

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th May 2009 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH AT 7.30 PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES

D Cllr Caborn

2. PHIL WARD – RURAL HOUSING ENABLER WRCC

Mr Ward gave an interesting presentation regarding the potential for affordable housing for local people. Unlike the District Council housing allocation this would be managed by a Housing Association or a charity and it would be necessary for applicants for affordable housing to demonstrate a link with Lapworth. Only if there were not enough forthcoming would it be made more widely available. The Parish Council agreed to undertake a survey to ascertain whether there was an interest/need for affordable housing within the Parish. The survey would need to be delivered to each household. **Clerk to liaise with WRCC**

3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- a. No personal interests in items on the agenda declared.
- b. No prejudicial interests in items on the agenda declared.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

Councillor Mrs Francis was proposed by Councillor Lewis and seconded by Councillor Corney. All councillors were in agreement and Cllr Mrs Francis was duly elected as Chairman.

5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Mrs Francis signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman.

6. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

Councillor Corney was proposed by Cllr Mrs Francis and seconded by Cllr Mrs Fox. All councillors were in agreement and Cllr Corney was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

7. ELECTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES

- a) Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Mrs Fox
- b) Emergency Committee – all Councillors
- c) Footpath Committee – all Councillors

8. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Four representatives of the Lapworth PreSchool were present to make representations in relation to planning application W09/0382. The proposal was not to extend in to a public verge as the Parish Council had thought as the area in question was already in private ownership and as such could be fenced off if wanted. In light of this it was agreed to withdraw the objection to the proposal. The representatives of the preschool agreed to discuss with the school whether there were any alternative areas that could be used and to look at the parking implications. **Clerk to action**

Mr Mace was in attendance to explain background and details of planning application W09/0182.

9. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS :-

- a) Parish Council Meeting – April 20th 2009 signed and agreed as a true record subject to a wording amendment.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Response regarding potential of school playing fields for public use – the Head Teacher had responded advising that this was not possible on security/health and safety grounds.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Received

- a. Clement Keys – Annual Return
- b. Invitation to Conservative Green Energy event – 12th May 2009

12. PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION in Circulation Box

- a. The Week that Was
- b. Outlook – Campaign to Protect Rural England

13. WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

- a. **Design Awards 2009** – nominations by 30th June 2009. Councillors to consider.
- b. **Anti – Dog Fouling Campaign** – request for funding for dog bags and to have a promotional stand at summer fairs or similar. Councillors decided against funding dog bags as Lapworth is rural area, clerk to give contact details of Cricket Club Summer Fair.
Clerk to action
- c. Competition for under 18's to design back of recycling truck – forward to school.
Clerk to action

14. WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

- a. **Invitation to Community Conference on Local Action for Climate Change** – Saturday 19th September 2009 – Brandon Marsh Nature Centre.

15. WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL

- a. **Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association** – Spring Seminar Weds 20th May, Caterton, Oxfordshire (in the circulation box)
- b. **Playground Recreation Various Seminars** in Oxfordshire (in the circulation box)
- c. **VAT Workshops** – Various locations and dates (in the circulation box)
- d. **NALC Conference** – Putting People First 4and 5th September, London (in the circulation box)
- e. **Calor Gas Awards** – Councillor Polgreen advised that he had been approached by a several residents and that there was the potential for a number of entries. This would include the Village Hall, the Website and the Parish Magazine.
Cllr Polgreen to progress

16. LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL

- a. **Football Area** – access to adjoining properties. Councillor Mrs Francis had contacted the property owners concerned and advised that permission was needed from the Parish Council prior to using the playing field as a way of access. She also told her that any obstruction must not be left overnight but removed for health and safety reasons.

17. LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES

- a. **Information on bye laws** – advice from WALC circulated in box.
- b. **Gate to play area** – quote of £90 accepted.
- c. **Waste bin** – car park at Picnic Site. Agreed to request that the District Council place a bin in the Car park and add it to the emptying cycle.
Clerk to action

18. WARWICK DISTRICT RURAL WEST COMMUNITY FORUM

- a. **Report from meeting 23rd April 2009** – Cllr Mrs Toogod had attended the meeting and presented a report to the Parish Council. Priorities remained youths, parking and speeding traffic. More visible policing had resulted in 15 motorists and 4 motorcyclists being issued with speeding tickets. The police were planning four visits to Lapworth over three weeks. Grant funding was available for certain projects. Cllr Mrs Toogood was thanked for her report.

