

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 13th June 2016

Present

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)
Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Toogood
Cllr Mrs Smalley

Cllr Child
Cllr Giles

In Attendance

District Councillor Mrs Gallagher
County Councillor Mrs Compton

Public

9 members of the public

16/6/1 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Ludlow

Cllr Corney

District Councillor Whiting

16/6/2 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Child declared a personal interest in planning applications W16/0913 and W16/0990

16/6/3 Dispensations – no dispensation requests received

16/6/4 Public Participation

2 members of the public expressing concern and asking for traffic monitoring on the Old Warwick Road by Packwood turning

4 members of the public to raise objections to W16/0913 and W16/0990

Kier Price from Spitfire Development re proposals to develop Aylesbury House site.

Mrs Croft presented the concerns outlined in her letter dated 7th April 2016 – item 7a on the agenda.

16/6/5 Minutes

It **was RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 9th May 2016 as a true and complete record of the meeting. Cllr Mrs Toogood was thanked for taking minutes in the absence of the Clerk

16/6/6 Reports for Information

a. **Warwick District Council** – Cllr Mrs Gallagher reported that cuts in funding from Central Government were placing increasing needs for savings at the District Council. On future should a replacement bin be requested as a result of damage or loss there will be a charge for replacement bins and bags.

b. **Warwickshire County Council** – Cllr Mrs Compton reported that the AVIVA cycle race was scheduled to come through Kenilworth and Leek Wotton on 16th June. Bus timetables were made available, and will be placed on noticeboards, to encourage use of the flexibus service as travel tokens are withdrawn. The service is subsidised by WCC and bus passes may be used on the service. However if usage drops it may not be feasible to continue.

c. **Warwick Rural West Community Forum** – report from Councillor Child circulated

16/6/7 Correspondence and Publications Received for Information

- a. Letter from Mrs Croft regarding concerns relating to
 - Parking on Station Lane/Old Warwick Road – *concerns about this junction had recently been investigated by WCC when the signage at Old Warwick Road was reviewed. Yellow lines were not feasible with so many residents,*
 - School traffic – *The County Council is currently discussing traffic management options with Lapworth School*
 - Potholes Station Lane – *Peter Hallam visited and some work expected but scale and timing unknown at this stage*
 - Damage to verges Station Lane – *reminder that responsibility for repairing verges after work on properties lies with the landowners*
 - Ball games Lapworth Oaks – *The Parish Council has put in feature and ‘no ball games’ sign to try and deter ball games due to concerns regarding safety.*
 - Canal Bridge, Rising Lane – limited visibility - *noted*

The Parish Council discussed these concerns, many of which are regular agenda items and responses are in italics.

- b. Concern expressed re pot holes, parking near station and school and speeding on OWR near canal bridge
- c. Letter from Dorridge Fun Run organisers – it was felt that the staggered closure times, communication and litter picking was better but concerns expressed regarding children riding cycles with no helmets and the speed of marshals’ cars. Feedback from residents to be sought through the Parish Magazine on any other areas that could be improved.
- d. Clerk’s National Pay Award details – noted
- e. The Clerk Magazine – circulation file
- f. Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine – circulation file

16/6/8 Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision

- a. Councillor Vacancy – confirmation received from WDC that co-option may take place. Clerk to advertise both on noticeboards and in Parish Magazine at the same time. Defer to Sept if July magazine missed.
- b. VAS sign – decision whether to place one near railway bridge and if so to bid for funding from Cllr Mrs Compton’s delegated transport budget. Aim to slow traffic down before canal bridge and Bromehall Lane. Cllr Mrs Compton to raise with Debbie Poynton.
- c. Lengthsman Scheme – information circulated – decision whether or not to participate/proceed with the scheme. Clerk to seek clarification from Nick Darwin in relation to 40 mph restriction on where a Lengthsman can carry out work

16/6/9 Progress Reports

- a. Housing Needs Survey – it was proposed to accept and endorse the Housing Needs Survey dated June 2016. Clerk to put link on intranet and send copy to Local Plan team. 230 replies (30%) identified local requirement for 5 new properties. Comments and suggestions for improvements to be summarised and reviewed for viability/options
- b. Potential Recreation Site – planning application put forward to Rowington Parish Council (withdrawn)
- c. Board Commemorating Past Chairmen - ongoing
- d. Village Hall Land Registration - ongoing
- e. Overgrown hedge – Vicarage Road – order issued to flail back
- f. Boot Bonfire Parking – invitation reissued to Parish Council meeting no response

- g. Fields between Rising Lane and Kingswood Close – the Parish Council is hoping for enthusiastic champions to lead the conversion and maintain it once operating. Will consider requirements in coming months
- h. Tree replacement top of Kingswood Close – Gavin Callard has advised that the Sorbus Joseph Rock was not a good choice. Clerk to request further suggestions.

