

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2011 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH

Present: Cllr Mrs Francis (Chairman), Cllr Corney (Vice Chairman), Cllr Cox, , Cllr Mrs Togood, Cllr Mrs Lester
Cllr Lewis, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Giles, C Cllr Mrs Compton and the clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES** Cllr Polgreen, D Cllr Caborn
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
 - a. Update to the register of interests – no update declared
 - b. Personal interests in items on the agenda declared – none
 - c. No prejudicial interests in items on the agenda declared.
3. **COUNCILLOR GEORGE ILLINGWORTH** Chairman of WDC Planning Committee.
Councillor Illingworth presented concerns that on occasion the Planning Committee had to unnecessarily consider applications put to them because of the Parish Council's objections. Whilst valuing the Parish Council's input and local knowledge there were a limited number of reasons for objections/refusals. The Parish Council in turn expressed concern about the piecemeal development of the Green Belt and the erosion of the rural environment. It was agreed that if the Parish Council felt strongly about an objection personal representations should be made to the Committee and in turn Councillor Illingworth would report back regarding the Parish's concerns. It was felt that the Planning Forum might be an appropriate venue to raise these concerns.
4. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**
Two residents of the Oaks were present to express concerns about the deterioration of the Village Green as the grass had been eroded and not regrown and shrubs broken and not replaced. The Council agreed that the Green was not looking good but past attempts to enhance the aspect by planting shrubs had not been successful as they had been knocked down or broken before being given a chance to take. The Parish Council felt strongly that the Green was a dangerous area for football to be played and concern was expressed about the safety of children playing ball games, so close to a busy road. It was agreed to write to local residents and parents (via the school newsletter if possible) advising that although the Parish Council was reluctant to ban ball games in this area there were concerns regarding the safety of children playing ball games there. Furthermore it was intended to enhance this local amenity by reseeding the grass and, in time, replacing the shrubs but these needed an opportunity to take and flourish without being repeatedly knocked down and broken. So residents were respectfully asked to refrain from using the Green and allowing children to play ball games on it during this time.
5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-**
 - a) Parish Council Meeting – 10th January 2011 – signed and agreed as a true record.
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - none
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. **Get Growing** – opportunity to apply for up to £3,000 worth of resources to set up or expand community growing projects. – in circulation box
 - b. **Fiori Musicali** – initiative to bring live classical music to village - circulated
 - c. **The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge** – opportunity to nominate a recreational site to be included in the programme which aims to protect 2012 outdoor recreational sites - circulated
8. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION** in Circulation Box
 - a. **Western Express** 1st January to 31st January

D Cllr Caborn arrived

9. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- D Cllr Caborn advised that Warwick DC was proposing no increase to the Council Tax for the forthcoming year. Travel Tokens were to be retained and work was taking place on a new Local Plan to replace the now defunct Core Strategy.
- a. **Rural Play Area Improvement Initiative 2011** – opportunity to apply for selected play equipment package worth £11,000. Installation costs of £2,000 must be met. Unfortunately it was agreed that there was insufficient space in the play area to accommodate further play equipment.
 - b. **WDC Planning Forum Agenda** - 10th February 2011 circulated
 - c. **Standards Committee Agenda** 16th February 2011 circulated
 - d. **Becoming a Parish Councillor publicity** – already publicised
10. **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
 C Cllr Mrs Compton advised it was budget day on the 15th February which included proposed reductions in service to public transport, libraries, adult services and youth services, amongst others. Education services were ringfenced. The County Council was also proposing no increase to Council Tax. The long awaited Station Lane footway was scheduled for March – last minute issues with Network Rail could cause delays.
- a. **National Awareness Training – Gypsy and Traveller** already fully booked
 - b. **Chairman of County Council’s Civic Service** – Sunday 6th March 2011
 Invitation to all Parish Councillors plus guest/partner to attend.
 - c. **Facing The Challenge** WCC Newsletter re changes to Library Service
 - d. **Register of Flooding Areas** – detail completed
11. **WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**
- a. **WALC Annual Briefing Seminar** - Myton School Warwick Saturday 5th March 2011
 - b. **WALC January Newsletter** – in circulation box
 - c. **Nominations for Royal Garden Party** – by 7th March 2011
 - d. **Training Being a Good Councillor and Clerk** – 9th April 2011 circulated
 - e. **Warwickshire Community Awards 2011** – entries by 30th June 2011 circulated
 - f. **NALC Legal Briefing Sustainable Communities Act** – in circulation box
 - g. **NALC Parliamentary Briefing – Localism Bill** – in circulation box
 - h. **NALC E Bulletin January 2011** – in circulation box
 - i. **WALC (Warwick) Committee** – invitation to meeting on 4th April and minutes of 17th January 2011 – in circulation box
 - j. **NALC Legal Topic Note re VAT** – in circulation box
 - k. **Train the Trainer Training** – request for expressions of interest by 18th Feb – in circulation box
12. **LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL**
- a. **Film Club** – inaugural evening had been a success a second evening showing ‘Made in Dagenham’ was scheduled for 28th February – tickets were on sale.
 - b. **Open Morning** – Cllr Lewis reported the morning had done well, the new equipment demonstrated. A number of other improvements were ongoing at the Village Hall – the latest of these being timed outside lighting.
 - c. **Hedge Adjacent to Village Hall** – advice received was that it would not be possible to lay the hedge and a cut to approx 4ft was recommended. Cllr Mrs Francis to contact Fairways to arrange.
 - d. **Grass at back of Village Hall** – this had been very churned up and the Clerk was asked to contact Fairways to roll it at the appropriate time.
13. **LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES**
- a. **Play Equipment** – the Community Payback team seemed likely to be able to carry out the work. Cllr Mrs Francis to contact the Team. Clerk to order paint
14. **WARWICK DISTRICT RURAL WEST COMMUNITY FORUM**
- a. **Last meeting 27th January 2011 Shire Hall** - Cllr Mrs Lester had attended and gave brief overview of the meeting that included details of the new policing model. This would result in one PC and two PCSO’s being assigned to the Warwick West Area. Speed checks had been carried out 5 times on Rising Lane. No-one travelling in excess of 60mph had been clocked.
 - b. **Next meetings** – 28th February – Health only, 26th May 2011 in Bishop’s Tachbrook – Cllr Corney to attend

15. **ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - General highway issues
- Kerbs** - Old Warwick Road/Station Lane – The two dropped kerb requested in Lapworth were included in the 2011/12 schedule and would be carried out subject to the funding being agreed for the programme.
 - Grit Bins** – the additional grit bin had been delivered. Cllr Mrs Francis to liaise with Peter Hallam re its location by Swallow Cruisers. The grit bins in Chapel Lane had not been filled. Clerk to report.
 - Potholes** – any further potholes to be reported to Peter Hallam at the County Council.

16. **OTHER ITEMS**

- Memorial Bench** – advised that delivery should be soon

17. **PLANNING**

17.1 Documents for circulation/items for discussion - none

17.2 **Planning applications for consideration**, Together with any applications that may be received prior to date of meeting will be considered.

W10/1549	First floor side extension and single storey kitchen extension Tapster Manor, Yew Tree Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W10/1504	Erection of a replacement dwelling with double garage and carport. Erection of front boundary wall to modifies vehicular access Chestnut Cottage, Lapworth St, Lapworth
	No objection to proposal to replace dwelling. However comment regarding the size of the proposed replacement – not possible to compare as no 'existing' plan available. Also comment that hedging across the front of the property would be more in keeping with the rural scene than the proposed wall

17.3 **Decision Notices** -

W10/1124	Erection of new replacement garage to be used as a temporary dwelling during construction of main replacement dwelling and erection of new stables Long Meadow, Packwood Lane, Lapworth	Granted
W10/1285	Erection of a two storey side extension Priory Farm, Rising Lane, Lapworth	Granted
W10/1335	Application for a lawful development certificate for the continued use of land as a garden 150 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth	Lawful
W10/1375	Erection of a two storey side extension to form hall/garage with bedroom over and a rear conservatory Terets Cottage, Rising Lane, Lapworth	Granted
W10/	Two storey side extension, front porch and a detached garage 1 Kingswood Close, Lapworth	Granted

17. **FINANCE**

- Payments 14th February 2011**

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	Amount
	101226	Clerk Jan salary and expenses	£436.07
	101227	Post Office ltd Jan tax, NI, Employers NI	£114.50
	101228	Village Hall Jan room hire	£22.00
	101228	Village Hall Grant as per decision April 2010	£500.00
	101229	M Francis mileage to clerk's house	£36.40
	101230	C Henderson Mileage Big Society Conference 42 x 0.65p	£27.30
	101231	Excelsior Grit Bin VAT £16.30	£97.80

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - none

Meeting ended at 9.40pm