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

- a. **Tree Protection Orders** – review and clarification of those in the village. Councillor Mrs Francis recommended that the four trees at the corner of Brome Hall lane be included.
Clerk to action
- b. **Repair to Canal Bridge** – progress query. Cllr Henderson to follow up and report back.
Cllr Henderson to action
- c. **Temporary Speed Limits** (Surface dressing) – 10 mph commencing on 25th May 2009 for a period of 18 months or until work is complete – whichever is earlier.

C22 Narrow Lane, Lowsonford between Lapworth Street and surface change near Highcross Lane
 C25 Fiveways Road – between Fiveways Island and B4439
 C25 Various, Shrewley Common – between railway bridge at village limits and surface change beyond Golf Club entrance.

- d. **Temporary Road Closure** – Haywood Rise. Closure of Haywood lane, Lapworth from Rising Lane to Rowington Green. Order commences on 22nd June 2009 for a period of 18 months but it is anticipated that the road will only be closed 22nd June to 31 July 09 inclusive.

20. OTHER ITEMS

- a. **Parish Plan** - No further expressions of interest had been received and it was debated as to whether there was enough support from the Parish Council and the public to form a Steering Group to go forward. It was agreed that Cllr Polgreen would arrange an initial meeting of those Councillors and members of the public that wished to participate to discuss what aspects a survey might cover. It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the cost of the initial room hire and that a request for 'start up funding' would be included on the next agenda. The potential for securing grant funding (possibly the Leader Fund) would be explored. **Cllr Polgreen to action**

21. PLANNING

21.1 Documents for circulation/items for discussion

- a. **Marina Sands Farm** – Scope of Environmental Impact – comments requested. It was agreed to arrange a meeting to consult with residents prior to responding to the District Council. Clerk to arrange and request more time for response.

Clerk to Action

- b. **Annual Planning Seminar Thursday 17th June 7pm.** Pump Rooms, Leamington. Cllrs to Contact clerk if they wish to attend.

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

W09/0382	Change of use from highway verge to preschool garden Erection of two canopies to front and rear facades of preschool building Lapworth Pre School Station Lane, Lapworth Previous objection withdrawn
W09/0182	Reclaimed brick cladding to front elevation and erection of two storey rear and side extension (reduction in size of extensions, amended elevations) The Cottage, Lapworth Street, Lapworth No Objection
W09/0448	Proposed ground and first floor extension and internal alterations 1 Canalside, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth No Objection
W09/0461	Outline application for replacement dwelling with garage Pine Cottage, Rising Lane, Lapworth (invalid) Invalid
W09/0470	Addition of three two storey extensions to rear of property and addition of 2 storey gable to front of property, demolition and removal of existing utility, 2 x W.C.s and lobby area. Addition of 2 car garage block to the front of the property, addition of two dormer windows to upper front elevation of existing garage block. Front Meadow, Church Lane, Lapworth, Solihull Invalid

21.3 Decision Notices – none to date

W09/0048	Erection of two storey extension and orangery The Lightwoods, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth	Granted
W08/1211	To amend 11000 volt overhead line on wooden poles with a tolerance of 30m either side of the route shown Wharf Lane Lapworth – Central Networks East	Consented

22. FINANCE

- a. BALANCES as at 11th May 2009 to be advised at meeting
- b. PAYMENTS TO BE AUTHORISED 11th May 2009

Invoice No	Cheque No	Payee	Amount
	101092	Map Hanger	£7.90
	101093	Clerk April Salary and backpay	£408.06
	101094	HMRC PAYE – Post Office ltd - March tax & NI	£93.20
	101095	WP Stewart – toilet cleaning and supplies (3 weeks)	£161.29
	101096	Village Hall 20 th April room hire	£22.00
	101097	CPRE – Annual Subscription	£30.00
	101098	J Pardoe work carried out at Lapworth VH	£22.50

- c. **Annual Return** – full details of the 2008/09 Accounts were circulated, together with the receipts and bank reconciliation and the Statement of Accounts for the Annual Return. Councillors agreed to address any queries to the clerk prior to the next meeting so that the Annual Return could be completed.
All Councillors

23. 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.

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