

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 9th April 2018

Present

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)

Cllr Child

Cllr Mrs Toogood

Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Corney

In Attendance

District Councillor Mrs Gallagher

District Councillor Whiting

Clerk to the Council

18/4/1 **Apologies** Cllr Manley, Cllr Jarvis, Cllr Mrs Ludlow, County Councillor Cooke

18/4/2 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Henderson expressed a personal interest in W18/0207 Mountford Farm

18/4/3 **Dispensations** – no dispensation requests received or granted

18/4/4 **Public Participation** – Two members of the public to express concerns regarding 135 Chessetts Wood Road, revised application subject to removal of any permitted development rights. Revised application to include a basement previous application had been approved for a three storey dwelling as opposed to the original two storey. Concerns regarding the potential to raise roof height, neighbouring foundations and the railway embankment.

18/4/5 **Speeding Issues – ANPR Cameras - Barston Parish Councillor Paul Hadley** gave a brief overview of the installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras in Barston. Local individuals and businesses had bought and put up 5 initially, the Parish Council had subsequently bought another two and were planning another 5. The average cost of an installed camera is in the region of £2,000.

The cameras recognise 90% of number plates, record 24 hours a day and log the data using nearest broadband which can be stored for a maximum of 30 days and is only accessible by a nominated representative for official follow up access.

The West Midlands Police has been very supportive and were happy to receive the information provided. Cllr Child query Warwickshire Police view at forthcoming Warwick West meeting

18/4/6 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 12th March 2018

18/4/7 **Reports for Information**

a. Warwick District Council

A report was received regarding the Riverside House redevelopment proposals and the move of the Council Offices to Covent Garden. There are a number of motivators include the deterioration of both Riverside House and Covent Garden Car Park. The proceeds from the sale of the Riverside House will be used pay for council offices and apartments and the Council was to pay for new car park. Planning approved, local MP opposed to idea and wrote to Secretary of State to ask for a call in, however formal notification had been received that it will not be called in.

The proposals will Save £300k a year in running costs, result in new bigger car park, spending powers of council employees in the heart of town, include Council Chambers and free up town hall for more efficient use.

Final WDC approval due before February / March 2019, work starting immediately after and limited to one Christmas period, with contingency plans for car parking. Hopefully open in 2020.

Waste contract up for renewal and an increase anticipated due to minimum wage changes and recycled waste values.

World War 1 memorial maintenance funding available from WRW closing date May 10th

b. Warwickshire County Council

The County Council has been give an extra £1.5 million to help towards repairing potholes in the County, potentially a small fraction of what is actually required.

New National Planning Policy Framework Announced

The Government is consulting on its recently announced new version of the NPPF, potentially giving increasing powers to those Councils with Neighbourhood Plans. Two years from the Neighbourhood Plan being accepted at referendum Councils can effectively veto housing developments within their NP area. More info can be found at:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework>

Fire Service asks Warwickshire residents to have their say!

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking residents to have their say about the work they do to keep Warwickshire's communities safe. A short survey has been launched today (Thursday 5 April) and is open until the end of the month.

Talking about the survey Area Commander Dave Pemberton said:-

"Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to keep our communities safe. We constantly review our resources to ensure that we have the right people, equipment, and fire engines in the right place ready to respond when the public need us the most. It's important for us to understand if the work we do helps our communities to feel safe, that they are satisfied with the service we provide, and that they feel informed about the work we do, which is why we are asking them to let us know through this survey. By listening to our communities and what matters to them, we can continue to serve our residents as effectively as possible."

To complete the survey visit <http://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90065403/Warwickshire-Fire-and-Rescue-Service-2018>

Warwickshire turns spotlight onto rural economy

Warwickshire County Council has released a 'Rural Growth Plan' for the county. The document puts a spotlight on 'Rural' Warwickshire and focuses actions on key issues affecting rural businesses and communities and sets out the council's priorities for supporting and sustaining our unique rural areas.

Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Warwickshire County Council's Leader and portfolio holder for Economic Development said:

"Home to over 30% of the Warwickshire population and 37% of businesses, Warwickshire's rural areas make up 34% of the county's total output and have enormous potential.

"The Rural Growth Plan highlights the importance of the rural economy and provides the opportunity for the County Council to work more closely with partners and coordinate activity more effectively to where it will add most value".

Warwickshire has adopted the Rural Growth Plan, which will also complement the ambitions of the Coventry and Warwickshire Strategic Economic Plan which also recognises the potential inherent in the County's rural economy.

Rural Warwickshire is home to a wide range of businesses, from forestry and food production, arable and dairy farms, to highly specialised design and manufacturing companies and tourism businesses – to mention just a few.

The Growth Plan focuses on seven key issues; rural business support, skills and training, rural tourism, digital connectivity, research and development, natural assets and heritage and access and community networks.

These complement the ambitions of the Coventry & Warwickshire Strategic Economic Plan which recognises the potential inherent in Warwickshire's rural areas, including the major contribution of culture & tourism to the economy.

The plan can be viewed at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ruralplan>

18/4/8 **Updates, Correspondence and Publications Received for Information – previously circulated**

- a. WDC Economic Update
- b. WALC Training Programme
- c. WALC - Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England
- d. WALC - South Warwickshire Better together programme
- e. WALC - Self Assessment for Parish Councils
- f. WALC - Section 137 level £7.86 per elector of which there are 1,460 as at March 2018
- g. Planning Positively through Partnership – Local Government Association guidance
- h. Consultation on revisions to National planning Policy Framework– comments by 10th May
- i. WCC consultations briefing notes:
 - Sand and Gravel
 - Home to School Transport
- j. Solihull Local Plan Update
- k. Warwick WALC Minutes

18/4/9 **Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision**

- a. To **consider** whether Lapworth Parish Council meets the qualifying criteria to be exempt from the External Audit regime. New audit regime advises that Council's with an income of less than £25,000 may be exempt from external audit, which would cost £200. It was **RESOLVED** that Lapworth Parish Council met the qualifying criteria and was exempt from mandatory external audit and not to participate in a costed external audit.
- b. To **consider** funding support in relation to the playground equipment upgrade Multigoal including installation £4,000 no other grant available in short term. A £2000 Rural West Grant has been approved to help purchase it. Installation costs to be confirmed - total cost likely to be approx. £4000. It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure of up to £2,500 for the multigoal project.
- c. To **approve/consider** submission of planning application in relation to works proposed. at Lapworth Village Hall. It was **RESOLVED** that the application be submitted by Lapworth PC as lessors on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.
- d. To **consider** The Local Government Boundary Commission for England draft recommendation council ward boundaries for Warwick – consultation closes 11th June 2018

18/4/10 **Progress Reports**

- a. Village Hall Play Area Equipment progress report from Cllr Rees advising that there was potential contributions from developers, Lapworth charity and Dorridge Fun Run. Sports England, Tesco, Lottery, RUCIS and CIL also being pursued for financial support. Cllr Rees to discuss proposal with Play Area neighbours.

- b. Barclays Bank Mandate – Clerk to progress
- c. Visibility Splay – Mill Lane/Old Warwick Road – being considered by WCC parking team
- d. Email database/Nextdoor – Cllr Child has completed this action, move to communications, any comments on posts to be forwarded to Cllr Child within 48 hours.
- e. Dangerous Tree 135 Station Lane – permission from WDC to have cut back, WCC advised that they did not believe it to be a risk. Cllr Rees to advise neighbours. No further action to be taken, remove from agenda.
- f. Village Hall Land Registration – carry forward
- g. Parking at Station Cllr Rees progressing. Network Rail advised that the site could not be released – remove from agenda
- h. Directory of Local Organisations – ongoing
- i. Lapworth Train Station phone box – request for suggestions from Nextdoor.com
- j. Parish Council Insurance – quotes received. Clerk to clarify cost of including phone box and war memorial.
- k. Parish Assembly Review – attendance down on last year, but well received and worthwhile.
- l. WCAVA Community Evening proposal – Clerk to confirm with Jo Stanforth and suggest a July or September event.
- m. Speeding Concerns – Cllr Rees to follow up, Cllr Child to raise at Community Forum

18/4/11 **Reports and Questions**

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

- a. Lapworth Village Hall
- b. Lapworth Recreation Sites -
 - ROSPA re-inspection report – pea gravel added thanks to a local donor of material
- c. Flooding Issues – usual OWR sites, gullies need cleaning, see 18/4/12
- d. Allotments
- e. Communications, Openness and Accountability
 - Lapworthpc.org.uk website
 - Noticeboards
 - Parish Magazine -update on progress towards universal distribution
 - Nextdoor.com

In relation to the initiative regarding ANPR Cameras, the Parish Council agreed to support in principal and endorse setting of a working party/sub committee from interested parties with a view to receiving a report back with a feasibility proposal. Clerk to contact interested parties.

