

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 13th January 2020

Present

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)
Cllr Mace

Cllr Rees (Vice Chair)

Cllr Manley

Cllr Child

Also present: D Cllr Illingworth, C Cllr J Cooke, D Cllr Hales

20/1/1 **Apologies Cllr Ludlow, Cllr Doyle, Cllr Shales**

20/1/2 **Declarations of Interest** – none declared

20/1/3 **Dispensations** – no requests received

20/1/4 **Public Participation** – none

20/1/5 **Neighbourhood Planning** – David Butler, Business Manager, Policy & Delivery Warwick District Council gave an overview of the process, benefits and timescales of introducing a Neighbourhood Plan. Grant funding is available from Central Government, recent examples of local Neighbourhood Plans include Leek Wootton/Guys Cliffe.

20/1/6 Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council meeting on 9th December 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. However it was noted that the concerns expressed re traffic on Station Lane were not just confined to the period that the Old Warwick Road had been closed by Severn Trent.

20/1/7 Reports for Information

a. Warwick District Council

After two by-elections in the last few weeks the political balance of Warwick District Council remains as it was and I am still a Chairman with a casting vote though I have not had to use it since the Annual Meeting in May.

Little has happened in the last month because of purdah during the General Election campaign and Christmas

Budget setting is imminent though the Government support announcement has been delayed by the Election and was made in a written announcement following the Queen's Speech.

There are some changes to RUCIS. The money is being pooled rather than two separate budgets for Rural and Urban and to reflect the climate emergency agenda greater emphasis will be placed on the environmental benefits of schemes. The RUCIS £150,000 would no longer be divided between rural and urban areas, schemes with environmental benefits could benefit from a 90% grant rather than 80%.

WDC Climate Emergency declared with the aim to be carbon neutral by 2025.

b. Warwickshire County Council

For clarification it was advised that kerbed stretches of road are a District Council function.

Stanks Island

Traffic management is to be put in place to enable the essential works on the Stanks Island and Birmingham Road improvement scheme to be carried out safely.

From 13th January 2020 until Spring 2020, the following Temporary Traffic Orders will be in place:

1. **Wedgnock Lane southbound** will be closed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from its junction with Cape Road to Wedgnock roundabout.
2. **Westbound traffic on the A425** will no longer be able to turn right onto Wedgnock Lane and will be diverted around Stanks Island and back where turning left into Wedgnock Lane is permitted. This will be in place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
3. **Traffic from Budbrooke Road** will be banned from turning right onto Birmingham Road from 9.30am until 3.30pm Monday to Friday if temporary signals are in use. During this time traffic will be diverted around Stanks Island and back. Without this ban, 3-way temporary traffic signals would be required which would cause significant delays to the network.

Map at <https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-770-504>

20/1/8 Correspondence and Publications Received for Information/Consultation – previously forwarded

- a. The Rural Bulletin - noted
- b. Warwickshire Heritage and Culture strategy - noted
- c. Warwickshire Minerals - noted
- d. Royal Garden Party Nomination – Cllr Henderson proposed and seconded
- e. Stanks Island Roadworks - noted
- f. Health and wellbeing funding opportunity for Warwickshire based initiatives

20/1/9 Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision

- a. Trees Station Lane – part of a five year programme and scheduled to be looked at during 2020.

20/1/10 Progress Reports

- a. Village Hall Play Area/carpark improvements – first quarter inspection carried out by Kompan and a clean bill of health.
- b. Indoor/outdoor sports contribution – **clerk to include in Parish Magazine and advise Cricket Club.**
- c. Lapworth Train Station phone box – Clerk has contacted WCC and Network Rail.
- d. GDPR email addresses - remove from the agenda
- e. Millennium Sign – defer
- f. Gritting Routes – decision as to whether to challenge WCC refusal to extend gritting routes
- g. Lapworth Canal Signage – progressing
- h. Social media considerations – Cllr Doyle to present to February meeting
- i. Brome Hall Lane Toilets – Agreed to deep pressure cleanse

- j. Neighbourhood Plans – Agreed to promote Neighbourhood Planning as an as item for Annual Assembly agreed.
 - k. Bakers Lane – advised that given the height of the fences they would be permitted development and therefore not need planning permission
 - l. Severn Trent Closure of Old Warwick Road – Cllr Rees had pursued the matter and passed on information to local businesses affected by the closure.
 - m. Community Speedwatch update – Cllr Doyle had arranged a meeting for 8pm Tuesday 14th January 2020 the Local Community Police Officer.
- Given the number of complaints regarding speeding traffic, the potential to write to Police and Crime Commissioner to ask for greater policing and enforcement of speed limits in Lapworth was discussed. It was therefore proposed that the Parish Council write to Police and Crime Commissioner, following the meeting with the local Community Police Officer

20/1/11 **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 – Old Warwick Road, gullies had been cleared prior to Christmas, but is a recurring problem caused by silt flowing off surrounding fields.
- d. Allotments
- e. Communications, Openness and Accountability
Lapworthpc.org.uk website
Nextdoor.com
Parish Noticeboards

20/1/12 **Roads and Rights of Way**

To receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way
Footpath by Cricket Club was in a poor state of repair. Cllr Henderson to investigate potential to have a metal kissing gate funded by WCC.

20/1/13 **Planning**

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

W19/2037	Replace office building B1 (a) with dwelling C3 Arden Hill, Lapworth Street, Lapworth
	Objection – inappropriate develop, no exceptional circumstances for new dwelling in the Green Belt.

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

Reference:	Description	PC Comment	WDC Decision
W19/1380	Proposed erection of self-build dwelling to Plot 3 Bryants Nursery, Station Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Withdrawn
W19/1381	Construction of detached dwelling and garage to Plot 2, and formation of drive with hammer head turning. Bryants Nursery, Station Lane, Lapworth	No objection	Withdrawn
W19/1386	Erection of part single storey and part two storey rear extension and replacement of existing single storey side extension 17 Station Lane, Lapworth, Solihull	No objection	Granted
W19/1470	Proposed erection of a self build dwelling Plot 1. Bryants Nursery, Station Lane, Lapworth,		Withdrawn
W19/1491	Replacement of existing orangery (6 x 3.9m) with larger 6 x 12m orangery. Netherwood, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth	No objection	Withdrawn

20/1/14 **Finance**

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

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Total Amount £
	101836	Clerk December salary and expenses		583.22
	101836	HMRC December		147.01
DP 23793	101836	Defibrillator Battery (Clerk reimbursement)	49.80	298.80
Z6113806	101837	ICO		40.00
	101838	Heart of England Subscription		10.00
	101839	Lapworth Village Hall Room Hire 3 x £27 Oct, Nov and December		81.00
	101840	Excelsior Grit Bin	21.00	126.00

20/1/15 **Date of Next Meeting** – The next Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council will be held on 10th February 2020 at 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall

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PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND