

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

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

Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Child
Cllr Corney

In Attendance

District Councillor Whiting
District Councillor Mrs Gallagher
County Councillor Cooke

One member of the public

17/10/1 **Apologies** - Cllr Esselmont

17/10/2 **Declarations of Interest** – none declared

17/10/3 **Dispensations** – no dispensation requests received

17/10/4 **Public Participation** – none

17/10/5 **Cllr Bill Lowe – WALC Chairman** - deferred

17/10/6 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 4th September 2017 as a true and complete record of the meeting.

17/10/7 **Reports for Information**

a. **Warwick District Council**

Updates included

Local Plan - now approved and in place. The relevant motions to set up the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will follow shortly. One Parish and its residents have discussed the possibility of requesting a judicial review of the process of creating the plan - but to our knowledge no such legal action has yet been taken. We are advised by officers that the prospects of such an action succeeding in overturning the plan are slim.

HQ Relocation - planning submissions have been submitted for Riverside House and the Covent Garden site in Leamington. If approved, this will enable the next steps in the relocation project, which will see WDC save some £300k per annum, and significant investment in the centre of Leamington (including a new multi-storey car park).

Gypsy and Traveller Sites - following the recent meeting, parishes should expect to see ongoing efforts to find possible gypsy and traveller sites. As outlined, a transit site would help considerably to alleviate the growing problem of illegal encampments.

Finance - finances continue to look in balance for the current year, though next year looks more problematic, with savings of some £200k required. While not a big sum, such savings are proving ever harder to identify.

Leisure centres - these are proving very popular, helped by a recent event to publicise the new swimming pools.

b. **Warwickshire County Council**

Updates included

Road improvements at A4177 junction with Haseley Knob Road and A452 Birmingham Road (West of Red Lane)

Children Centres 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 has now closed. Kenilworth County Councillors are opposing the reduction to Children's services in Kenilworth & surrounding areas. It is hoped that one of the two centres in Kenilworth will be retained which are well used by parents and children from Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division

Europa Way Warwick a large road improvement to Europa Way has been agreed which is part of a comprehensive plan to improve traffic flow and make access to the new developments proposed by the recently granted WDC Local Plan. The cost will be met entirely by site developers Section 106 contributions and department of Transport Grants.

HS2 At a recent meeting of the County Council's HS2 Members Panel it emerged that a number of planning applications have been agreed across all parts of the County for various minor works including Newt Ponds!

Teachers Pay Award At a Special meeting of the WCC Staff & Pensions Committee it was agreed to recommend that Teaching Staff funded by WCC receive a 2% uplift to their salaries.

Flu Prevention Warwickshire County Council, local Clinical Commissioning Groups and hospitals are urging communities to get vaccinated. Flu vaccinations are an important way of protecting yourselves and family from flu.

One in three people in the region are entitled to a free vaccination. Last year, most people offered the vaccine chose to be immunised. Those able to have free vaccinations include people aged 65 and over, pregnant women, children or adults with serious medical conditions and carers.

17/10/8 **Updates, Correspondence and Publications Received for Information**

a. Warwick District Council – Economic Update

b. Warwick District Council – Boundary Review - At the Warwick District Council meeting on 20 September 2017 it was agreed that the Council would submit to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) that Warwick District Council should be comprise of 48 Councillors (plus or minus one). These arrangements to be in place in time for next District Council elections.

c. Warwick District Council – Local Plan adopted - in circulation file

d. Warwick District Council - Standards Committee To cease in current format, in its place there would be a Committee of Warwick District Councillors of which at least three would be dual hatted members who were also either on a Parish or Town Council.

e. Warwick District Council - Local Government Parliamentary Boundary Review Commission for England – forwarded

f. Warwickshire County Council – Superfast Broadband Update - forwarded

g. Warwick WALC Meeting Update – Cllr Henderson updated in relation to Gypsy and Travellers legal position and powers of the local authority, and issues relating to identifying gypsy and traveller sites.

h. Warwick Community Forum Update – Cllr Mrs Toogood - volunteers requested to join group that sets agenda for the Forum and to view grants coming in. Cllr Child volunteered to participate. All consultations are available on Warwickshire on Line

i. Warwick District Council - Briefing Note on Warwick District Council consultation on Community Engagement - forwarded

j. Warwick Community Forum – Presentation on Rural Community Development - forwarded

k. NALC – The Good Councillor's Guide to Finance and Transparency

l. WALC – 2016/17 Annual Report

17/10/9 **Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision**

- a. Invitation to WALC AGM 7.30pm 1st November 2017 – Shire Hall, Warwick – no volunteers

