

# Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Held Virtually via Zoom

## Present

Cllr Henderson (Chairman), Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mace, Cllr Manley, Cllr Ludlow, Cllr Shales (latter part)

**Also present:** D Cllr Illingworth, C Cllr Cooke, Cllr Hales (beginning of meeting)

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Child

2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Henderson declared a personal and pecuniary interest in the reimbursement of the Zoom charges.

3. **Dispensations** – No requests received

4. **Public Participation** – Julia Singleton-Tasker the Community Rail Partnership Officer for the Heart of England Community Rail Partnership, joined the meeting <https://heartcommunityrail.org.uk/> or on Twitter @HeartCRP. Julia explained that a key part of community rail is ensuring that train stations become more than just a place to pass briefly through on the way to somewhere else. As part of this it is encouraged that local communities to become more involved in their stations through things like station adoption. Station adopters have the potential to make a huge difference to the environment of their station and the work that volunteers have undertaken at adopted stations across the country has been invaluable. Anybody can choose to become adopters and there is no charge to do so and this was an initial enquiry to find out whether this would be something that the Parish Council or anybody within the local community, may be interested in with regards to Lapworth Station?

5. **Minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Meeting, to be signed as soon as practicable

## 6. Reports for Information

### 6.1. Warwick District Council – Cllr Illingworth

Wards in the North of the County are now the hotter spots for **Covid cases** and locally the numbers have been falling, though recently there has been a slight increase. However the whole County has been treated as one and put in Tier 3. The leaders of Warwick and Stratford Districts have written to object because of the economic effects, particularly on the hospitality industry. Working with the NHS the councils are planning for mass vaccination centres when the opportunity arises. Locations have not yet been made public.

**Various financial Covid support schemes** are still available and detailed on the WDC website.

Work continues on setting the District Budget for next year. We face continuing loss of income in areas such as car parks and business rates and likely cost rises in other areas. I will leave any further financial comments to Cllr Richard Hales as the portfolio holder.

I recently attended a virtual Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee. Clearly the Airport and airline Industry have been badly affected with only a very small fraction of the usual passengers being carried. There are significant redundancies in many areas including particularly among passenger facing staff although key people such as Air Traffic Controllers are being retained to ensure the continued operation and future recovery of the airport. The airport is of course in Solihull.

Warwick District Council is working on the budget for 2021, and is proposing to take £7m out of reserves in order to balance the budget in 2021. We are also distributing a range of grants to business & village halls who have been order to shut & have so far paid nearly £2m to these across the district.

The area is hoping to come out of Tier 2 on the 16th December, and has made representations to central government and our MP's.

### 6.2. Warwickshire County Council - Cllr Cooke

#### Covid Vaccinations

WCC has recently written concerning Delivering the large scale Covid vaccination programme which is primarily the responsibility of Primary Care Networks (GP practice networks). In our District there are two networks, one covering Warwick, Kenilworth and surrounding areas and one covering Leamington and surrounding areas. As has been announced nationally, the local Primary Care Networks are working towards being ready to start delivering vaccinations from beginning of December. However, as only one vaccine has been approved by the regulator, the Primary Care Networks don't yet know exactly when vaccines will start being supplied and in what quantities, so there remains a degree of uncertainty.

The Warwick/Kenilworth PCN has identified a site (Warwickshire Golf Club) which can operate from December through to April. WCC will be working with the PCN on a community transport scheme to enable access to the site for those without a car.

#### Stanks Island and Birmingham Road improvement works near completion

Warwickshire County Council has announced the opening of the improvement works to help ease traffic congestion around Stanks Island and Birmingham Road during peak periods.

The scheme was designed to improve traffic circulation during peak periods, address traffic queues on the A46 slip roads and prepare for future predicted traffic increases. Air quality will be improved with the reduction in stationary traffic while allocation for greener travel has been made with pedestrian and cycling facilities being provided at various points throughout the works.

Traffic control signals that can detect vehicles and adjust their settings to respond to fluctuations in traffic have been installed to minimise queuing and help improve traffic flow. Shared pedestrian and cycling facilities have been provided to create better links between the town centre, residential and business areas, towards Budbrooke, Hatton and the rail station.

