

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 9th January 2017

Present

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)
Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Toogood

Cllr Corney

In Attendance

District Councillor Whiting

1 member of the public present

17/1/1 Apologies

Cllr Mrs Ludlow Cllr Child Cllr Giles District Councillor Mrs Gallagher
County Councillor Mrs Compton

17/1/2 **Declarations of Interest** – none declared

17/1/3 **Dispensations** – no dispensation requests received

17/1/4 **Presentation from AC Lloyd and Delta Planning re proposed development at Meadow House/Kingswood Farm** – Application for approximately 36 houses of a mixed of size, including affordable homes, to be submitted to WDC for consideration in April at the earliest. There was potential that bungalows could be included. Trees to be retained if healthy, fencing for security if necessary. Minimum of two car parking spaces per dwelling.. Pre-app session with WDC on 20th January 2017. If permission granted building to start in 2018.

Issues already flagged include traffic safety (access and egress), parking allocation, pavement too narrow for pushchairs, crossing points, flooding concerns (clearing culvert), less run off than a greenfield site. Infrastructure needs include surgery car parking spaces, school parking spaces, potential for small play area or contribution to another play area, footpath contribution would generally go to WCC. Suggest developers make contact with Canal and River Trust. Agreed to share traffic monitoring survey with Delta Planning.

17/12/5 **Public Participation** –. None

17/1/6 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 12th December as a true and complete record of the meeting.

17/1/7 Reports for Information

a. Warwick District Council

The Local Plan - the letter from the Inspector makes clear that changes are necessary to make the plan acceptable, this is being seen as the best possible outcome in the circumstances. His letter refers to the initially submitted draft, which he thought was unsound (as we had to negotiate with him to agree to an amended version). Officers are therefore relatively confident that a plan will be in place in the next few weeks, though WDC clearly still have to hear what his precise recommendations for changes will be.

The Executive recently approved a change in the exemption period for empty properties. While exemptions will continue to be granted in certain circumstances (eg when a property is subject to probate) the blanket 30-day exemption that previously applied is to be removed (subject to approval by full Council).

Major works are now underway at the council's leisure centres in Warwick and Leamington Spa, and a decision will be taken shortly on the bids received from third-party operators on the leisure facilities. Consultation on changes and improvements to the facilities in Kenilworth is likely to begin later this year.

Finance - latest projections show that the District is on course to generate a modest surplus in the current financial year. Subsequent years continue to look challenging, with the renewal of our major waste management contracts a particular cloud on the horizon (5 years). The pressures on council tax, and spending on services, therefore remain considerable.

b. Warwickshire County Council

The Chief Executive of Warwickshire is retiring on 3 February, the day after Budget Day. He is not being replaced at the moment and this decision will await the next Council after the 4 May election. Also the Chief Officers of HR and IT are taking early retirement.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Seccombe, has indicated that he will not be putting up the Police Budget this year but taking funds from reserves. He will be attending the Warwick Rural West Community Forum on 26 January so we would hope to see a good attendance. Mr. Seccombe also encourages the completion of a consultation on the Web Site to give opinions on policing in Warwickshire.

£10 million boost for tourism has been announced and WCC hope to have a share in this. This follows several very successful events in Warwickshire such as the AVIVA Cycle Race and Shakespeare events.

Kenilworth Railway Station opening has been delayed until 10 December 2017 after a fire on one of the prototype carriages.

Warwickshire has welcomed several families from Syria.

A new Dementia Web Site with extra help and information is now on WCC pages and this also welcomes the many Dementia Friends that have been trained in Warwickshire.

People are being urged to check their bus passes as old ones will not be accepted by bus drivers as they can now scan to see if the correct person is using the pass.

c. Warwick Rural West Community Forum – 26th January 2017 – Cllrs Henderson and Corney to attend.

