

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th September 2012 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH

Present: Cllr Mrs Francis (Chairman), Cllr Corney (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Jay, Cllr Mrs Lester, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Mrs Ludlow, D Cllr Caborn C Cllr Mrs Compton, and the clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Mrs Toogood, Cllr Giles
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
 - a. Register of Interests: none updated
 - b. to declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature – none declared
 - c. to declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature – none declared
3. **RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR** – Cllr J Lewis had stood down from the Parish Council. Thanks were expressed for Cllr Lewis' many years' valuable contribution to the Parish. Clerk to advertise vacancy.
4. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

Residents from the Oaks were present to express concerns about the safety of children playing on the Green and the appearance of the Green.
Concern was also expressed by another parishioner that attention should be given to the consequences of the traffic flow at a dangerous junction when considering W12/1018.
5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-**
 - a. Parish Council Meeting – 9th July 2012 approved and signed as a true record
 - b. Parish Council Planning Meeting – 13th August 2012 approved and signed as a true record
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk advised that neither the Boot nor the Punchbowl had a defibrillator on site. The Clerk was requested to ask the Village Hall Committee whether they were agreeable to one being located at the Village Hall and if so contact the Lapworth Charity to see if they would contribute towards the purchase
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. Mr and Mrs Curtiss expressing and registering concern regarding the approach made in relation to the Cricket Ground at Grove Lane, Lapworth - noted
8. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION** in Circulation Box
 - a. **Your District Councillors 2012/13**
9. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
 - a. **Emergency Plan Update** – noted and agreed to have Lapworth Emergency Plan for consideration at the October meeting.
 - b. Cllr Caborn advised that over 2000 responses had been received in relation to the Local Plan Consultation. An extra officer was being recruited by the Planning Department to help Parishes with Neighbourhood Planning and 'village envelopes'.
10. **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
 - a. **Chairman's "At Home" 22nd September 2012 6.30 to 8.30pm** – Cllr Mrs Francis to attend
 - b. **Broadband Champion** – Cllr Henderson volunteered to take on the role of Champion for Lapworth. Clerk to advise WCC
 - b. Cllr Mrs Compton advised that there were free reconditioned computers available from WCC for local charities and organisations
11. **WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**
 - a. **Invitation to AGM 7th November 2012 7.30pm Shire Hall** - noted
 - b. **Annual Report 2011-12** - in circulation box

- c. **NALC Legal Topic Notes** Local Council Help for Village Halls and Basic Charity Law – in circulation box
 - d. **NALC – Detrimental Impact on precepts of council tax reforms** – in circulation box
12. **LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL**
- a. **Lapworth Village Hall Fence between Harborough Banks** – the district council's response was noted.
13. **LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES**
- a. **Village Green the Oaks** – it was agreed to create a substantial low maintenance bed in the middle of the Green, put a litter bin in place and put up 'No Ball Games – by order of Parish Council' signs. There was some debate about the signs but given the legal advice received it was agreed there was no alternative as the Parish Council had a duty of care.
 - b. **Brome Hall Lane Car Park** – request for a signage to car park. A local resident who pays to park in the Old Scout Hut car park had written advising that at times it was not possible to park there due to those using the Brome Hall Lane canal facilities parking there. Clerk to advise those expressing that they should contact the Lapworth Charity in the first instance to advise of the problem and to contact the District Council to ask if signs to the car park could be put in place.
14. **WARWICK DISTRICT RURAL WEST COMMUNITY FORUM**
- a. **Meeting dates** - 27th Sept 2012 at Hatton Village Hall.
15. **ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - General highway issues
- a. **Dorridge Fun Run** – Mr Maundrell to attend October meeting
 - b. **Footpath Diversion** – to follow boundary of Long Meadow, Packwood Lane
 - c. **Car Parks signs** – parking at Harborough Cottages. The Clerk was requested to write to the District Council to ascertain what proportion of the car park is available to members of the public.
 - d. **Road Sign Cleaning** – Clerk to contact District and County Council to request
16. **OTHER ITEMS**
- a. **Parish Plan Progress** – Report from Chairman Deryk King. Mr King reported on progress to date and the timetable of events planned culminating the launch of the final plan in December 2013. A public meeting was scheduled for 14th November 2012. Mr King proposed that it would make sense to have an integrated Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan as there is significant overlap between the two. This could potentially avoid duplication, costs and confusion. Mr King offered that the Parish Plan Steering Group were prepared to take on the responsibility for managing the integrated process and recognised that the PC may want a deeper involvement if this agreed. The Parish Council agreed to make a decision at the October meeting.
17. **PLANNING**
- a. Documents for circulation/items for discussion – **Progress towards electronic planning consultation.** Clerk was asked to advise the District Council that the quality the scanned images was not helping the move towards paperless consultation. A further report would be considered at the October meeting as to what 'equipment' would be best for viewing applications
 - b. **Planning applications considered.**

