

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th APRIL 2014 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH

Present: Cllr Corney (Chairman), Cllr Henderson (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Toogood, Cllr Mrs Ludlow, Cllr Rees, Cllr King, Cllr Giles, Cllr Mrs Lester, Cllr Child, C Cllr Mrs Compton and the clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES:** D Cllr Caborn.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
 - a. Register of Interests: no updates
 - 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**

Les Clarke queried the omission of the Neighbourhood Plan on the agenda and it was added for discussion. Mike Polgreen was present and there was discussion about a footpath officer. Mike volunteered to undertake the role for Lapworth Parish and his offer was gratefully accepted.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-**
 - a. Parish Council Meeting – 10th March 2014 agreed and signed as a true record.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - none
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. **CPRE Charter** – in circulation file
7. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION** in Circulation file
 - a. **Local Council Review Magazine**
 - b. **Heart of England Way** – Footnotes
 - c. **Countryside Voice**
8. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
 - a. **Warwick District Local Plan** – Cllrs Rees and King had studied the final version of the Local Plan to be put forward and advised that the Kingswood housing allocation had been reduced from 62 to 43, there were still 20 allocated to the Aylesbury House site and other small pockets of infill development. The boundary inset line drawn tightly around the settlement and the allocation in site 1 and 2 had been reduced and sites 5 and 6 removed altogether. Whilst appreciating that the proposed development would still be difficult for some local residents the revised proposals were welcomed as an improvement previous figure of in the region of 100 houses.
Clerk requested to contact David Barber at WDC to ask why sites 5 and 6 had been removed and the allocation for 1 and 2 reduced.
 - b. **Preferred Options for Gypsy and Traveller sites** – noted.
 - c. **Flooding Bell Cottage** – Cllr Rees advised that the landowners were now working together to overcome the flooding issues caused by the damaged culvert.
9. **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
 - a. **Community Flood Resilience Workshop** – 20th May Cllr Rees to attend
 - b. **Special Events Notices** – the process for the granting of road closures for special events, such as the Dorridge Fun Run, was circulated.
10. **WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**
 - a. **Consultation** – Proposed transparency framework for Parish Councils with less than £25,000 turnover – previously forwarded
 - b. **Newsletter January to March** - previously forwarded
 - c. **Repeal of two signature rules** – previously forwarded
 - d. **Delegation of Powers and HS2** – previously forwarded

- e. **NALC draft Financial Regulations** – in circulation file
 - f. **WALC Payment of Chairman's Allowance** – Good Practice note – in circulation file
11. **WARWICK DISTRICT RURAL WEST COMMUNITY FORUM**
- a. **Meeting Dates** - 15th May 2014 Cllrs Mrs Ludlow and Mrs Lester to attend, 11th September 2014 and 15th January 2015
 - b. **Invitation to Social Inclusion event** – 4.30 to 6.30 12th June 2014 Riverside House
12. **LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL**
- a. **Contribution to secure Rural Initiatives Grant** – Contribution of £450 proposed by Cllr Corney, seconded by Cllr Rees. The Parish Council resolved to make a £450 contribution towards securing the Rural Initiatives Grant funding for the Village Hall.
 - b. **Contribution of Bench or Play Equipment** – Local resident, Gill Polgreen, had approached the Parish Council on behalf of a group of friends asking if they could donate a bench or piece of play equipment in memory a deceased friend who had been very active in the community. The Parish Council welcomed this as an excellent idea and suggested a picnic bench in the children's play area at the Village Hall. Clerk to contact Mrs Polgreen.
 - c. **Hedge St Chad's Mews** – clerk to get quote from Fairways to have cut back.
 - d. **Slide Tower repair** – clerk to contact Mr Morton to arrange to have damaged floor repaired.
13. **LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES**
- a. **The Oaks** – complaint re ball games. Clerk to contact the Police to advise of the ongoing problems and Cllrs to raise at the May Community Forum. The option of using the School playing fields was also discussed. Clerk to follow up re planting of shrubs at the Oaks.
14. **VICARAGE ROAD ALLOTMENTS**
15. **ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - General highway issues
- a. **Bromehall Lane Car Parking sign** – Cllr Mrs Lester advised she had spoken to many officers in her attempts to make progress and get a price for new signage. Once this was received she would complete the Grant Application Forms for the Community Forum although it was probable they would not be submitted until the September meeting as the grant application deadline had already passed.
 - b. **Bromehall Lane Signage** – Cllr Henderson had contacted WCC to query the distances given for the Brome Hall Lane junction on 2 signs which were very misleading. A response had not yet been received.
 - c. Cllr Mrs Compton to explore possibilities for funding to extend the footpath on Station Lane.
 - d. **Sharing Towpaths** – Cllr Henderson circulated a Canal and River Trust consultation document regarding towpath use. Cllr Henderson undertook to put together a draft response for the May meeting to consideration
16. **OTHER ITEMS**
- a. **Parish Plan** – Working Party Update had been circulated suggesting three main priority areas. These were communications, road safety and facilities for young people. These were three areas that had featured highly in the Parish Plan were most feasible to make meaningful changes with the resources available. The Parish Council thanked the working party for their efforts to date and supported the three priority areas. There was discussion regarding the siting of Noticeboards and how effective they were. The Clerk was asked to raise this in the Parish Magazine. Cllr Child to do a report back on current provision.
Following discussion regarding whether to support any changes to the junction of the M40 it was agreed that this was outside the scope of the Parish Plan and would therefore not be supported.
 - b. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Progress on a Neighbourhood Plan had stalled and questions were asked about the value of one at this stage given the low development levels in the Local Plan for the next 15 years. It was suggested that a Village Design Statement would be of more value and this would be investigated.

17. **PLANNING**

a. Documents for circulation/items for discussion

- i. **Wharf Lane** – new access after much activity on the weekend of the 5th April 2014 the Planning Enforcement Officer at WDC and Highways team at WCC were considering what further action (if any) was appropriate. This largely seemed to depend on the classification of the road. WCC was of the opinion that with some remedial work the new access could be acceptable.

b. **Planning applications for consideration,**

W14/0335	Erection of a single storey side extension and a first floor rear extension Cedar grange, 73 Bakers Lane, Knowle
	No objection
W14/0387	Retrospective Application for the erection of a rear extension to provide overnight accommodation (C1 use) and minor alterations to part of car park
	No objection
W14/0393	Proposed replacement dwelling (renewal of Planning Consent W11/0302 dated 9/6/11) The Spinney, Rising Lane, Lapworth
	No objection to the replacement dwelling. However has concerns regarding the access on to Packwood Lane as originally for agricultural use only, also if used for construction traffic could cause damage to flora and fauna including trees, pond and badgers set
W14/0482	Erection of two storey side extension 31 Station Lane, Lapworth
	Comment – the bringing forward of the frontage of the property is not in keeping with the street scene

c. **Decision Notices –**

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W13/1741 LB	Relocation of internal partition wall to new position (moved by approximately 0.5m) within the gardener's mess room at Packwood House, Packwood Lane, Lapworth,	No Objection	Granted
W14/0018	Erection of a single storey rear extension□at The Maples, Church Lane, Lapworth	No Objection	Refused
W14/0093	Erection of single storey side extension□at Gospel Oak Farm, Rising Lane, Lapworth,	No Objection	Granted
W14/0103	Erection of a side extension to enlarge link between games room and main house at Front Meadow, Church Lane, Lapworth	No Objection	Granted
W14/0118	Replacement of existing conservatory with single storey extension, erection of first floor rear extension.□at Arden Hill Lodge, Lapworth Street, Lapworth,	Objection	Granted
W14/0136	Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and erection of replacement dwelling and outbuilding.□at 51 Chapel Lane, Lapworth,	No Objection	Refused

18. **FINANCE**

a. **Payments 14th April 2014**

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	Amount
	101479	Clerk March salary and expenses	£537.22
	101479	Bromehall Lane Toilet Keys	£43.00
	101480	Post Office ltd March tax, NI, Employers NI	£123.80
	101481	Village Hall Rent	£28.00
	101482	WALC Subscription	£531.00
	101483	Wickstead – play equipment repairs VAT £77.00	£462.00
	101484	R Moreton – Playground Repairs	£160.00

19. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** None

2014 Meeting dates 12th May the Annual meeting, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August provisional
Planning Only, 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th December
All 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall – press and public welcome

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