

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 4th September 2017

Present

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs Toogood
Cllr Mrs Ludlow
Cllr Esselmont

Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Child
Cllr Corney
Cllr Mrs Smalley,

In Attendance

District Councillor Whiting
County Councillor Cooke

8 members of the public

17/9/1 Apologies

District Councillor Mrs Gallagher

17/9/2 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Henderson personal interest W17/1337 LB

17/9/3 Dispensations – no dispensation requests received

17/9/4 Public Participation –

Residents of Spring Lane were present to express concern in relation to a drainage dispute with their neighbour. They had received advice from the Environment Agency, Warwickshire Highways and Building Regulations.

Residents of Chessetts Wood Road were present to register an objection to planning application W17/1114 135 Chessetts Wood Road. Main tenants of objection were that the proposed development was not in keeping with the street scene, which was a run of attractive Victorian properties, secondly the development was on a very dangerous bend which is exacerbated by lorries and vans during any construction works.

17/9/5 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Planning Meeting of 7th August 2017 as a true and complete record of the meeting.

17/9/6 Reports for Information

a. Warwick District Council

Local Plan - due for adoption by Council resolution on 20 September. CIL Levy will be subject to a separate report in November giving a transparent mechanism whereby the levy costs could be calculated.

HQ relocation - planning applications being submitted for Riverside House (outline, to be redeveloped as housing) and Covent Garden (detailed, new Council HQ offices, apartments, and replacement larger multi-storey car park). Completion of Covent Garden site scheduled for early 2020.

Leisure Centres - Some facilities (including pool, gym and studios) at Newbold Comyn now open. Sports Hall at St Nicholas Park now open, pool re-opens (ahead of schedule) on 21 September. Other works badly delayed by various issues related to utilities and their sub-contractors. Costs increased, but hopefully scope for at least partial recovery.

Gypsy & Traveller Sites - Special Planning Forum taking place at Leamington Town Hall, Thurs 14 September - invitations sent to PCs. Cllr Henderson attending.

Finance - Q1 showed WDC finances broadly in line with budget (modest surplus, but early in the year). £200,000 deficit currently projected for 2018/19, so work required to bridge this gap.

b. Warwickshire County Council

Wharf Lane A resident of Wharf Lane has asked for a speed limit reduction in Wharf Lane from 60 to 40 mph.

However, a speed survey will need to be taken to determine whether or not there is a case. The residents affected do not live in Lapworth & West Kenilworth so liaison has been taking place with neighbouring colleague councillor John Horner.

Children Centres - The consultation on the WCC proposal to reduce the number of Children Centres in the County in order to meet an agreed 1.1million pound budget cut continues. Kenilworth County Councillors will be joining force to oppose this reduction to Children's services in Kenilworth & surrounding areas. A well attended public meeting took place at St John's Church in Kenilworth.

Cllr Jeff Morgan portfolio holder for Childrens Services said:-

"We are getting a huge response to our consultation on 0-5 services with over 1000 responses and the closing date isn't until 11 September.

In order to make sure we consider everyone's views and to give time for officers to do a good job on the paper, we will have to push back the timescale a little. So, the target is now to get Young People's Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider this in October prior to the paper going to cabinet for decision in November."

One in Three Electric Blankets Failed Safety Checks - Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is launching its annual electric blanket safety testing campaign. Have your electric blanket safety tested FREE of charge this coming October.

In 2016, one in every three of the electric blankets tested failed and faulty electric blankets are a known cause of house fires.

The service is also offering to safety test kettles, irons, toasters and Christmas lights (again, free of charge) at the same time.

Free electric blanket safety checks will take place at venues across all five districts and boroughs this coming October. Safety tests will be carried out by an expert electrical examiner. Wednesday 4th October: Leamington Town Hall.

17/9/7 Correspondence and Publications Received for information

- a. Warwick District Council – Economic Development Update
- b. Warwick District Council – Local Plan Notification of Inspectors Report
- c. Warwickshire County Council – CSW Broadband Update
- d. Warwickshire County Council – Flood Risk Management Newsletter
- e. Warwickshire County Council – New online mechanism for reporting Rights of Way faults – link in magazine
- f. Warwickshire County Council annual grant scheme to help communities address local flooding issues
- g. WALC Revised Legal Topic Note – Protection of Ownerless Common Land and Village Greens

h. Warwick WALC – Minutes of 7th June, next meeting 27th September 2017. Cllr Bill Lowe, Chairman of WALC attending October meeting.