17/10/10 **Progress Reports**

- a. Speeding Concerns – Op SCORPIO, which had happened in Lapworth as well as other parts of South Warwickshire, on Saturday 7th October. The part of the operation that occurred in Lapworth resulted in a vehicle being seized (no business insurance) and 5 speeding tickets issued to motorists travelling through the village.
- b. Village Hall Play Area Equipment progress report – Cllr Rees agreed to be other named contact on Tesco Bags of Help Application.
- c. Barclays Bank Mandate – add Cllrs Child and Mrs Smalley to the mandate.
- d. Legal issues relating to grass verges and obstructions placed thereon – to be published on website, magazine and individual copies distributed as appropriate.
- e. Visibility Splay – Mill Lane/Old Warwick Road – being considered by WCC parking team
- f. Email database – Cllr Child advised that the costs of an interactive database were prohibitive. The Parish Council agreed to progress Facebook, Twitter and email circulation.
- g. Dangerous Tree 135 Station Lane responsibility of landowner – Cllr Corney progressing
- h. Village Hall Land Registration – on going
- i. Glasshouse Lane request to change postal address – confirmation received that postal address has been changed from Hockley Heath to Lapworth – remove from agenda
- j. Parking at Station Cllr Rees email of 10th May refers – clerk has contacted Network Rail chased again 16-10-17
- k. Fly Tipping Grove Lane – Site visit taken place but no preventative arrangements to be put in place. However regular joint inspections will be incorporated with Veolia the street cleansing contractor, this will be incorporated into a regular routine with them when inspecting the west areas of the district. Warwick District Council now working in partnership with Rugby to prosecute fly tippers. Remove from agenda.
- l. Community development/Social Isolation work in Lapworth – meeting arrangements?
- m. Adoption of Lapworth Train Station phone box – clerk chased again 16-10-17
- n. Parish Councillor Vacancy – two expressions of interest to date – review in November potentially to present to the December meeting?
- o. Parish Council Insurance – Clerk to seek quote from Zurich

17/10/11 **Reports and Questions**

To receive reports and questions from members in brief, including items for next agenda.

- a. Lapworth Village Hall – Cllrs Child and Mrs Ludlow nominated Lapworth Parish Council representatives for the forthcoming year.
- b. Lapworth Recreation Sites - toilets set to close end of October, Cllr Mrs Ludlow to site visit with a view to compiling a list of repairs.
- c. Flooding Issues
- d. Allotments – report of a fallen tree enquires to be made to try and ascertain ownership. Clive Eakin Manor Farm may know who owns the field, Cllr Corney to ask Martyn Lamb
- e. Communications, Openness and Accountability
 - Lapworthpc.org.uk website – data forwarded
 - Noticeboards
 - Parish Magazine -update on progress towards universal distribution
 - Electronic distribution – grant to be requested

17/10/12 **Roads and Rights of Way**

Clerk to contact Peter Hallam to:

- 1. ask if possible to have a sign at top of Valley Lane prohibiting hgv's.

2. request that the road surface on Lapworth PC side of canal bridge on Rising Lane be repaired.
3. request that the hedge be cut back at the Old Scout hut.

Clerk to write to Mr Wiseman re Uplands Farm re permission regarding permanent sign being placed on highway.

17/10/13 Planning

a. Planning applications considered

W17/1216	Erection of 2no. semi-detached dwellings with associated works (amended design to previously approved permission W/16/2197) Land between nos 156-152 Aylesbury Road, Lapworth Amendments Proposed: Revised drawings received 13.09.17 reduce the plan depth of the dwellings and revise the layout resulting in a staggered pair of dwellings. Amendments requested by case officer to address impacts on neighbouring amenity Decision issued – Granted – no comment
W17/1558	Change of use of part agricultural building to MOT Centre Reception Area (replacement of existing temporary structure). Uplands Farm, Cheshetts Wood Road, Lapworth No objection
W17/1559	Erection of single dwellinghouse (resubmission of W/16/1767) Spinaway, Church Lane, Lapworth, Solihull No objection
W17/1596	Prior Approval for Notification of Larger Home extension for side and rear single storey extension ; length 8m; height 3m; height to eaves 2.4m 135 Cheshetts Wood Road, Lapworth Clerk to query why is this prior approval, why no application has been received by LPC and what is going on?
W17/1636	Siting and use of park home for holiday let accommodation 10 Meadow Lane, Lapworth Objection – no special circumstances, outside of the Village Envelope, park home not in keeping with the village scene
W17/1658	Erection of two dwellings with associated landscaping Oakfield, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth No objection
W17/1671	Proposed porch to front elevation The Field House, Bushwood Lane, Bushwood No objection
W17/1724	Development of 38no. residential dwellings together with associated access, parking, open space and landscaping. Land at Meadow House/Kingswood Farm Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, No objection
W17/1741	Erection of single storey rear extension and rebuilding of single storey side extension 65 Station Lane, Lapworth No objection
W17/1774	Prior notification Part 3, Class R for a proposed change of use from an agricultural building to a flexible use (offices). Lapworth Barns, Packwood Lane, Lapworth No objection
W17/1775	Variation of condition number 5 (submission of energy statement) for application number W/16/1169 to allow a reduced energy reduction requirement for the development Former Aylesbury House Hotel, Aylesbury Road, Lapworth No objection
W17/1799	Resubmission of W/17/0848: Construction of agricultural building Bryants Nursery, Station Lane, Lapworth No objection subject to the District Council being satisfied that the development is appropriate

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

Reference:	Description and address	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W17/1201	Erection of lean to shed to facilitate the storage of materials Willpower Garage, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W17/1302	Proposed pitched roof to front and side and garage conversion 73 Station Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W17/1319	Erection of a basement swimming pool with and extension to existing outbuilding. Cheswood Grange, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth	No objeciton	Granted
W17/1337 LB	Partial re-tiling of main roof (retrospective application) Rectory Cottage, Church Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W17/1342	Installation of a contemporary artwork until October 2020 Packwood House, Packwood Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
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	Granted

17/10/14 Finance

a. To approve accounts for payment as below

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Amount £
	101719	Clerk September salary, and expenses		563.78
	101720	HMRC September		139.23
	101721	Fairways 13 th of 21 invoices	80	480
	101723	Arden Gates	190	1,114.00

17/10/15 Date of Next Meeting – The next Ordinary Meeting of the of Lapworth Parish Council will be held on 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall

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