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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 10th July 2017

Present

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Toogood
Cllr Mrs Ludlow

Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Child
Cllr Corney

In Attendance

District Councillor Mrs Gallagher
County Councillor Cooke

6 members of the public

17/7/1 Apologies

Cllr Esselmont, Cllr Giles, Cllr Mrs Smalley, District Councillor Whiting

It was also advised that, as a consequence of increasing work pressures, Cllr Giles had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Giles for the contributions he had made to the Parish during his time in office.

17/7/2 Declarations of Interest – none declared

17/7/3 Dispensations – no dispensation requests received

17/7/4 Public Participation –

Ian Ritchie, Ritchie and Ritchie, in relation to planning application at 135 Chessetts Wood Road – replacement dwelling. Whilst the development was in excess of 50% growth it was put forward that good design would mitigate the growth. A revised application would be considered by the Parish Council when consultation documents were issued.

Member of the public present in relation to application W17/1224 at 4 Acres Salad

Member of the public present in relation to application W17/1031 stables on Tapster Lane.

Member of the public present to query new initiative to increase housing targets would impact on WDC Local Plan. D Cllr Cooke advised that it would not.

17/7/5 Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 12th June 2017 as a true and complete record of the meeting.

17/7/6 Reports for Information

a. Warwick District Council

i. Tower blocks - in the aftermath of the tragic events at Grenfell Tower, the Housing department has been busy inspecting the (relatively few) high rise residences owned by WDC. No major problems have been identified.

ii. The accounts for the year to March 2017 have been closed, with a surplus of over £400,000. This surplus has been transferred mostly to the Leisure reserve, given the problems and consequent delays caused by utility companies and their subcontractors during development work at our leisure centres in both Leamington and Warwick.

- iii. Work continues concerning the relocation of WDC offices and the redevelopment of the existing site. With the planning process about to get underway, expect to hear more on this subject over the next few weeks.
 - iv. Our new Housing & Development portfolio holder (Cllr Alan Rhead) is keen to make progress concerning the provision of a Gypsy & Traveller transit site, given the higher levels of unauthorised encampments being experienced throughout the county. All parish council Chairs are due to be invited to a meeting to discuss the issue later in the year.
- b. Warwickshire County Council
- i. **Jeff Clarke** has taken over as Portfolio Holder for Transport & Highways from Alan Cockburn.
 - ii. **Children Centres** -Proposal to reduce the number of Children Centres in the County in order to meet an agreed 1.1million pound budget cut. The proposal is to set up Children's hubs in various parts of the County. The decision will be taken by the County Council Cabinet in October or November
 - iii. **Grenfell Tower** - Following on from the Grenfell Tower tragedy the County Fire Service and District & Borough Councils have conducted safety checks on all tower blocks in the County.
 - iv. **Economic Growth** - The team at Warwickshire County Council responsible for supporting economic growth in town centres across the county has won a prestigious award in the Association of Town and City Management. The Team, under the banner of 'The Warwickshire Towns Network', scooped the 'Partnership of the Year' accolade, beating off Sheffield City Centre and Monaghan Town Partnership in the final shortlist.
 - v. **Trading Standards** - A man from Rugby who had savings of over £20,000 found himself in debt after sending money to postal scam fraudsters who had promised that he had won cars, lotteries and other prizes, despite the fact that he had never entered any competitions.

"In Warwickshire, our Trading Standards Officers are working locally with Royal Mail postal workers and nationally with the National Scams Team to identify and support these victims, intercepting their letters and returning their money."

17/7/7 **Correspondence and Publications Received for Information**

- a. Traffic Movements through Villages Publication – noted
- b. NALC Legal Topic Note re Planning and Building Control Enforcement – noted
- c. Local Boundary Review briefing 7th August 2017 – no nominations

17/7/8 **Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision**

- a. Safer Routes to School – consider email of G Stanley 9th June – no comments
- b. Parking at Station Cllr Rees email of 10th May refers – consider requesting white lines. It was resolved that the Clerk would– write to railway company to ask for additional parking provision.
- c. Yet more Fly Tipping Grove Lane – email 16th June refers. Clerk to send to Jeff Clarke, Transport and Highways Portfolio Holder, for attention.
- d. Email from Village Hall Committee regarding a barrier at the Village Hall entrance to prevent unauthorised access. Approval to install and funding requested. It was RESOLVED that approval be given to install a barrier, and that a donation of £320 be agreed and the invoice of £1,606 plus VAT be processed by the Parish Council.
- e. Community development/Social Isolation work in Lapworth – LOPA, WI, Lees Chapel, Church, Charity, Surgery invite to a meeting October
- f. Defibrillator Battery – request from VH Management Committee to fund replacement it was RESOLVED that the Clerk to would explore the replacement option and order if appropriate.
- g. Community Adoption of Lapworth train station phone box. It was RESOLVED that the clerk would investigate the option to secure the phonebox.