16/6/10 **Reports and Questions**

- a. Lapworth Village Hall – Damage to the fence next to play area reported Clerk to contact Stephen Cox to ask to inspect and quote.
- b. Lapworth Recreation Sites – no reports
- c. Flooding Issues – no reports
- d. Allotments – no reports
- e. Lapworthpc.org.uk - no reports

16/6/11 **Roads and Rights of Way**

To receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way

- a. Request to reduce speed limit in Chessetts Wood Road – the road did not meet the criteria for a 40mph limit. Implementation of a 50 mph would result in additional signage and be at considerable cost. It **was RESOLVED** not to progress this request.
- b. Following representations from members of the public Clerk to request a Traffic Survey Strip on Old Warwick Road next to in the dip outside Bearhouse Farm from the Road Safety Unit at WCC to determine average speed of motorists.
- c. The hedge outside 1 & 2 St Chad's Cottages and the old Scout Hut site on Old Warwick Road was again overgrown causing danger to pedestrians that had to walk in the road. It **was RESOLVED** to fund cutting hedge back proposed by Cllr Child and seconded by Cllr Ross.

16/6/12 **Planning**

- a. **Planning Matters –**
- b. **Planning Consultation**

W16/0579	Erection of single storey rear extension Homelea, 2 Wharf Lane, Lapworth,
	No objection
W16/0681	Proposed granny annexe (bed/sitting room) porch, breakfast room/kitchen extension 7 Station Lane, Lapworth, Solihull
	No objection - refused by WDC
W16/0837	Erection of a detached dwelling. Aylesbury Cottage, 156-158 Aylesbury Road, Hockley Heath, Solihull,
	Objection inappropriate development of Green Belt, overdevelopment of site and not in keeping with the street scene
W16/0850	Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage Rose Cottage, Church Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W16/0894	Proposed erection of orangery to rear of existing garage The Gables, Spring Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W16/0913	Change of use of agricultural units into four number dwellings with parking and amenity space of the same gross footprint. Lapworth Grange, Spring Lane, Lapworth
	Objection inappropriate development in Green Belt, isolated development with no public transport in open countryside with access via narrow lanes
W16/0990	Proposed change of use from agricultural to dwelling Lapworth Grange, Spring Lane, Lapworth
	Objection inappropriate development in Green Belt, isolated development with no public transport in open countryside with access via narrow lanes

c. **Decision Notices** – note decisions on planning applications listed below

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W15/1972	Conversion of redundant agricultural building into one residential dwelling High Chimneys, Lapworth Street, Bushwood, Lowsonford, Henley-in-Arden	No comment	Granted
W16/0390 LB	Conversion of barn and insertion of rooflights and new windows High Chimneys, Lapworth Street, Bushwood, Lowsonford	No objection	Granted
W16/0569	Proposed rear sun room, side extension & conversion of garage to study at 125 Station Lane, Lapworth,	No objection	Granted
W16/0578 LB	Proposed internal and external alterations to existing two storey side extension (northern elevation) at Mountford Farm House, Church Lane, Lapworth	No objection subject to conservation officer's approval	Granted
W16/0841 AG	Erection of forestry buildings at Helmsley Court Farm, Bakers Lane Lapworth	Agricultural prior notification where the LPA have 28 days to make a decision	Refused
W16/611 & 0612 LB	Renovation and alterations to the upper floor former coachman's accommodation to form ancillary accommodation for Bushwood Hall - including structural repair, rebuilding and new external staircase. Cart shed, Bushwood Hall, Bushwood Lane, Bushwood	No objection	Withdrawn
W16/0772	Prior notification for approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (class C3) Old Barn, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth,	No objection	Withdrawn

d. **Appeals**

i. **Site Address:** Lapworth Farm, Spring Lane, Lapworth, Solihull,

Description of development: Alterations and conversion of existing two storey former barn to two dwellings with demolition of leanto and hardstanding under and replacement of existing garages with two new garages

Application Reference: W/15/1665

ii. **Site Address:** Land adjacent, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth, Solihull

Description of development: Covered tractor and hay store

Application Reference: W/16/0080

16/6/13 **Finance**

a. It **was RESOLVED** to approve annual governance statement for 2015/16.

b. It **was RESOLVED** to approve accounting statement for 2015/16

c. It **was RESOLVED** to approve accounts for payment as below

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Amount £
	101629	Clerk May salary, and expenses Ink and clear pockets (£71.83 inc £10.72 vat)	10.72	627.63
	101630	HMRC May		130.40
	101631	Fairways 2 nd of 21	80	480.00
	101632	BromeHall Lane Toilets May (£230 less £18.45 overpayment in May)		211.55
	101633	CPRE		36
	101634	West Accountants – internal audit		320

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will be held on 11th July 2016 at 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall

PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND