

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th JUNE 2008 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH AT 7.30 PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES
Cllrs Mrs Toogood and Lewis and D Cllr Caborn
2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
 - a. Register of Interests: Councillors Corney and Henderson 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 members of public present no issues raised.
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS :-
Parish Council Meeting – 12th May 2008 signed as a true record.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
None
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 6.1 Received
 - a. Road Sign Inventory Gerald Tanner – Pastor, Lees Chapel. The road signs had been cleaned and an inventory compiled of repairs needed to be carried out. The Parish Council expressed their appreciation to the Pastor and his congregation for the great job they had done. Letter of thanks to be sent. **Clerk to Action**
 - b. Email re Flooding – Rising Lane. A resident had emailed in asking if the Parish Council could offer support getting action to stop flooding at her property. Councillor Mrs Francis had been to inspect the site and believed it was because an underground brook came back up into the ditches which then flooded into the driveway. It was agreed to contact the County Council to thank for work carried out to date but advise that the problem was not cured and ask when could further action be taken. **Clerk to Action**

Flooding near Cedar Cottage on the Old Warwick Road that had caused an accident on 3rd June was also raised and it was agreed to also contact the County Council about that. **Clerk to Action**

 - c. Email re overhanging hedge near Aylesbury House Hotel – Councillor Mrs Francis would check this out and if necessary the County Council would be advised and the householder written to. **Clerk to Action**
 - 6.2 Sent
 - a. Objection to proposed removal of telephone box
7. PUBLICATIONS - Circulated
Circulation Box
8. WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL
 - 8.1 Documents for circulation/information
 - a. Appointment of Councillor Mrs Falp as WDC Chairman 2008/09 – noted.
 - 8.2 Items for discussion
 - a. Transfer of Allotment Land for WDC to Lapworth PC – The District Council had written proposing that the Allotment Land in Lapworth be transferred from WDC to Lapworth Parish Council. There was debate regarding the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal.

It was agreed to request a meeting to discuss what would actually be involved. Councillors Mrs Francis and Corney to attend. **Clerk to Action**

- b. Annual Parish and Town Council Planning Seminar – 7pm 24th June 2008

Councillors Mrs Francis to attend

Clerk to Advise

c. Options for Growth - Core Strategy – County Councillor Mrs Compton advised that Philip Clarke would be making a presentation on Thursday 3rd July at 7.30 at Shire Hall and invited all those present to attend.

d. Locality Working Forum – Councillor Mrs Francis had attended the recent meeting. In light of the poor attendance the meeting was to be rescheduled. The Parish Councillors reiterated their concerns regarding existing mechanisms already working well and hoped that service would not suffer as a result of this initiative.

9. WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

9.1 County Councillor Mrs Compton advised that the new post office was now open at Shire Hall.

10. WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL

10.1 Documents for circulation - None

11. LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL

a. Security Review – Councillor Mrs Fox advised the Parish Council of the content of the meeting. It was agreed that all practicable measures were being taken to safeguard the security of the Village Hall.

12. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

a. Update - meeting 20th May 2008 – Councillor Corney had attended the meeting that had largely been concerned with the Locality Working Agenda. Councillor Corney advised that the Safer Neighbourhood had £17,500 to be spent proposals that support the work of the Safer Neighbourhood's Team. Speed guns and fluorescent jackets had been purchased and were available for use by the Parish Council for speed checks/monitoring. Councillors Mrs Fox, Mrs Lester, Corney and Henderson expressed an interest in doing this. **Clerk to Action**

A Police Surgery would be held on 25th June and 23rd July at the Police Post, Lapworth Village Hall, 7pm to 8pm on both evenings.

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

a. Proposed New Footway Station Lane Lapworth – correspondence had been received from a resident both welcoming the proposed new footpath but also wishing to retain the Oak Tree. Further correspondence from the County Council indicated that Network Rail were unlikely to release any further land, that it was likely the Oak Tree would need to be retained and that the path must be 1.8 meters wide. All of this indicated that the path was unlikely to go ahead. The Parish Council were very disappointed with this outcome and felt the need to accommodate a 1.8m footpath was unnecessary and because of that a path that could benefit the majority was being stopped. It was agreed to write to Network Rail requesting a site meeting with Councillor Mrs Francis. **Clerk to Action**

Still relating to the Station Car Park County Councillor Mrs Compton advised that Network Rail would not release any land to enable an extension of the Station Car Park either.

