

## LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH

**Present:** Cllr Henderson (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Toogood, Cllr Giles, Cllr Mrs Ludlow, C Cllr Mrs Compton, and the clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES** Cllr Corney (Chairman), Cllr Child, Cllr Mrs Lester, Cllr Rees, D Cllr Caborn In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
  - a. Register of Interests: All Councillors have now updated and had witnessed their register of interests.
  - 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**

Several residents of Yew Tree Close were present to express their dismay at the clearing a 'wild life reserve' backing on to Kingswood Brook. A local grounds maintenance company had gained access to the site on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September and proceeded to strip the site to brown earth. Nesting birds, deer and bats previously living on the site had allegedly been forced out. The Parish Council had contacted the District Council Planning Department but had been advised that no planning regulations had been broken and the matter had been passed on to the Forestry Commission for review. Mr and Mrs Burns advised the Parish Council of the revised plans for W13/0342 The Barns, Yew Tree Farm Tapster Lane which had been changed to accommodate feedback regarding the original plans. The application was due to be considered by the Planning Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

Mr Meakin of Bushwood was present to advise that whilst the Bushwood Parish had no objection to working with Lapworth Parish Council regarding a Neighbourhood Plan it was concerned about its 'unique' status at this time so would decline the offer to be included in the Lapworth Neighbourhood Plan.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-** Parish Council Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 agreed and signed as a true record.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - none
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** –
  - a. John Mace – re parking at Cricket Club Grove Lane and Lapworth 2000 sign. The Parish Council noted the complaint and the response from the Grove Lane Cricket Club which advised that members were requested not to park on the verges but that they could not prevent the cars using the lane from using the 'pullovers' as passing places. Regarding the Lapworth 2000 sign, after some debate, it was agreed that its current location was the most suitable site
7. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION** in Circulation Box
8. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**
  - a. **Warwick District Local Plan** – A meeting had been held with Jeremy Wright, MP, who was supportive of the opposition to development plans and process in relation to Lapworth, and would be writing to the District Council accordingly.
  - b. **Community Governance Review** – Clerk to advise the District Council that Lapworth PC was content with the current situation
  - c. **Warwick District Council Housing Strategy** – details circulated at last meeting
  - d. **Heritage Open Days** – 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September - noted
9. **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
  - a. **Complaint about traffic on Catesby Lane** - WCC Response noted. The Parish Council did not support the request for a No HGV sign, privately funded, as there were no special circumstances that marked out the traffic on Catesby Lane from that on other narrow lanes. There was concern this could lead to a proliferation of privately funded signs. C Cllr Mrs Compton to advise WCC.

- b. **Mobile Library review** – update
  - c. **Hedge Maintenance** – Clerk to advise WCC that the Parish had no record of undertaking the ongoing maintenance of the hedge adjacent to the Station Footway.
10. **WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**
- a. **Warwickshire Community Oil Syndicate** - Warwickshire Rural Community Council – Clerk to invite to November PC meeting
11. **WARWICK DISTRICT RURAL WEST COMMUNITY FORUM**
- a. **Next Meetings – 26<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014**  
Clerk to advise the Neighbourhood Team that road signs needed cleaning and that litter was a problem in the Bromehall Lane Picnic Area
12. **LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL**
- a. **Defibrillator** – order placed awaiting delivery
  - b. **Drainage** – the Parish Council unanimously agreed a contribution of £500 plus VAT.
  - c. **Play Area Bin** – proposal to investigate whether current VHall cleaner would empty the bin and then monitor the situation. The PC would make a contribution towards additional cost
13. **LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES**
- a. **The Old Scout Hut** – The Lapworth Charity had written to advise that plans were to be submitted to build affordable housing on the site, but should they fall through a recreation facility could be considered.
  - b. **Grove Lane Cricket Club Lease** – renewed for 5 years - noted
14. **ROADS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY** - General highway issues  
Tree hanging over the road by Sands Farm were reported. Cllr Giles to advise clerk of exact location.
15. **OTHER ITEMS**
- a. **Parish Plan Update** – previously circulated. Consultation meeting to be held at the Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013
  - b. **Neighbourhood Plan update** – clerk requested to submit application excluding Bushwood.
16. **PLANNING**
- a. Documents for circulation/items for discussion – none
  - b. **Planning applications for consideration,**

W13/1095 W13/1096 LB	Change of use of agricultural buildings to two dwelling houses, demolition of greenhouse and erection of boundary walls and fencing. Provision of 3 no. parking spaces via southern entrance for house 1 and 3 no. parking spaces via northern entrance for house 2 Bushwood Hall, Bushwood Lane, Bushwood, Lapworth, No objection
W13/1112	Refurbishment of existing coach house with roof alterations, together with glass garage feature structure The Terets, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JA No objection

- c. **Decision Notices** - none

17. **FINANCE**
- a. **Payments** 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	Amount
	101433	Clerk August salary and expenses	£522.52
	101434	Post Office ltd August tax, NI, Employers NI	£123.80

	101435	Bromehall Lane cleaning plus materials	£257.00
	101436	CANCELLED	
	101437	Fairways invoice (5 of 21) VAT £61.43	£368.57
	101438	Parish Plan Data Processing – Arthur Prescott VAT £18.00	£108.00
	101439	Parish Plan Village Hall Room Hire	£25.00
	101440	Village Hall Room Hire August	£28.00
	101440	Lapworth Village Hall Quarterly Grant	£300.00
	101441	LPCC Quarterly Grant	£250.00

18. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** None

2013 Meeting Dates – 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall  
14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December