

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD,  
LAPWORTH**

**Present:** Cllr Corney (Chairman), Cllr Henderson (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Toogood, Cllr Mrs Ludlow, Cllr Mrs Lester, Cllr Child, D Cllr Caborn, and the clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Rees, Cllr King, Cllr Giles, C Cllr Mrs Compton,
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** – No members of the public present
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-**
  - a. Parish Council Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – agreed and signed as a true record
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
  - a. Network Rail had acknowledged the letter regarding fencing and had passed it to their Community Relations team.
  - b. Cllr Henderson advised that the vegetation work at the Village Hall was now complete and that the fencing was in hand.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – none
7. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION** in Circulation file
  - a. **Heart of England Way Footnotes**
  - b. **The Clerk Magazine** – note article on page 42 re Community Infrastructure Levy
8. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
  - a. **Meeting re Open Space Contribution** – Cllr Corney and Councillor Mrs Toogood reported back from the meeting held at the District Council offices. New development created a contribution of £628 per bedroom of which the Parish Council was entitled to 15% to be used for capital projects within a 5 to 7 year timescale. Cllr Caborn suggested talking to District Council accountants in relation to budgeting and financing a larger project.
  - b. **Historic Building Grants** – for Listed Buildings and/or buildings within a Conservation Area. Maximum of £2,000 subject to conditions – noted to be shared as appropriate.
  - c. **Christmas Recycling** – posters giving revised dates to be displayed
  - d. **D Cllr Caborn** reported that the Local Plan was to be considered by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 before going for public examination. Work was ongoing in relation to a potential Gypsy and Traveller site in Stratford Road, Warwick. The District Council was still looking to relocate its headquarters to a more cost efficient site. A new project was being discussed regarding the potential relocation of Leamington Library and regeneration of the Pump Room and Loft Theatre area.
9. **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** Cllr Mrs Compton had forwarded a written report:
  - a. **Update on Broadband** – Cllr Henderson confirmed updates had been circulated.
  - b. **Proposals for new arrangements for funding services** delivered by the Third Sector and Town and Parish Councils which could be found on WCC Web Site. Closing date is 12 February 2015.
  - c. **Petition for Live and Local** to be presented to WCC Full Council Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - over 1,000 signed this so they will be able to come and present this and speak to members - much opposition from Rural Members.
  - d. **Design for Kenilworth Railway Station** approved and work will start in the Spring 2015.
  - e. **Fire and Rescue** – collaborative working was being investigated with Hereford

and Worcestershire County Councils.

10. **WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**
  - a. **Village design Statement** – guidance forwarded – to be considered at the January meeting.
11. **WARWICK DISTRICT RURAL WEST COMMUNITY FORUM**
  - a. **Next meeting** 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 Cllr Mrs Lester and Cllr Child to attend
  - b. **Forum Grant** – bids to be in by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Cllr Child to fill in electronically and forward to clerk.
12. **LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL**
  - a. **Sandbags** – agreed that no additional sandbags were needed.
  - b. **Village Hall Title deeds** – Voluntary Land registration to be discussed at the January meeting.
13. **LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES** - no report
14. **VICARAGE ROAD ALLOTMENTS** – no report
15. **ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - General highway issues
  - a. **Old Warwick Road** Cllrs Mrs Lester reported that a great deal of silt had been removed from removed from the brook at the rear of the garage.
  - b. **Canal Dredging** – Cllr Henderson reported that the Canal & River Trust was planning to dredge a proportion of the canal in January/February 2015. This would necessitate the removal of the debris by lorry and the most effective way of doing this was being investigated. Cllr Henderson to report back in the new year.
  - c. **Millenium Signs** – Cllr Henderson undertook to talk to Steven Cox regarding rehanging the signs.
16. **OTHER ITEMS**
  - a. **Cllr Child report re noticeboards** – The contents of the report were noted and it was agreed that a quote and funding from the Community Forum would be sought to repair/replace all except the Village Hall, Station Lane/Old Warwick Road, Church Lane. Cllrs Child and Corney to progress.
  - b. **Board Recording and Commemorating Chairmen of Lapworth Parish Council** - work was ongoing to compile a full record
  - c. **Website Upkeep and Maintenance** – notice had been given by the current website manager that he would not be continuing from April 2015. Cllr Henderson undertook to report back to the January meeting regarding the options for the future.
17. **PLANNING**
  - a. Items for circulation/items for discussion – none
  - b. **Planning applications for consideration,**

W14/1628	Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling and garage Baddesley Holt, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	Objection as the design is not in keeping with the rural street scene. The Parish Council would also ask whether the District Council's conservation officer is content with the proposals to demolish a building of historic note.
W14/1650	Proposed conversion of garage to a habitable room and proposed rendering of part of the front of the existing property 8 Lapworth Oaks, Lapworth
	No objection
W14/1660	Erection of a two storey rear extension and basement Arden House, Station Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W14/1677	Erection of side extension and conversion of existing loft space Oakfield, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth
	No objection
W14/1687	Erection of two storey rear extension

	30 Yew Tree Close, Lapworth
	Comment – does this comply with the 30% rule?
W14/1731	Erection of a new dwelling on land adjacent to the Mount Land adjoining the Mount, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth
	Objection – not in keeping with the street scene and conscious of the Planning Inspectors comments in relation to the importance of maintaining the gap between the houses.

c. **Decision Notices –**

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W14/1224	Erection of a two storey side/rear extension 206 Aylesbury Road, Hockley Heath	No objection	Granted
W14/1375	Erection of two storey rear extension with balcony facing North after demolition of summer room; Erection of front porch extension (amendment to W/14/0534) Hill Barn Farm, Irelands Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W14/1399	Proposed change of use of existing holiday cottages (Class C3) to two new dwellings for unrestricted residential use (Class C3), proposed conversion of existing barn to extend existing residential dwellings and associated landscaping Irelands Farm, Irelands Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Withdrawn
W14/1449	Redevelopment of the equestrian building at Rye House to provide a single dwelling The Stables, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth,	Comment requires careful scrutiny	Refused

18. **FINANCE**

a. **Precept 2015-2016** Reduction in Concurrent Services reimbursement of £160 to £3,100. Precept request to be £17,000 for 2015/16

b. **Payments** 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 Approved

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	Amount
	101533	Clerk Nov salary, backpay and expenses	£561.50
	101534	Post Office ltd Nov tax, NI, Employers NI	£130.80
	101535	Village Hall Nov rent	£28
	101536	Cllr Corney Mileage	£21.60
	101537	Cllr Corney training WALC	£30.00
	101538	Fairways Village Hall Works Invoice VAT £450.80	£2,704.80
	101539	British Legion Wreath	£17.00
	101540	SLCC Membership	£118.00

19. **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

**Closed Session**

20. **Clerk Annual Review** – report back of the Chairman

An increase in the homeworking allowance to £18.00 to comply with current HMRC limits and one incremental progression point to scp 25 were both approved. Both with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

2015 Meeting dates 12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May

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

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