18/4/12 **Roads and Rights of Way**

- a. Flooding on Rising Lane – Noted copy sent to WCC

18/4/13 **Planning**

a. Planning Applications considered

W18/0207	Variation of condition No. 2 (Drawing numbers) of application ref W/16/0578/LB ('Proposed internal and external alterations to existing two storey side extension (northern elevation)') to replace drawing nos. 205-012 and 205-016A with 205-040A and 205-016B to change internal doorway and alter joinery Mountford Farm, Church Lane, Lapworth
	No objection
W18/0413	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission W/17/1775 (Variation of energy condition attached to W/16/1169) to vary the proposed house types on the development as approved under application reference W/16/1169. Former Aylesbury House Hotel, Aylesbury Road, Lapworth
	No objection
W18/0446 AG	Agricultural building for storage of grain, hay and the associated fertilizer, machinery and equipment required.

	Gospel Oak Farm, Rising Lane, Chessetts Wood , Lapworth
	No objection
W18/0523	Erection of a single storey side extension Firs House, 122 Bakers Lane, Knowle
	No objection
W18/0553	Permission W/17/1114 (Demolition of existing residential dwelling and associated outbuildings for new detached dwellinghouse.) to include a basement. 135 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth
	Objection – Overdevelopment, dangerous location for works to be carried out with very limited parking, permitted development rights removed, concerns regarding proximity and impact on neighbouring foundations
W18/0555	Application for Variation of Condition 2 (plan numbers) of planning permission W/17/1534 (change of use of existing stable to a holiday let) to allow for the retention of the first floor to become a bedroom; various internal alterations; insertion of additional windows; and removal of door Bakers Barn, Bakers Lane, Knowle
	Objection – Overdevelopment in Green Belt, original approved design suitable for proposed use, query increase in roof height?
W18/0556	Proposed underground septic tank Lapworth Farm, Packwood Lane, Lapworth
	No objection

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

Reference:	Description and address	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W17/1724	Development of 38 no.residential dwellings together with associated access, parking, open space and landscaping Land at Meadow House/Kingswood Farm Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W18/0011	Proposed change of use of outbuilding to a 2 bed residential dwelling Gospel Oak Farm, Rising Lane, Lapworth	Objection – inappropriate development	Refused
W18/0021	Demolition of existing pool house and verandah and erection of new pool house Orchard Drive, 116 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth	No objection	Withdrawn
W18/0044	Erection of single storey rear extension to create an office; Erection of two storey rear extension to create living room and dining room with extended bedrooms above; Formation of basement to create cinema room, bar, games and entertaining area, wine cellar (existing basement area), W.C., lift shaft and 3 staircases to ground floor. Arden Hill, Lapworth Street, Lapworth	No objection subject to not exceeding permitted development	Granted
W18/0058	Variation of condition 2 (drawing nos.) of planning permission ref: W/15/1149 (Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling and garage (resubmission of W/14/1628) granted on Appeal on 2nd March, 2016 to allow for the retention of the stables, rather than the greenhouse and garage. Baddesley Holt, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W18/0215	Formation of dropped kerb to provide new vehicular access Lombardy, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	Objection due to impact on street scene	Refused
W18/0224	Erection of replacement single storey rear extension and rebuilding of single storey side element at 65 Station Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W18/0230	Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning	No objection	Granted

	permission W/17/2013 (Erection of new dwellinghouse after demolition of existing buildings and reconfiguration of residential garden land) to amend the plan numbers to allow for the inclusion of a basement within the footprint of the dwelling. Lodge Cottage, Hole House Lane, Lapworth,		
W18/0360	Erection of a single storey extension at front 193 Station Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Granted

18/4/14 Finance

a. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the 2017/18 Accounts

b. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the accounts for payment as below

Invoice No.	Cheque No.		VAT £	Amount £
	101744	Clerk March salary and expenses		£562.51
	101744	HMRC March		£137.40
	101745	HOEW Subscriptions		£10.00
	101746	Cox and Son re repair at VH Carpark	£23.20	£139.20
	101747	MI Business Services Website Hosting and maintenance		£150.00
	101748	WALC Annual Subscription		£560.00

18/4/15 Date of Next Meeting – The Annual Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will held on 14th May 2018 at 7.30 in Lapworth Village Hall

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