

# **LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **Present**

**Cllr Henderson (Chairman)**  
**Cllr Mrs Ludlow**

**Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman)**  
**Cllr Child**

**Cllr Manley**

**Also present:** County Councillor Cooke, District Councillor Mrs Gallagher

19/3/1 **Apologies** Cllr Corney, Cllr Mrs Toogood,

19/3/2 **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Henderson declared a personal interest in W19/0304 Chestnut House and refrained from the discussion.

19/3/3 **Dispensations** – no dispensation requests received.

19/3/4 **Public Participation** – No members of the public present

19/3/5 **Minutes**

**It was RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 as a true and complete record of the meeting.

19/3/6 **Reports for Information**

a. Warwick District Council -

### **Statement from District Councillor Sue Gallagher - 11 March 2019**

During the Parish Assembly District Councillor announced her intention not to stand for re-election for the District Council in May, having represented people living in Leek Wootton, Shrewley, Rowington, Haseley, Beausale, Lapworth, Baddesley Clinton, Chadwick End and Wroxall for 12 years. The same statement was referenced for the Parish Council Meeting.

Recent events meant that District Councillor Mrs Gallagher could no longer work with the Conservative group and had to question whether she wished to stand for re-election as an independent. Having reflected on how she had been treated by the administration she had decided that she did not wish to undertake a further four years working with a body who she felt had mismanaged a number of key projects and behaved in an unacceptable fashion. An excerpt of her statement is given below:

‘Being able to help individuals with issues or problems they face is one of the most satisfying aspects of being a Councillor and as far as I am concerned it is this ability that has always been my central focus in all that I have done. Of course one has to make decisions at times that are not going to be universally popular but nevertheless are decisions that one knows are the right actions to take.

I earnestly hope that those that know me and my approach will agree I have never been a person to quit or walk away from any issue or need. With District Council elections approaching I have had to consider long and hard as to whether, if re-elected, I would wish to serve a further four years as District Councillor. I have decided that having served three terms of office which have been very enjoyable, bar the recent political aspects I mentioned earlier, I will not be standing for re-election as District Councillor for Arden Ward.

This has not been an easy decision but nevertheless it is a considered and final decision. I have done all I can and remained true to my principles throughout my time as District Councillor. I am twelve years older since becoming a District Councillor and there are other things I wish to do. I do not wish to give up more time undertaking a further four years as a Councillor on an elected authority that I do not see as reflecting the 21st century or changing and operating to meet expectations in 2019 and beyond.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone that has helped, supported and voted for me over the 12 years that I have been proud to be District Councillor. I do hope that people will come forward from the villages to represent their communities at the District Council rather than the Arden Ward ending up with three Councillors all who are from Kenilworth.

It is now for others, if they are so minded, to step forward and play their part.'

Heartfelt thanks were extended to Councillor Mrs Gallagher by the Parish Council and members of the public who were present at the Assembly meeting.

b. Warwickshire County Council

**Health & Wellbeing**

A Warwickshire County Council debate on the value of integrating public services to improve health and wellbeing received positive support last week.

The special council meeting, on Tuesday 19 February, discussed the motion *this council believes that an integrated care system focused on communities is the right way forward for the health and wellbeing of citizens in Warwickshire*.

There were eight key speakers at the debate, including representatives from the Coventry and Warwickshire STP, CCGs and local hospices, and also members of the public and advocacy groups such as Healthwatch. All were in agreement about the positive effects of an integrated health and wellbeing system, and the need for transparency, accountability, and to fully engage partners, communities and patients in the move towards a more integrated system.

The motion was agreed along with an amendment to ensure sufficient and sustainable funding is available.

**Warwickshire Car Dealers Discovered Selling Dangerous and Unroadworthy Vehicles**

An operation to target the sellers of dangerous and unroadworthy vehicles and protect road users, carried out by Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service, found that almost 19% of the garages visited had unroadworthy cars for sale on their forecourt.

Trading Standards Officers made unannounced visits to 16 garages located across all five districts and boroughs and chosen using consumer complaint data.

A vehicle expert was employed to carry out a thorough examination of 31 cars, of which five were found to have so many faults that they were deemed to be dangerous and unroadworthy. Faults identified included damaged brakes, illegal tyres, seatbelt mounting corrosion and steering and suspension faults.

All garage owners were advised of their responsibilities and further enforcement action will be undertaken in the future.

19/3/7      **Correspondence and Publications Received for Information/Consultation - noted**

- a. WDC Economic Development Update – Volume 19
- b. WDC Boundary Maps
- c. WCC Newsletters 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019
- d. Hospital to Home Settling Service presentation

- e. Feedback from CIL Information evening – Cllrs Henderson and Rees. Cllr Mrs Ludlow requested that either Cllr Rees or Henderson attend an upcoming meeting of the VH Committee.
- f. Funding for indoor and outdoor sports equipment available from Warwick District Council. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the District Council
- g. WDC and Parish Council elections – it was noted with regret that Parish Councillor Mary Toogood announced her intention not to stand for re-election in the forthcoming elections. For those wishing to stand for election forms of nomination for District Elections may be obtained at Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5HZ from the Returning Officer who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Warwick District Council, Riverside House, Milverton Hill, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 5HZ on any day after the date of this notice but no later than 4 pm on Wednesday, 3rd April 2019.

#### 19/3/8 **Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision**

- a. To **consider** quotes for replacement of play area equipment and decide on a preferred supplier. It was **RESOLVED** to award the contract to Kompan to supply, deliver and install the play area equipment. This was based on the best service to date, competitive quote that has been improved, and good local reference sites. Thanks were extended to Clare and Cllr Rees for the tremendous efforts in raising the funds and undertaking the project through.

#### 19/3/9 **Progress Reports**

- a. Village Hall Play Area Equipment progress report Cllr Rees previously given
- b. Visibility Splay – Mill Lane/Old Warwick Road – To be included for a decision on WCC parking restrictions for January 2019 – clerk to contact WCC to see if any decision has been reached.
- c. Village Hall Land Registration – complete remove from agenda
- d. Directory of Local Organisations – circulated for comments
- e. Lapworth Train Station phone box – publicized again
- f. GDPR email addresses – defer until after elections
- g. Millennium Sign – Cllr Henderson to progress

#### 19/3/10 **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
- b. Lapworth Recreation Sites
- c. Flooding Issues
- d. Allotments
- e. Communications, Openness and Accountability  
Lapworthpc.org.uk website  
Nextdoor.com  
Noticeboards  
Parish Magazine

#### 19/3/11 **Roads and Rights of Way**

To receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way – Cllr Child to supply areas of concern. Cllr Rees to contact Cllr Esselmont re price for additional gritting.

#### 19/3/12 **Planning**

a. **Planning applications for consideration together with any others received prior to the meeting,**

W19/0235	Proposed single storey side extension to existing detached annex. Acorn Cottage, Bakers Lane, Knowle
	No objection
W19/0304	Erection of a single storey side extension; erection of a single storey link extension to existing outbuilding with roof terrace above; conversion of existing outbuilding; construction of an external spiral staircase to existing dwellinghouse and the erection of a detached 3 bay garage with studio above. Chestnut House, Lapworth Street, Lapworth
	Objection overdevelopment of site in green belt. Previously a small cottage, known as Chestnut Cottage, that has been subject to considerable development circa 2010
W19/0363 AG	Prior notification for the extension of an existing access track Helmsley Court Farm, Bakers Lane, Knowle
	No objection

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

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W18/2040	Conversion of barn/workshop unit to a single dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) Tapster House, Lapworth Street, Lapworth	No objection	Refused
W18/2043	Erection of two-storey rear extension, first floor side and rear extension and entrance porch together with external alterations Bradfield House, Rising Lane, Lapworth	Query whether overdevelopment of site?	Granted
W18/2186	Proposed stable block with outdoor menage and associated works Tudor Gables, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth	No objection	Granted
W18/2369	Erection of stable building Land opposite Brook House, Bakers Lane, Knowle	Objection – inappropriate development in green belt, impact on visual openness and conflicts with the purpose of including land in the green belt	Granted
W18/2371	Erection of a two storey side/rear extension. 45 Station Lane, Lapworth	Objection - Over development of existing site	Granted
W18/2375	Erection of a two storey side/rear extension. Green Acres, Church Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Refused
W18/2432	Proposed demolition of existing single storey side and rear extensions and erection of 2.5 storey side extension. Application of white render to the rear elevation of the dwellinghouse. Replacement of all existing timber windows with PPC aluminium framed windows. 68 Chapel Lane, Lapworth	Query whether in keeping with street scene?	Granted

c. **Appeals - none to date**

19/3/13 **Finance**

a. It was **RESOLVED TO** approve accounts for payment as below:

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Amount £
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	101791	Clerk February salary, expenses		555.29
	101791	HMRC February		140.20
	101792	MI Business Services website hosting		150.00
	101793	Village Hall Room Hire Jan, Feb, March 3 x £27		81.00
	101794	Standley & Co re VH Deeds	91.00	948.00
	101795	Fairways – Treework at the Village Hall	150.00	900.00

19/3/14      **Date of Next Meeting** – The next Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Lapworth Village Hall