

## LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH

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

1. **APOLOGIES** - none
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. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM –**
  - a. Local residents expressed concern regarding planning application **W11/0938 replacement stables at the Spinney** – particularly in relation to new gates and a paved driveway. The applicant was present and advised that the planning authority had told him he did not need permission to erect new gates.
  - b. Residents of **Bakers Lane** expressed concern regarding **new gates and fencing** opposite the Heronbrook Estate. Advice had been sought from the District Council but it was advised that no planning infringement had taken place. It was suggested that the residents talk to the landowner to see if a more sympathetic fencing and planting scheme could be put in place. The Parish Council undertook to raise general concerns regarding replacement fencing and hedges at the Planning Forum.
  - c. Residents of Aylesbury Lane, Parish Councillors from Hockley Heath and representatives of Right Start were present in relation to the **Aylesbury House proposals**. A request for details on getting tree preservation order was made – clerk to respond. To date no planning application had been made so the Parish Council was unable to comment on them but appreciated the concern of local residents.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-**  
Parish Council Meeting – 11th July 2011 and 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011 – agreed and signed as a true record
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - none
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
  - a. **Aylesbury House Hotel** – concern from individual residents and a ‘No Start Group’ had been received regarding the proposal from Right Start to apply for planning consent to make the former hotel into a drug rehabilitation centre. The majority of Councillors had attended the presentation by Right Start the previous week but had been advised that the planning application might not be lodged for up to 12 weeks.
  - b. **Speeding along Old Warwick Road** and Speed Cameras – Mr Coverdale had written expressing his worries regarding speeding traffic on the Old Warwick Road. It was agreed additional ‘Wheelie Bin Stickers’ would be requested; a further Speed Awareness exercise with the use of speed guns be undertaken – clerk to arrange training and invite Mr Coverdale to support the action and advise Mr Coverdale of the date for Community Forum.
  - c. Concern re use **Navigation by motorcyclists** – Cllr Mrs Compton advised that about 26 motorcyclists had been at the Navigation two weeks ago and six the previous week and she had requested that Sally Rolfe of the Police Road Safety team visit on a Wednesday evening.
7. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION** in Circulation Box
  - a. Countryside Voice CPRE Magazine
  - b. Royal Horticultural Society re Britain in Bloom
  - c. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine
  - d. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge
  - e. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - National Beacon Scheme
8. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
  - a. **Council Agenda – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011** – in circulation box
  - b. **Planning Committee Agenda 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – in circulation box

c. **Planning Forum 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011** – clerk to feedback as below and Cllr Mrs Jay to attend.  
 The over-riding comment was that Parish Councillors did not know enough about the function of the Planning Forum to comment - so perhaps initially some awareness raising.

Request updates in relation to planning processes and what is a 'valid planning objection' disseminated in writing, with perhaps any follow up questions being taken to the Forum.

Topics that would be found useful include

- piecemeal development of the Green Belt, including splitting of fields and stables being placed on small plots, erosion of agricultural land
- guidance in relation to acceptable frontages - some applications appear to be required to plant hedges to remain 'in keeping' whilst in others hedges can be removed and unattractive fencing and gates put in place.

9. **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cllr Mrs Compton advised that the rural library home delivery service was available to new customers. Funding was available from a number of sources

10. **WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – no report

11. **LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

a. **Recycling Facilities** – clerk instructed to request recycling facilities for public use

12. **LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES**

a. **Burnt Tables Brome Hall Lane Picnic Site** – clerk to contact British Waterways to see if Parish Council was able to secure funding for new tables and benches would BW install them – if so funding to be sought from Community Forum.

b. **Village Green the Oaks** – clerk to contact LEADER to see if funding could be bid for to plant the area – decision re the Green to be made at October meeting

c. **Allotments** – Cllrs Corney and Lewis and the clerk to attend a working party and report back to the October meeting

13. **WARWICK DISTRICT RURAL WEST COMMUNITY FORUM**

Next meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October at Shrewley Village Hall. Cllrs Corney and Mrs Lester to attend

14. **ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - General highway issues

Cllr Compton advised that action was taking place to stop cars parking over the **Station footway** and have it resurfaced.

Cllr Mrs Lester to contact Peter Hallam re **30 mph** signs being downjetng

Clerk to contact Peter Hallam re **jetting** under and around railway bridge

Cllr Mrs Compton to advise of appalling finish on **Chessetts Wood Road**

15. **OTHER ITEMS**

a. **Honorary titles** – Cllr Ross to draft proposals for consideration

b. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr Mrs Lester to invite PCSO Coleman to attend November meeting

c. **Noticeboards** – TALK TALK to supply new noticeboard at end of Station Lane. Church noticeboard had been refurbished and moved.

16. **PLANNING**

16.1 Documents for circulation/items for discussion –

a. **W11/0255** Lodge Farm Barn appeal against refusal of Garden Room dismissed

b. **Complaint re Fencing On Bakers Lane** – referred to WDC response received

c. **New Entrance in Chapel Lane** – referred to WDC no response as yet

16.2 **Planning applications**

W11/0938	Proposed replacement stables The Spinney, Rising Lane, Lapworth
	OBJECTION - over ostentatious and ornate for the rural setting - the proposed block paving driveway is not in keeping with the rural location and unsuitable for agricultural use

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- concern that the through way for vehicles is not high enough to let horse boxes and agricultural vehicles through</li> <li>- concern that the current design has potential to be form a new dwelling, in the Green Belt, at a later date</li> <li>- the proposed driveway and potential gates are adjacent to Packwood House and its ground and care must be taken to preserve the historic and rural scene</li> </ul>
W11/1009	Erection of three stables, hay store and associated fencing Bradfield House, Rising Lane, Lapworth NO OBJECTION
W11/1049 & W11/1050 LB	Improvements to visitor facilities and related development, comprising: a new visitor reception building, alterations to visitor route, including alterations to listed buildings; car park improvements; and alterations to access including creation of new road access Packwood House, Packwood Lane, Lapworth NO OBJECTION

### 16.3 Decision Notices -

W11/0335	Two storey side extension to side and rear and pitched roof 21 Kingswood Close, Lapworth	Granted
W11/0659	Single storey extension to rear and new porch to front 212 Aylesbury Road, Hockley Heath	Granted

## 17. FINANCE

### a. Payments 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	Amount
	101274	Clerk August salary and expenses	£441.00
	101275	Post Office ltd August tax, NI, Employers NI	£106.60
1759	101276	Village Hall August room hire and grant	£324.00
	101277	LPCC Quarterly grant	£250.00
64350	101278	Standley and Co Allotment legal fees VAT £50.00	£350.00
79809	101279	Clement Keys Annual Return Invoice VAT £27.00	£162.00
131	101280	John Glover – August Retainer VAT £8.33	£50.00
	101281	Fairways VAT £100	£600
280	101282	W P Stewart toilets £6.69 materials	£256.69

### b. Annual Return 2010/2011 Unqualified Audit given

18. **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.

Meeting ended 10.05pm