris Burrows at the County with their views. **Clerk to Action**

b. **Layby opposite Garage** – deferred to September meeting

c. **Fencing around War Memorial** – deferred to September meeting

d. **Road Closure – D5050 Hole House Lane, Lapworth** was to be closed between its junctions D5020 Wheatsheaf Lane and D5048 Tapster Lane for five days commencing on 7th July 2008.

14. **LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES**

- a. **Village Green - The Oaks** – site visit agreed for 7pm Monday 8th September.

- b. **Toilets** – After many years of service Diane Chambers was giving up her role at the Bromehall Lane toilets. Cover had been arranged to the end of the 2008 season but a new cleaner would be needed for the 2009 season. It was agreed to advertise in the Parish Magazine and put a card in the Post Office window. **Clerk to Action**
- c. **Possible Youth Shelter Site** – deferred to September meeting.

15. **PLANNING**

15.1 Documents for circulation/items for discussion

- a. **Summer Planning meeting** – Monday 11th August 2008 agreed. Clerk will contact to advise if any applications have been received. **Clerk to Action**
- b. **Enforcement Appeal Notification – Catesby Cottage**, Catesby Lane, Lapworth
The Parish Council supported the District Council's decision and asked the Clerk to write accordingly **Clerk to Action**
- c. **Notification of Planning Committee 8th July 2008** –following to be considered
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| W08/0721 | Erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage (revised design)
52 Chapel Lane, Lapworth |
| W08/0351 | Use of farm buildings as part of house and erection of two storey extension
Meadow Hill Farm, Lapworth Street, Bushwood |

15.2 **Planning applications for consideration**, together with any other applications that may be received prior to date of meeting:

W08/0845	Erection of new stables Cedar Lawn, Packwood Lane, Lapworth
	OBJECTION – Inappropriate development in green belt, oversized, concern re safety of proposed access
W08/0745	Rear extension to first floor to create two bedrooms and bathroom Previously considered – additional information only Far Croft, Tapster Lane, Lapworth
	NO OBJECTION
W08/0762	Erection of conservatory Previously considered – additional information only Broad Oaks House, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	NO OBJECTION
W08/0961	Demolition of existing flat roofed extensions and erection of two storey extension to house The Gables, Spring Lane, Lapworth
	NO OBJECTION

Two of the applications considered had previously been considered and the Clerk was requested to write to the District Council to advise that this was both time consuming and confusing.

Clerk to Action

15.3 **Decision Notices**

W08/0665	Erection of garage with office above Beaudesert Farm, Irelands Lane, Lapworth	GRANTED
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16. **FINANCE**

- a. **Approval of Accounts 07-08** – previously circulated
The 07-08 Accounts were approved and signed as an accurate record for submission to the External Auditors. **Clerk to Action**

b. **BALANCES as at 7th July 2008**

Community Account – statement date 13.6.08	£ 13,862.85
Business Premium Account – Statement date 11.4.08	£ 614.13
Business Reserve Acct - Statement date 3-3-08	£ 11,292.10
National Savings at 8-4-08	£ 1,502.34

c. **PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED 7th July 2008**

Invoice No	Cheque No	Payee	Amount
1877	101019	R Clifton –June Fee Lapworth Public Conveniences	£50.00
	101020	Steve’s Industries Ltd – May VAT - £48.56	£326.06
	101021	Councillor Mrs Francis Mileage May and June	£39.92
	101022	Heart of England Way Association membership	£6.00
	101023	Campaign for Rural England membership	£30.00
	101024	Clerk June Salary and expenses	£456.26
	101025	D Chamber – Public Conveniences Cleaning 9 th June to 6 th July (£196.00) Equipment (£8.11)	£204.11
0945	101026	Village Hall Room Hire 9 th June & 7 th July	£40.00
Total			£1152.35

17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a. **Safer Neighbourhood Sign** – Councillor Mrs Lester had been approached by the Safer Neighbourhood Team who wished to put a sign in front of the Village Hall noticeboard. Parish Councillors agreed that they did not want an additional sign and requested that it be delayed until the noticeboards had been replaced. **Clerk to Action**

b. **Fencing Round Bridge in Chessetts Wood Road** – Councillor Mrs Toogood had been approached by a resident regarding a deep ditch next too the bridge and requesting that it be fenced in. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Toogood would provide more details enabling the Clerk to contact Peter Hallam at the County. **Councillor Mrs Toogood and Clerk to Action**

c. **Scout Hut Site** – Councillor Mrs Lester had been approached and questioned regarding the future use of the scout hut site. Contact details were given for her to pass on.

d. **Tree Lifting Pavement** – 37 Station Lane – It was agreed that the Clerk would advise Peter Hallam. **Clerk to Action**

e. **Format of Agenda** – Councillor Polgreen requested that consideration be given to more detail being included in agenda items enabling Councillors and members of the public to have a greater indication of the subject to be discussed. He also requested that ‘Any Other Business’ be removed from the agenda as it is not possible to make a decision on an item that has not been previously included on the agenda. Agreed to put on September meeting.

Clerk to Action

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 8th September 2008

Meeting ended 9.45pm

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