17/9/8 **Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision**

- a. Parish Councillor Vacancy – co-option process. Clerk to advertise vacancy in Parish Magazine closing by end of October.
- b. Parish Council Insurance – AON no longer providing Parish Council cover. Lapworth Parish Council insurance to expire June 2018. Clerk to get quote from Zurich.

19/9/9 **Progress Reports**

- a. Speeding Concerns – forwarded to Philip Seccombe, Police and Crime Commissioner
- b. Village Hall Play Area Equipment – meeting to take place Tuesday 5th September
- c. Barclays Bank Mandate – clerk to progress Cllr Smalley and Child.
- d. Legal issues relating to grass verges and obstructions placed thereon – Cllr Child has drafted communication to publicise information. Clerk to forward to Peter Hallam, WCC, for views.
- e. Visibility Splay – Mill Lane/Old Warwick Road – being considered by WCC parking team
- f. Email database – Cllr Child to progress
- g. Dangerous Tree 135 Station Lane responsibility of landowner – Cllr Corney progressing - letter from Solicitor received
- h. Village Hall Land Registration
- i. Glasshouse Lane request to change postal address – clerk written to Royal Mail
- j. Parking at Station Cllr Rees email of 10th May refers – clerk has contacted Network Rail
- k. Fly Tipping Grove Lane – clerk has emailed Cllr J Clarke, site meeting arranged.
- l. Community development/Social Isolation work in Lapworth – clerk to arrange between 6-7pm 13th November – inviting LOPA, WI, Lees Chapel, Church, Charity, Surgery
- m. Adoption of Lapworth Train Station phone box – clerk progressing
- n. Defibrillator Battery – purchased and installed – remove from agenda.

17/9/10 **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 - Scarecrow Festival 16th/17th September volunteers welcomed.
- b. Lapworth Recreation Sites - ask J Glover if any repairs needed, toilets to be closed 29th October.
- 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

17/9/11 **Roads and Rights of Way**

To receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way

17/9/12 **Planning**

- a. Planning applications considered below:

W17/1114	Resubmission of W/16/2109: Demolition of existing residential dwelling and associated outbuildings for new detached dwellinghouse. 135 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	Objection – not in keeping with an historic and attractive street scene, greater than 30% increase, inappropriate development in the Green Belt
W17/1337LB	Retrospective application for replacement windows and partial re-tiling of main roof
	No objection
W17/1342	Installation of a contemporary artwork until October 2020

	Packwood House, Packwood Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W17/1416	Variation of condition 2 (drawing numbers) to application reference W/17/0662 (Variation of condition to allow for dwelling to be moved forwards by 2 metres and bay to front elevation to original application W/16/0461 for the erection of a new dwelling on land adjacent to The Mount) to allow for a single storey rear extension, and insertion of rooflights to the rear elevation following removal of approved dormer windows The Mount, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth
	No objection
W17/1517	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and associated works The Grove, Rising Lane, Lapworth
	Objection - height impact and over development in the Green Belt
W17/1534	Change of use of existing stable building to a holiday home. Bakers Barn, Bakers Lane, Knowle
	Objection - inappropriate development in the Green Belt

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

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W17/0849	Construction of steel frame agricultural building at Land rear of Kingswood House, Station Lane, Lapworth	Is there agricultural use to justify application?	Refused
W17/1020	Demolition of existing conservatory to rear and erection of replacement single and two storey rear extension Kenmore, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
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 for business use and the impact of number of vehicles on local roads would be excessive	Granted
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	Granted
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	Lawful
W17/1224	Notification for prior approval under Class Q(a) for proposed change of use from Agricultural to dwelling at 4 Acres Salad, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	Concern expressed regarding the visibility splay and the access which is shared	Prior approval not required
W17/1252	Proposed replacement of roof on front elevation with pitched roof, blocking up of window and insertion of window on side elevation, and replacement and extension of rear extension 71 Station Lane, Lapworth, Solihull	No objection	Granted

17/9/13 Finance

a. To note successful conclusion of Audit

b. To approve accounts for payment as below

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT	Amount
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	101711	Clerk August salary, and expenses		559.02
	101712	HMRC August		139.23
	101713	Fairways 12 th of 21 invoices	80	480
	101714	John Glover Brome Hall Lane Toilets/ materials up to 27 th August (8 weeks)		420
	101715	Stephen Cox – work re barrier and fence at Village Hall	131.20	787.20
	101716	Grant Thornton Annual Return	20	120.00
	101717	Lapworth Village Hall Sept Grant and July, August and September room hire		384
	101718	Lapworth Parochial Church Council Sept grant		250

17/9/14 **Date of Next Meeting** – The next Ordinary Meeting of the of Lapworth Parish Council will be held on 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall

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PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND