

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th
JULY 2007 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH AT
7.30PM

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

1. APOLOGIES
Cllr C Henderson, D Cllr Caborn

2. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM
No public present

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: -
Parish Council 11th June 2007

The minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, were taken
as read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was reported to llrs. [including](#)

- Letter from Mrs O'Shea expressing her concerns re brief discussion at last meeting on suggestions to alleviate parking problems at village shop. No Cllrs had any further suggestions regarding this problem and will be discussed at a later date.
- Letter from The Lapworth Charity advising us that the return of appointment as a Trustee has expired for Mrs C Robinson & Mr I Knowles and asking the Parish Council to consider their re-appointment. Members agreed to re-appoint and will reply accordingly.
- The Councillors Commission - invitation to meet the Councillors at a regional event to be held on Tuesday 24th July 2007 9.30-4.00pm at Warwick Arts Centre. Cllr Compton felt there is already sufficient opportunity through Parish Councils for the public to make their views/requests known & there is no new funding available. No-one able to attend.
- The Haven, 103 Chapel Lane - letter from WDC saying they have passed this matter on to Legal Services for consideration of the wording of the conditions - concern raised by Mr Barrington at a recent meeting.
- Email from Police re extra police activity in the area and not to be alarmed - we are all encouraged to be vigilant and to report anything suspicious.

Letter sent by Clerk to Mrs O'Shea.

6. PUBLICATIONS
All documents were circulated.
Lapworth Website

Cllr Polgreen circulated a sheet outlining a plan of proposed layout of Parish Council information to be included on the Lapworth Website. He hopes to start putting the Agenda on from September. We discussed the services the PC has an interest in and Cllr Polgreen will add or delete items as necessary. Cllr Mrs Francis expressed thanks to Cllr Polgreen for all his work on behalf of everyone.

7. WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

1. All documents were circulated
2. WDC Standards Committee - Cllr Polgreen is one of 6 nominations - others Cllrs Mrs

Gordon, Smart, Mrs Mellor, Singh, Mrs Howell. The PC had to select 2 preferred candidates - Cllr Mrs Gordon and Cllr Polgreen - reply emailed.

3. Review of Concurrent Services Grant Scheme - Cllr Mrs Francis to discuss with Amanda.

8. WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
 1. All documents were circulated
 2. C Cllr Compton reported there is concern over provision of care for the elderly and Graham Betts, Social Services, is looking into accommodation for older people. Residential homes are becoming unpopular - more ideas needed - care likely to change in the future. Those concerned are being consulted. WCC Care Homes are to be modified or demolished. Dementia is on the increase and there is a Select Committee meeting later this month to discuss. Cllr Compton said there is also concern re school meal provision and there is a working party looking at this service. Cllr Compton has visited Lapworth School to wish the departing Head well and also the incoming one. The School feel they do not receive sufficient support from the Education Department. They have also had an appeal this week for a place. Cllr Compton also reported that there are currently a lot of thieves breaking into houses through open windows and stealing car keys. Cllr Corney is still not on circulation list for That Was the Week That Was. Cllr Lester said PC Fowler has been to see the graffiti offender living in the village and understands he has been given some form of punishment (nature of which and its implications Cllr Corney is to investigate).

9. WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS
All documents were circulated.

10. LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL
Cllr Mrs Fox reported that the application for the Rural Initiative Grant had got delayed at WDC and missed meeting. D Cllr Caborn has said it will be OK for next meeting on 23rd July. There is some urgency as ideally work needs to be done during July/August when bookings are low. The VHMC want to wait and see how the new Youth Club progresses before pursuing the possibility of a storage shed at Village Hall. The Youth Club are also having meetings with the PCC re the scout hut site. The step into the Committee Room from outside is being repaired.

11. ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
 1. Cllr Compton said there is a lot of activity in the area with surface dressing and several road closures. Peter Hallam is now back from holiday. It was reported that Wharf Lane is still wet, the drain by the Navigation is a priority and Bushwood Lane is flooding. Cllr Polgreen asked who the public can complain to about unnecessary road closure and signs not being removed when work completed - contact Stan Hefford on 01926 412515.
 2. Cllr Polgreen has had a word with the owner of the Village Shop re the parking problem. There is no easy answer. Cars should not park on the pavement - Cllr Compton read the rules and whilst there are a few exceptions there should always be a minimum width of pavement of 1.2 metres. As mentioned earlier there will be ongoing consultation and discussion over this problem.

12. PLANNING
 1. All documents circulated
 2. Planning applications for consideration :-

W07/0995 – CLOVER HILL, OLD WARWICK ROAD
Demolition of garage and glazed kitchen extension. Erection of two storey extension and erection of new double garage with store.
MR & MRS A THOMSON
No objection

W07/1005 – 9 MEADOW LANE
Erection of lounge, bedroom and bathroom extension
MR M PALMER
Need plan of existing buildings - inadequate information

W07/1059 – 10 MEADOW LANE
Outline application for replacement dwelling
MR M PALMER
See comments above (W07/1005). Also concerns re access for lorries in Meadow Lane.
Access to the rear of the property has been denied we understand.

W07/1041 – 26 KINGSWOOD CLOSE
Erection of first floor side extension
MR C ROE
No objection

W07/1045 – TINKERS FARM, LAPWORTH HILL
Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land for stationing of a caravan for independent residential use and ancillary residential use of adjacent curtilage.
MR PERRY STEVENS
No objection

W07/1094 – 109 BAKERS LANE
Change of use loft to a bedroom with upgrade and rebuild of entrance hall
S P HEYNES
No objection

W07/1091 – PACKWOOD HALL, GLASSHOUSE LANE
Erection of timber summerhouse.
MR M J LAMB
No objection

W07/1056 - PACKWOOD HALL, GLASSHOUSE LANE
Erection of conservatory
MR M J LAMB
No objection

W07/1130 - LAPWORTH LODGE
Construction of footpath crossing
This application is not accurate - the access is vehicular

1. Decision Notices: -

13. FINANCE

BALANCES AS AT 9TH JULY 2007 WERE ADVISED AS: -

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| Community Account | £ | 9,359.41 |
| Business Premium Account | | 607.21 |
| Business Reserve Account | | 11,062.08 |
| National Savings | | 1,447.68 |

PAYMENTS AUTHORISED 9TH JULY 2007: -

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| R. Clifton - retaining fee for July | £ | 50.00 |
| Lapworth Youth Club | | 171.29 |
| WPFA - annual subscription | | 15.00 |

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| Steve's Industries Ltd - grass mowing | 326.06 |
| Observer Standard Newspapers Ltd - job advertisement | 95.32 |
| Warks, Solihull & B'ham Training Partnership - Councillor training | 50.00 |

Total £707.67

14. VACANCY FOR CLERK
Good response from advert in Observer. 5 applications had been received for the position of clerk

Cllr Corney has suggested that Amanda meets all the candidates together week beginning 16th July to explain the job and what it entails - some applicants already Clerks to Parish Councils. Cllr Francis to interview those interested, together with Cllrs Corney and Mrs Toogood, week commencing 23rd July.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
None

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
September 10th 2007

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00pm

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DATE

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