W12/0961	Demolition of existing annex and outbuilding. Erection of extensions and alterations to dwelling. Erection of double garage linked to house by flat roof 150 Chassetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	No objection
W12/1018	Erection of 10 dwellings following partial demolition of existing buildings Land west of junction between Mill Lane and Old Warwick Road, Lapworth

	Comment – the Parish Council had no objection to the site being developed to provide housing and liked the design proposed. However concerns were expressed regarding the high density of the houses and the lack of parking and visitor parking. The Parish Council felt that six dwellings would be more appropriate. A significant concern is the vehicle access on to what is already a very hazardous stretch of road and impact on the vision splay coming out of Mill Lane.
W12/1060	Erection of a replacement dwelling with linked triple garage, swimming pool room and home office to include basement level, garaging and leisure area 52 Chapel Lane, Lapworth No objection
W12/1079	Proposed construction of stable building, outdoor riding ménage, graded pathway and change of use of agricultural land to land for the accommodation of horses Hill Barn Farm, Irelands Lane, Lapworth Objection – The Parish Council were of the opinion that this was overdevelopment of the site. The site is raised and the stabling would be too prominent particularly with a second floor, it was not felt that gable windows were in keeping with the rural scene. Significant concerns were expressed regarding the increased flow of heavy traffic on rural lanes. This includes a one way road with a narrow bridge with weight restriction.

c. **Decision Notices -**

W11/1492	Change of use of barn to three holiday units Yew Tree Farm, Yew Tree Lane, Lapworth,	Granted
W12/0267	Erection of single storey front/ side extension and single and two storey rear extension 7 Station Lane, Lapworth	Refused
W12/0602	Removal of two sections of glazing on the 'North-west' elevation and replacement with two aluminium weather louvres Telephone Exchange, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth,	Granted
W12/0701	Erection of new agricultural building after demolition of the two existing poultry houses Meadow Hill Farm, Lapworth Street, Bushwood	Granted
W12/0731	Conversion of existing outbuilding to triple garage unit with addition of pitched roof Yew Tree Cottage, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	Granted
W12/0777	Erection of a gazebo Oak Gables, 77 Bakers Lane, Knowle,	Granted

18. **FINANCE**

a. **Unqualified Audit Opinion** – given for 2011/12 Accounts

b. **Payments** 10th September 2012

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	Amount
	101352	Clerk August salary and expenses	£466.96
	101352	Printer ink and memory stick/key fob VAT £5.65	£33.87
	101353	Post Office Ltd August tax, NI, Employers NI	£109.80
1950	101354	Village Hall June room and quarterly grant	£324.00
	101355	LPCC quarterly grant	£250.00
	101356	J Glover Bromehall retainer August	£50.00
	101357	Clement Keys – Annual Return fee VAT £27	£162.00
357	101358	Packwood Garden Services Toilet cleaning and products	£253.99

19. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** No decision may be taken which involves expenditure until due notice has been given, unless the item is of extreme urgency and cannot wait until the next meeting.

2012 MEETINGS **7.30 PM Monday** 8th October, 12th November, 10th December 2012