b. Trees – the perennial problem of trees falling was raised and that it was the householders responsibility to maintain trees on their land. The need to raise awareness of owners liability was discussed -

14. LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES

a. Canal Picnic Site – barbecues – because of the extensive requirements of the insurers and because the Parish Council does not own the land it was regrettably agreed not to replace the barbecues. To be included in Parish Magazine. **Clerk to Action**

b. Village Green - The Oaks – An email had been received regarding proposal to lower the fence opposite the shop as youths habitually sit there, the correspondent felt this was not the answer and that more accountability should lie with the parents. It was agreed to further investigate the options, it was felt that removing the fence at the roadside would enable youths to sit on the grass. It was agreed that all councillors would look at the site before the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Francis introduced the possibility of a skeleton shelter for youths on the corner of Yew Tree Close and Station Lane. This was opposed and Councillor Mrs Lester agreed to talk to the police about the problem of siting a youth shelter.

Councillor Mrs Lester to Action

Councillor Mrs Francis advised that the new 'grassed' area needed to be reseeded and undertook to do that when the weather was wet.

Councillor Mrs Francis to Action

c. Scarecrow Competition September – After some debate regarding the siting of the scarecrows all were encouraged to take part.

15. PLANNING

- a. Documents for circulation/items for discussion
 - Planning Appeal Notification Construction of Vehicular Access at Lapworth Lodge – Informal Hearing on 22nd July 10am Town Hall
 - Appeal Notification Replacement of windows and French doors at Little Rising, Rising Lane, Lapworth

b. Planning applications considered

W08/0699	Refurbishment and conversion of existing stable block to holiday unit let The Elms, 75 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	No objection
W08/0721	Proposal for replacement dwelling with detached garage 52 Chapel Lane, Lapworth
	Objection – it is considered that the proposed development would radically alter the scale and character of original dwelling likely to detrimentally affect the character of rural locality - Not in line with Section RAP3 re replacement dwellings - Design not appropriate to rural road setting - Not in keeping with local properties
W08/0730	Extension to rear of property and building in the roof space to form four bedrooms and major refurbishment works to ground floor to form a family room/kitchen, a fifth bedroom on the ground floor wit lounge, dining and study room 195 Station Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W08/0745	Rear extension to first floor to create two bedrooms and bathroom Far Croft, Tapster Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W08/0762	Conservatory to the side elevation Broad Oaks House, Chessetts Wood Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W08/0793	Alteration of loft space to provide gym and storage over garages, associated stair and door access (external) Pound Cottage, Lapworth Street, Lapworth
	No objection
W08/0828	Erection of bespoke hardwood timber conservatory Packwood Hall, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth
	No objection

c. Decision Notices

W07/2023	Demolition of existing dwellings to be replaced with a new dwelling and the erection of two detached garages	Granted
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W07/2083	Conversion of former coach house to living accommodation Arden Hill, Lapworth Street, Lapworth	Refused
W08/0299	Erection of replacement dwelling The Cottage, Lapworth Street, Lapworth	Granted
W08/0379	Conversion of attic space to accommodation Mountford Farm, Church Lane, Lapworth	Granted
W08/0381 LB	Conversion of attic space to accommodation Mountford Farm, Church Lane, Lapworth	Granted
W08/0529 retro	Construction of replacement access with hard core area Bradfield House, Rising Lane, Lapworth	Refused
W08/0541	Erection of rear extension, replacement dormers, and detached gara after demolition of rear extension	Refused

16. FINANCE

a. BALANCES as at 9th June 2008

Community Account – statement date 11.4.08	£	4,977.68
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

b. PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED 9th June 2008

Invoice No	Cheque No	Payee	Amount
	101012	J Pardoe Work on borders at Village Hall Level and seed ground at the Oaks	£48 .00
14181	101013	Steve's Industries Ltd – April VAT - £48.56	£326.06
	101014	June Lapworth Village Hall Grant	£300.00
	101015	June Lapworth Parochial Church Council Grant	£250.00
	101016	Village Hall Room Hire 12 th May	£20.00
	101017	Clerk May Salary and expenses	£490.16
	101018	D Chambers Bromehall Lane PC 12 th May to 8 th June 2008	£196.00
Total			£1,630.22

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Councillor Mrs Fox advised that the fencing around the war memorial was in a very bad state. Councillor Mrs Francis undertook to get a quote for repairs.

Councillor Mrs Francis to Action

b. Agenda Item for next meeting – Layby opposite garage.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 7th July 2008

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