17/7/9 Progress Reports

- a. Speeding Concerns – to be forwarded to Philip Seccombe, Police and Crime Commissioner
- b. Village Hall Play Area Equipment fund raising report – Clare to draw up summary for Parish Magazine and agree consultation process/groups to ascertain support for proposals before bidding for funding.
- c. Barclays Bank Mandate - defer
- d. Legal issues relating to grass verges and obstructions placed thereon – Cllr Child to draft communication to publicise information.
- e. Visibility Splay – Mill Lane/Old Warwick Road – being considered by WCC parking team. Clerk to follow up.
- f. Email database – Cllr Child to progress
- g. Dangerous Tree 135 Station Lane responsibility of landowner – Cllr Corney progressing
- h. Village Hall Land Registration
- i. Glasshouse Lane request to change postal address – Cllr Henderson to query which properties to be included.

17/7/10 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 – Defibrillator to be checked on a monthly basis by Parish Council, rota to be drawn up
- b. Lapworth Recreation Sites
- c. Flooding Issues
- d. Allotments
- e. Communications, Openness and Accountability
Lapworthpc.org.uk website – data forwarded
Noticeboards
Parish Magazine -update on progress towards universal distribution
Electronic distribution

17/7/11 Roads and Rights of Way

Broken tree on Vicarage Road immediately in Warwickshire over the bridge coming from Solihill, in between Glasshouse Lane and the bridge to be reported to Peter Hallam.

17/7/12 Planning

a. Planning applications considered:

W17/0793	Move by 5m the existing agricultural building, already consented for development. Land to the North of, Bakers Lane, Knowle No objection
W17/0849	Construction of steel frame agricultural building Land rear of Kingswood House, Station Lane, Lapworth Comment – is there agricultural use to justify application?
W17/1031	Erection of stables, manege and store building with formation of new access road, parking area and associated works Land north east of Tapster Lane, Lapworth Objection – residents have raised concerns that this if for business use and the impact of number of vehicles horse boxes local roads will be excessive
W17/1087	Variation of condition 2 and removal of conditions 9 and 10 of planning permission W/16/2080 (erection of detached dwelling) to allow a revised access off Old Warwick Road instead of the private drive to the east. Fairfield, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth No objection
W17/1148	Application for a certificate of lawfulness (existing) for use of the land marked M on the accompanying drawings (10561-01) as garden land for a continuous period of over ten years 2 Lapworth Farm Cottages, Packwood Lane, Lapworth

	No objection
W17/1184	Change of use of attached barn into living accommodation and extension to existing link Poplars Farm, 256 Bakers Lane, Knowle
	No objection
W17/1224	Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use from Agricultural to dwelling 4 Acres Salad, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth
	Concern expressed regarding the visibility splay and the access which is shared

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

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W17/0103	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing small barn, domestic style shed and two aviary buildings Land adjacent to Firs Farm, Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull	Reservations expressed about the circumstances of the application	Lawful
W17/0468	Erection of two storey front extension Old Bakehouse, 3 Mill Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W17/0523	Erection of a replacement dwelling (resubmission of planning permission ref: W/14/0279) The Rising, Rising Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W17/0564	Erection of two storey rear extension and garage conversion including alterations to front elevation; Removal of ground and first floor front bow windows and replacement with square bays; Removal of front hipped roof over bay and replacement with a gable, erection of new porch and canopy. Coromandel, Station Lane, Lapworth	No objection subject satisfying ecology concerns	Granted
W17/0591	Replacement of 2no. outbuildings with 2no. replacement outbuildings at Southwood, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W17/0668	Conversion of internal garage, removal of internal wall to make larger kitchen and replacement of garage door with oak bi-folding doors (Retrospective). Bushwood Cottage, Bushwood Lane, Lapworth,	Objection withdrawn	Granted
W17/0810	Erection of single and two storey rear extension, two storey side extension and rebuilding of boundary walls to side, (resubmission of application ref: W/16/1400) Inglewood, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	No objection	Granted

c. Appeals

Address of site to which the appeal relates: The Oaks, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6ER

Proposed development: Change of use of agricultural land to garden land and erection of single storey side extension

Application reference: W16/2103

17/7/13 Finance

a. It was RESOLVED to approve accounts for payment as below

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Amount £
	101700	Clerk June salary, and expenses		559.56
	101701	HMRC June		139.23
	101702	Fairways 10 th of 21 invoices (480.00)	140	840.00

		Fairways removal of brash (360.00)		
	101703	John Glover Brome Hall Lane Toilets/ materials		213.10
	101704	CPRE Annual Subscription		36.00
	101705	Lapworth Village Hall Grant and Apr, May June		384.00
	101706	LPCC Grant		250.00

17/7/14 **Date of Next Meeting** – The next Planning Only Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will be held on 7th August 2017 at 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall
lapworthpc.org.uk

PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND