

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2015 AT LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL, OLD WARWICK ROAD, LAPWORTH**

Present: Cllr Corney (Chairman),
Cllr Mrs Ludlow, Cllr Giles, Cllr Mrs Smalley, Cllr Mrs Lester, Cllr Child,
D Cllr Mrs Gallagher, C Cllr Mrs Compton,

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Mrs Toogood, Cllr Henderson (Vice Chairman), D Cllr Whiting

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

- a. Register of Interests: none updated
- b. to declare any personal interests in items on the agenda – none declared
- c. to declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda – none declared

3. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR MICHAEL DOODY**

Cllr Doody was welcomed to the Parish Council meeting. He advised that, like the County Council, the District had declined an invitation to join the West Midlands Combined Authority proposals.

Cllr Doody advised that the status of the "WDLP" is not settled yet. The Inspector had expressed a willingness to allow it to be suspended rather than completely withdrawn subject to a meeting between Coventry and its surrounding districts on 29th September. The main question addressed at that meeting was how Coventry's inability to meet its housing needs should be divided between its neighbouring Councils. At the meeting a Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up which all parties other than Nuneaton and Bedworth Council have signed. Potentially this could lead to Warwick District Council having to build over 5000 more houses than in the original plan, including more potential windfall sites. Cllr Doody was keen to explain that these numbers are still up for negotiation between all the parties involved including the Inspector and government, and that too much emphasis should not be placed on precise numbers at this stage. He was also cautious about suggesting that there was a definitive deadline by which a final decision will be made. A multi-sided discussion and negotiation is underway, and information will be made available as soon as it is reliable.

It was confirmed that in the absence of an agreed Local Plan the Green Belt was to be protected and brown sites utilised first. The Local Plan also had to address the requirement to provide Gypsy and Traveller sites and this could potentially impact on the Green Belt sites. Without enough agreed sites, the plan will be rejected.

Cllr Doody reiterated the point that the main danger of not concluding a plan which is acceptable to the government inspector is that the Secretary of State may pass matters over to developers to meet the requirements as they choose, since local bodies will be deemed to have failed to do so themselves.

A request for clear information in relation to the Local Plan to be fed back to the Parish Council was made

4. **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**

One member of the public expressed concerns the lack of clarity in relation to whether the 5,200 homes, reported in the press, that Warwick District would have to accommodate was a true figure. The District Council chairman reiterated that the final number was still subject to negotiation.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-**

- a. Parish Council Meeting – 14th September 2015 – agreed and signed as a true record.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

Lengthsman Scheme – Councillor Mrs Lester to contact WCC to discuss.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE –**

- a. Request from Lapworth Primary School PTA for permission to erect a Christmas tree between 4th December 2015 and 5th January 2016 to support fund raising efforts for new play

equipment at the school. The Parish Council welcomed the proposal subject to adequate health and safety provision being in place. Clerk to confirm.

8. **PUBLICATIONS/INFORMATION** – in circulation file
 - a. WALC Annual Report
 - b. Footnotes – Heart of England Way Publication

9. **WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Cllr Mrs Gallagher advised that the District Council was looking to relocate its office base within Leamington and whilst no final decision had been reached the Covent Garden Car Park site seemed favourite at this point in time.

10. **WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

C Cllr Mrs Compton confirmed that the repairs needed to the footpath at the back of Harborough Cottages had been noted. The County Council had also voted against participating in the West Midlands Combined Authority. The County Council had agreed to provide homes for a number of Syrian refugees.

Budget constraints were now being implemented widely across the County Council and one area impacted on was Home to School Transport, whereby funding for transport for new pupils choosing not to attend their 'closest' school would be withheld. Cllr Giles felt strongly that inadequate consultation had taken place and the impact on local children could be detrimental. C Cllr Mrs Compton confirmed the consultation measures that had been carried out.

11. **WARWICKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

- a. WRCC Housing Needs Survey – Clerk to invite Fiona Henderson, Rural Housing Enabler to a forthcoming meeting to discuss find out more about a Housing Needs Survey.

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

- a. Cllr Mrs Lester reported back from the September Forum meeting. The number of fuel thefts was flagged and current policing priorities included speeding at Shrewley and burglary at Norton Lindsey.
- b. **Next meeting** 28th January 2016

13. **LAPWORTH VILLAGE HALL**

- a. **Land Registration** slow progress was being made but a thorough investigation of records carried out by Cllrs Corney and Henderson indicated that the land was unregistered. The potential for voluntary registration was to be investigated. It was agreed that copies of Lapworth Charity Accounts would be returned to the charity.

14. **LAPWORTH RECREATION SITES**

- a. **Identification of Potential Additional Recreation Site** – Cllr Giles had identified five potential sites and circulated details.
 1. Rear of Village Hall
 2. The Old Scout Hut
 3. Site off Station Lane and Meadow Lane
 4. Land at rear of Old Warwick Road / Yew Tree Close (located in Rowington)
 5. Primary School Playing Fields

It was agreed to further investigate sites 3 and 4 in the first instance.

- b. **Brome Hall Lane Toilets** – to be closed for the winter with effect from Sunday 1st November 2016

15. **VICARAGE ROAD ALLOTMENTS** – no report

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

- a. Debbie Poynton had confirmed that that an order had been placed for the works agreed at the September meeting. The Clerk was asked to clarify any funding implications.

17. **LAPWORTHPC.ORG.UK** – website training Monday 5th October 2015 - noted.

18. **OTHER ITEMS**

a. **Board Recording and Commemorating** Chairmen of Lapworth Parish Council. A full list had been published in Parish Magazine and no comments/corrections received to date. There was a preference for first names to be used when possible and further investigations were to be carried out. The proposal for the board to be 'Dedicated in memory of Michael Thornton' was welcomed.

19. **PLANNING**

a. Items for circulation/items for discussion - **Appeal Decision W15/0450** Harvest Barn, Bakers Lane, Knowle, refusal of application for new porch not upheld. No objection by LPC

b. **Planning applications**

W15/1435	Change of use of existing stable building to a holiday home (resubmission) Bakers Barn, Bakers Lane, Knowle,
	Lapworth Parish Council objects to this proposal as the stables have been relatively recently built, so would query what the need was for them?
W15/1503	Erection of a single storey front extension 3 Kingswood Close, Lapworth
	No objection
W15/1456	Erection of detached car port Bushwood Barn, Bushwood Hall, Bushwood Lane, Bushwood
	No objection
W15/1469	Alterations to building Old Bakehouse, 3 Mill Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W15/1612	Replacement of dwelling Southwood, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth
	No objection

c. **Decision Notices –**

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W15/1101	Proposed three bungalows Land Adj, 166 Station Lane, Lapworth	Objection on the grounds that the site is within the Green Belt, not within the Village Envelope, not within draft Local Plan, not infill as there is no housing on one side. Ecologically and aesthetically pleasing at the moment, buildings proposed not in keeping with the rural street scene. Concerns expressed regarding access and visibility and existing sewerage system. Close to listed Building Kingswood Farm. No exceptional circumstances to justify development within the Green Belt, and concerns that this set a dangerous precedent for further development.	Refused
W15/1119	Conversion of existing barn/storage unit into single storey 3-bedroom dwelling Tapster House, Lapworth Street, Lapworth	Objection Change of use from agricultural to domestic dwelling in the Green Belt	Refused

W15/1201	Erection of a rear conservatory. Spring Croft, Spring Lane, Lapworth	No comment	Granted
W15/1238	Change of use from agricultural land to burial ground St Giles Church, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth	Support –the Parish Council supports the provision of the burial facility within the Parish.	Granted
W15/1248	Removal of Condition 3 of planning permission ref: W/05/0792 which restricts occupancy to short term lets. The Elms, 75 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth	Objection on the grounds of inappropriate development in the green belt, no significant reason for change of use of building and concerns re proposed access	Refused
W15/1321	Alterations and conversion of building to south of residential curtilage to one single storey dwelling with ancillary curtilage and new access to valley lane Greenacres, Chapel Lane, Lapworth	Objection on the grounds of inappropriate development in the green belt and concerns re proposed access	Withdrawn
W15/1412 AG	Agricultural Building Sands Farm, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	Objection on the following grounds: - the proposed building is oversized and appears to be more of an industrial than agricultural building both in nature of its use and appearance - concerns regarding the access and vehicular traffic - a building of this nature and size would constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt	Prior approval of details for the development specified is not required:

20. FINANCE

Payments 12th October 2015

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	Amount
	101591	Clerk September salary, and expenses	£554.92
	101592	Post Office ltd September tax	£130.40
	101593	Fairways September invoice	£368.57
	101594	ROSPA VAT £14.20	£85.20
	101595	Bromehall Lane Toilets	£230.00

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Rees confirmed that the owner of Willpower Garage had received grant funding from the Warwickshire County Council Small Scale Flood Alleviation Grant Scheme and wished to record thanks to the County Council for its support. Both the County officer Paul Rimen and District Officer Paul Taylor had worked with local residents to secure a solution.

2015 Meeting dates 9th November, 14th December, 2016 dates 11th January, 8th February, 14th March
Parish Assembly, 11th April, 9th May Annual Parish Meeting

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

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