

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 13th February 2017

Present

Cllr Mrs Toogood

Cllr Mrs Ludlow

Cllr Esselmont

Cllr Corney

Cllr Child

Cllr Mrs Smalley

Cllr Giles

In Attendance

District Councillor Mrs Gallagher

County Councillor Mrs Compton

3 members of the public

17/2/1 Apologies

Cllr Henderson (Chairman) Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman)

District Councillor Whiting

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Corney would chair the meeting.

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

17/2/3 **Dispensations** – no dispensation requests received

17/2/4 Public Participation

Roger Burn presented a proposal to brick up large window above entrance hall (currently covered over) and brick incorporate the police post in to the building to improve roadside appearance and encourage hirers.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal.

17/2/5 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 9th January 2017 as a true and complete record of the meeting.

17/2/6 Reports for Information

a. Warwick District Council

1. The Local Plan - while the letter from the Inspector made 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 was known he thought was unsound (as it had to be negotiated with him to agree to an amended version). The next step is a consultation on the changes that he is proposing - WDC will undertake this on his behalf. An approved plan by the end of summer seems possible if all goes smoothly.

2. 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. Significant amounts of officer time were being spent resolving disputes between incoming and outgoing tenants and landlords, as the current exemption 'belongs' to the property, not necessarily to any one of these individuals.

3. 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 of all of the leisure facilities. Consultation on changes and improvements to the facilities in Kenilworth is likely to begin later this year.

4. Once a local plan is in place, it will be able to charge a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on new developments. This is similar to, but does not replace, Section 106 funds used to pay for various forms of infrastructure. A consultation will be launched shortly, with details sent to Parish Councils (among others).

5. The Arts Section of Cultural Services had been reviewed and the management of the Royal Spa Centre and Art Gallery amalgamated under one manager.

Cllr Ross requested an indication of how much the Local Plan had cost to put in place.

b. Warwickshire County Council

C Cllr Mrs Compton reported:

1. Council Tax set for next financial year 2% extra for adult social care 1.99% for general increases and inflation. Therefore a total increase of 3.99%. The 2017/18 budget was jointly agreed by both conservative and labour parties.

2. Despite a £67 million cut in government grant over next four years an additional 40 more social workers, to support 750 children in care, were being recruited. However overall it is envisaged losing a further 300 staff.

3. Gritting, fly tipping, delegated transport, social services budgets would not be cut.

4. Superfast Broadband coverage for 99% of the county was reported

5. Warwick Museum to re-open after refurbishment and the County Council was in the Top 100 of employers of apprentices.

Delegated transport budget requests should be made as soon as possible. Clerk to email re Mill Lane. A resident of Wharf Lane had requested that the County Council put in place 30 mph speed restriction in the lane. This was not supported by the Parish Council as it was felt that there were enough natural elements to slow traffic and that the money could be better spent in areas of more need. It was also believed that the resident did not live in the Lapworth Parish.

c. Warwick Rural West Community Forum – minutes of meeting held on 26th January forwarded

Police and Crime Commissioner had made a presentation. All funds had been allocated as it was the last meeting of the Forum in its current format. Cllr Mrs Compton had been thanked for her dedicated community service.

17/2/7 Correspondence and Publications Received for Information

a. WALC Annual Briefing Day 4th March 2017 – email 26th January refers – no volunteers

b. B4439 - Old Warwick Road, Lapworth - Vehicular Damage to Pinnars Bridge – WCC have placed order for repairs.

17/2/8. Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision

- a. WDC CIL Consultation – WDC email 16th January refers – the Parish Council accepted the proposals put forward
- b. BromeHall Lane Toilets – John Glover had been retained to provide both maintenance and cleaning services on a self employed basis.

17/2/9 Progress Reports

- a. 13th March 2017 Annual Assembly – all reminded to attend 6pm to set up on evening of 13th March 2017.
- b. Board Commemorating Past Chairmen – at an event on Saturday in 8th April potentially at 11am.
- c. Village Hall Land Registration – carry forward
- d. BromeHall Lane carpark cutback – requested from the District Council - carry forward
- e. Canal and River Trust towpath upgrade – grant application submitted to WDC
- f. Tree replacement top of Kingswood Close – Snowy Mesipilus to be planted – awaiting date.
- g. Two traffic Survey Strips requested on Old Warwick Road – thanks expressed to Cllr Rees regarding the comprehensive analysis he had undertaken
- h. Barclays Bank Mandate – carry forward
- i. Legal issues relating to grass verges and obstructions placed thereon – consider how to publicise information – Cllr Giles to draft letter to send to ‘offenders’
- j. Visibility Splay – Mill Lane/Old Warwick Road – being considered by WCC for parking restrictions for next financial year – Clerk to contact Debbie Poynton
- k. ROSPA report – clerk to contact Rob Pitt