17/1/8 **Correspondence and Publications Received for Information**

- a. Update on WCC Senior Staffing arrangements – email of 15th December refers
- b. WCC Mineral Plan circulated – email of 19th December refers – no comment
- c. Warwick WALC Minutes – circulated email of 19th December refers - noted

17/1/9 **Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision** - none

17/1/10 **Progress Reports**

- a. 13th March 2017 Annual Assembly – A poster to promote the Assembly was circulated, clerk to contact speakers, JC to continue work on database ideas: promotion via surgery, school, clubs, etc:
- b. Board Commemorating Past Chairmen – to be unveiled on a Saturday morning – date to be confirmed. Cllr Corney to liaise with VH Committee re fixing of board.
- c. Village Hall Land Registration – carry forward
- d. BromeHall Lane carpark cutback – requested from the District Council
- e. Canal and River Trust towpath upgrade – grant application submitted to WDC – clerk to confirm contribution of £980 to works.
- f. Tree replacement top of Kingswood Close – Snowy Mesipilus to be planted – awaiting date
- g. Two traffic Survey Strips requested on Old Warwick Road – being actioned
- h. Barclays Bank Mandate – carry forward.
- i. Legal issues relating to grass verges and obstructions placed thereon – consider how to publicise information – carry forward
- j. Visibility Splay – Mill Lane/Old Warwick Road – being considered by WCC for parking restrictions for next financial year
- k. Safer Routes to School – see Carolyn Burrows email of 13th December 2016
- l. Share traffic monitoring Delta Planning.
- m. Clerk to contact Rob Pitt re Village Hall playarea
- n. Clerk to secure quotes for tree at rear of Village Hall.

17/1/11 **Reports and Questions**

To receive reports and questions from members in brief, including items for next agenda. Councillors are reminded this is not an opportunity for decision making.

- a. Lapworth Village Hall – no report
- b. Lapworth Recreation Sites – no report
- c. Flooding Issues – no report
- d. Allotments – no report
- e. Communications, Openness and Accountability
Lapworthpc.org.uk website – details of the number of site visits awaited
Noticeboards
Parish Magazine – slower progress than anticipated towards universal distribution
Electronic distribution of news to email addresses- no report
Broadband and mobile networks in Lapworth – email complaining of speed available in Glasshouse Lane received, chair has responded as Local Broadband Champion

17/1/12 **Roads and Rights of Way**

To receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way – no report

17/1/13 **Planning**

Aylesbury House – site visit

a. **Planning applications**

W16/2103	Alter residential curtilage and single storey side extension The Oaks, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth No comment
W16/2157	Outline application for demolition of existing office buildings and erection of 3 detached dwellings with associated access and car parking. Realignment of existing drive connecting to the existing access on Station Lane.

	Land at former Bryants Nursery, Station Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W16/2197	Erection of 2 no. 3 bed residential dwellings with associated works Land between Nos. 156 & 152 Aylesbury Road, Hockley Heath
	No objection
W16/2238	Erection of detached garage/garden store at rear The Mount, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth
	No objection

b. Decision Notices – note decisions on planning applications listed below

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W16/1400	Erection of two storey side and rear extension, removal of existing side passageway, rebuilding of side wall and alteration to front window Inglewood, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	No comment	Granted
W16/1767	Erection of single dwellinghouse Spinaway, Church Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Refused
W16/1805	Notification for Prior Approval Notification for a Proposed Change of use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (Class C3), and for Associated Operational Development Land at Sands Farm, The Old Barn, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth,	Refused before comment made	Refused
W16/1882	Erection of rear extensions Woodstock, Rising Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted

c. Appeals lodged - none

17/1/14 Finance

a. Approved accounts for payment as below

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Amount £
	101664	Clerk December salary, and expenses Ink £40.30 vat £3.98		£627.51
	101665	HMRC December		137.79
	101666	Information Commissioners – Data Protection		£35.00

17/1/15 Date of Next Meeting - An Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will be held on 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall