

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th AUGUST 2014 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH

Present: Cllr Corney (Chairman), Cllr Henderson (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Toogood, Cllr Child, Cllr Rees, Cllr King and the clerk.

APOLOGIES – Cllr Mrs Ludlow, Cllr Mrs Lester, C Cllr Mrs Compton, D Cllr Caborn

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- a. Register of Interests: no updates declared.
- b. to declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature – Cllr Child declared an interest in planning application W14/1063 and refrained from the discussion
- c. to declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature – Cllr Child declared an interest in planning application W14/1063 and refrained from the discussion

3. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** – no members of the public present

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-**

- a. Parish Council Meeting – 14th July 2014 agreed and signed as a true record

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - none

7. **PLANNING**

- a. Documents for circulation/items for discussion – none

b. **Planning applications**

W14/1063	Erection of a front/side storey extension and the erection of a detached garage building with storage above Lapworth Grange Cottages, Church Lane, Lapworth No Objection
W14/1074 AG	Proposed erection of agricultural building Valley Farm, Valley Lane, Lapworth No comment
W12/1018	Erection of 8 dwellings following partial demolition of one existing building Land west of junction between Mill Lane and Old Warwick Road Objection Lapworth Parish Council objects on the following grounds Access to the major part of the development (see PROPOSED SITE PLAN) is from the Old Warwick Road. As no less than 15 parking spaces/garages are included in the plans, this creates a significant new junction on the Old Warwick Road less than 10 metres from the junction with Mill Lane. The latter is already heavily used and generally recognised as one of the most dangerous junctions in Lapworth owing to lack of visibility of oncoming traffic from both directions.□ The visibility splays on the site plan are misleading as they ignore three aspects of the traffic situation:□ Looking to the west (towards Hockley Heath), the splay ignores the fact that the Old Warwick Road curvature creates a significant blind spot where oncoming traffic cannot be seen. This is likely to be exacerbated post completion by the proposed building line (almost on the edge of the road) and delivery vans etc parking on the Old Warwick Road in front of the new development. As users of Mill Lane well know, as they pull out onto the Old Warwick Road cars in the blind spot are mere seconds away from the junction. Once the development is completed, the opportunity to deal with the blind spot is gone forever.□ The visibility splay to the east (towards Kingswood) ignores the fact that vehicles are parked for most of the day at the lay-bys outside the shops both sides of Mill Lane junction. If the splay incorporates this fact, there is virtually no visibility along the Old Warwick Road to the east, again a fact that Mill Lane users well

	<p>know.</p> <p>The interaction between cars exiting from the development and from Mill Lane appears to have been ignored, especially the fact that vehicles are usually parked in the lay-by between the two junctions, obstructing visibility from both junctions. We have the potentially fatal combination of cars exiting both junctions simultaneously, perhaps just as cars emerge from the Old Warwick Road blind spot.</p> <p>Regarding the entrance drive to the two houses on plots 7 & 8, this remains as before directly on the slope leading to the blind hump-backed bridge over the canal. With additional cars no doubt regularly parked in the "turning space" in this drive, cars will frequently have to reverse out onto Mill Lane at great danger to themselves and other traffic.</p> <p>Finally, there is little comment in the WCC Highways report on the inevitable disruption and danger that will be caused by construction traffic for a year or more. This aspect needs to be given more than cursory attention in the Highway Works Agreement.</p> <p>The Parish Council would therefore propose that the housing numbers are reduced to 6 with the removal of plots 7 and 8 creating more parking and a less dangerous access</p>
W14/1170	<p>Replacement Workshop and Garden Store Brockley Farm Cottage, Spring Lane, Lapworth</p> <p>No Objection</p>

c. **Decision Notices** -

Ref		LPC Comment	WDC Decision
W14/0877	Erection of single storey side garage extension□ Acorn Cottage, 135 Station Lane, Lapworth,	No objection	Withdrawn
W14/0703 LB	Internal alterations and improvements and installation of a new four paned window in the north east gable Bushwood Hall, Bushwood Lane, Bushwood	No objection	Granted
W14/0638	Formation of dropped kerb to provide new access□at Old Warwick Road opposite Yewtrees, Lapworth	No objection	Refused
W14/0793	Installation of a rear balcony Meadow Hill Farm, Lapworth Street, Bushwood,	No objection	Granted

8. **FINANCE**

a. **Payments** 11th August 2014

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	Amount
	101506	Clerk July salary	£523.72
	101507	Post Office ltd July tax, NI, Employers NI	£123.80
	101508	Lapworth Village Hall Grant plus July rent	£478.00
	101509	Fairways – August Payment VAT £61.43	£368.57
	101510	Bromehall Lane Toilets	£252.99
	1015111	Heart of England Way Subs	£8.00

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – Network Rail Fencing – to be put on Sept agenda. Airport Noise – clerk to write to Birmingham Airport.

2014 Meeting dates 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th December, 2015 12th January, 9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May

All 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall – press and public welcome

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