17/2/10 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 – request to cut back hedges on play area – clerk to contact Fairways
- b. Lapworth Recreation Sites – toilets to reopen for Easter holidays
- c. Flooding Issues – no report
- d. Allotments – no report
- e. Communications, Openness and Accountability
Lapworthpc.org.uk website – data forwarded
Noticeboards
Parish Magazine -update on progress towards universal distribution and funding request to be considered at March meeting
Electronic distribution

17/2/11 Roads and Rights of Way

To receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way
Cllr Child to send details for Peter Hallam re muddy road

17/2/12. Planning

- a. i. Comments regarding Aylesbury House - noted
- ii. W16/2157 Land at former Bryants Nursery, Station Lane, Lapworth.
Section 106 payment. Cllr Giles proposed that upgrade of playground equipment at the village hall be prioritized – this was unanimously supported. Clerk to contact District Council.
- iii. Enforcement Notice ACT 425/15 Land Adjoining Glasshouse Lane Lapworth – noted

b. Planning applications

W16/2080	Erection of four bedroomed detached dwelling – amended plans Fairfield, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth
	Objection – concern regarding the access arrangements.
W16/2109	Demolition of existing residential dwelling and associated outbuildings for new detached dwellinghouse. 135 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	Withdrawn
W16/2151	Change of use from agricultural land to Menage Chessetts Wood Farm, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6EW
	No objection
W16/2229	Demolition to redundant areas of the building 1 and 2 storey extensions to front, rear and side elevations Baddesley Holt, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	No objection
W16/2327	Demolish existing plant room, and erect a new one to contain ground source heat exchangers, attached to the rear of the new house extension Southwood, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth
	No objection
W17/0016	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) for application W/16/1330 to extend the approved single storey rear extension by an additional 0.9m. Church Meadow, Church Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W17/0092	Erection of forestry buildings to facilitate seed planting and cultivation of trees to be planted across the site Land north of, Bakers Lane, Knowle
	No objection subject to suitable access arrangements being in place– not possible to verify as documents on website no accessible
W17/0126	Variation of condition 2 (drawing nos.) of planning permission ref: W/16/1488 (Erection of replacement dwelling and replacement stable block (revised design following planning permission ref: W/14/0393) granted on 29th November 2016, to replace approved drawing 457 16 Rev C (site plan) with Drawing 457 16 Rev D (site plan) and approved drawing 457 12A (location of stables) with drawing 457 12B (location of stables). The Spinney, Rising Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W17/0145	Erection of single storey rear / side extensions. Cheswood Grange, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	No objection subject to Planning Officers verifying its increase in footprint is acceptable
W17/0149	Erection of a two storey detached outbuilding. Cheswood Grange, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	No objection subject to Planning Officers verifying that the construction of a new building of this size and design is within Planning Policy
W17/0181	Variation of condition (1) for application W/12/0332 to extend the limited time of permission for further five years from 10/04/2017 to 10/04/2022 Lapworth Pre School, Station Lane, Lapworth
	Support
W17/0199	Application for prior approval for the installation of electrical Housing The Pound House, Lapworth Street, Lapworth
	No objection

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

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
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W16/1170 LB	Listed building consent application for the conversion of Grade II Aylesbury House Hotel to form 5 no. dwellings with extensions/associated works, and the demolition of several curtilage outbuildings. Aylesbury House Hotel, Aylesbury Road, Hockley Heath	No objection	Granted
W16/1728	Utilise flat roof as balcony with privacy screen and glass balustrade The Merchant House, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W16/1800	Erection of single storey front extensions and part rendering of property 57 Station Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W16/1828	Outline application with all matters reserved, except access, for erection of 2no.detached houses after demolition of existing bungalow 114 Station Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W16/1956	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for existing extensions to stables as detailed in drawing 777_p10, submitted to the LPA on 30th November 2016. Deer Park Farm, Bakers Lane, Knowle	Lapworth Parish Council expresses concern regarding this application for certificate of lawfulness and requests that the District Council carefully consider the previous planning history of this site.	Approved
W16/2034	Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) and Condition 4 (renewable energy) of planning permission ref: W/13/0490 (Erection of replacement dwelling) Long Meadow, Packwood Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted

c. Appeals

Appeal Decisions

W16/0384 The Elms 75 Chessetts Wood Road – appeal dismissed

Appeal against refusal for Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development in respect of access to The Elms, 75 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth

W16/0858 Croft Cottage, 165 Bakers Lane, Knowle – appeal allowed

The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the demolition of the existing garages and the erection of a new garage; and a single storey extension at Croft Cottage, 165 Bakers Lane, Knowle

Lapworth Comment – No Objection

17/2/13 Finance

a. Accounts approved for payment as below

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Amount £
	101675	Clerk January salary, and expenses		£576.15
	101676	HMRC January		137.59

17/2/14 **Date of Next Meeting** – The Annual Assembly will be held at 7.00pm on 13th March immediately followed by an Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will be held on 13th March 2017 at 8.00pm

Meeting ended at 21.20