## 7. Correspondence and Publications Received for Information/Consultation

- 7.1. Planning Enforcement Training Sessions - 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 2-4pm and 25th January 2021 2-4pm
- 7.2. Census 21st March 2021
- 7.3. Press Release - Work begins on new Council homes
- 7.4. Press Release - Kenilworth Town Council - 'Kenilworth is Open for Business'.
- 7.5. 71st WALC Annual Report
- 7.6. Changes to Warwickshire County Highways online fault reporting
- 7.7. WALC Updates
- 7.8. Rural Services Network Updates – 17th and 24th November
- 7.9. West Midlands Trains Business Update - November 2020

## 8. Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision

### 8.1. Lapworth Charity Trustee Nominations

It was **RESOLVED** to support the nomination of Ian Knowles and Sarah Thompson as trustees to the Lapworth Charity.

### 8.2. Public consultation Canal-sides

The District Council had received some very good responses which had resulted in changes being put forward.

### 8.3. Lapworth Train Station Adoption

It was **RESOLVED** to promote to residents in Station Lane, the school and more generally via the Parish Magazine in the new year.

### 8.4. Speeding Issues/Traffic Monitoring

Further data to be provided.

## 9. Progress Reports

9.1. Lapworth Volunteers - The volunteers were thankfully quiet with very few prescriptions and shopping requirements. It is hoped that vaccinations will start for the Arden Primary Care Network (PCN) during week commencing 28th December. Lapworth Surgery falls under the Arden PCN and it looks likely that Studley Village Hall will be the vaccination centre.

Due to limited initial deliveries of the Pfizer vaccine, the highest priority patients are being treated first, starting with the over 90s and then as many of the over 80s as supplies allow in this first batch given that the second injection is needed 3 weeks after the first. Volunteers are being requested to support giving inoculations, and as drivers and marshals/stewards.

Transport to and from the vaccination centre is being looked into and the most likely options are VASA Community Transport (an organisation specialising in transporting patients to medical appointments) and Johnson minibuses. Volunteer drivers have been invited to apply to VASA and marshals and stewards at the Centre to South Warwickshire GP Services. Prices and availability are being discussed. Initial thoughts about private volunteer transport are now considered impractical given all the insurances, checks and other red tape involved.

The Lapworth Charity had agreed to pay up to £1,000 transport costs if needed, Patients Participation group able to offer £400. Jane Ryland Trust and Rowington PC will be approached to see if they will support any costs incurred given that Lapworth Surgery covers Rowington residents as well. Request whether Lapworth Parish Council would be willing to underwrite costs by £1,000.

It is hoped that a letter can be sent to over 80s in coming days once confirmation comes through about arrangements and asking them whether they need support with transport. Messages to be left on Lapworth Volunteers phoneline, which was being supported by Cllr Henderson. Cllr Henderson had contacted Rowington PC to ascertain if they wished to donate funds to support transport, no commitment had been made at this stage.

It was **RESOLVED** to provide contingency funding of £1,000 should it be required to support transport for the over 80 cohort, once the other funding available is exhausted.

9.2. Indoor Sports Grant - request to WDC to use for outdoor sports - developer was AC Lloyds Cllr Rees to contact informally

9.3. Community Speedwatch update - defer

9.4. Lapworth Train Station phone box – being used as a donation station

9.5. Millennium Sign – update

9.6. Lapworth Canal Signage – Cllr Doyle progress update

## 10. Reports and Questions

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

10.1. Lapworth Village Hall

10.2. Lapworth Recreation Sites – Fairways have been requested to cut overhanging branches off in the play area. Cllr Illingworth confirmed that as the play area was fenced off and clearly signed as a dog free zone it is legal to exclude dogs.

10.3. Communications, Openness and Accountability

10.3.1. Lapworthpc.org.uk website

10.3.2. Nextdoor.com

10.3.3. Parish Noticeboards

11. **Roads and Rights of Way** - To receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way

Trees and dead branches on Station Lane. Trees on highways assessed by the highways department earlier this year, they have been deemed to be safe for the next five years. I

Thanks to highways department for thorough clearing of drains in Rising and Station Lane.

## 12. Planning applications

12.1. W20/1263 - considered at September meeting objection subsequently withdrawn

Erection of two storey rear extension, garage conversion, alterations to fenestration, demolition of previous rear cloakroom extension, part re-roofing

Broomfield House, Church Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5NU - OBJECTION WITHDRAWN

12.2. W/20/1521

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission W/19/0423 (Erection of dwelling including demolition of existing barn) to amend design.

Annexe at Yew Tree Cottage, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6BA

LPC Comment – OBJECTION no exceptional reason for a new property in the Green Belt

12.3 W/20/1547 - considered remotely prior to meeting

Application for a replacement building, currently in use as a garden store.

Coolderry, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6HP

LPC Comment - NO OBJECTION

12.4 W/20/1647

Variation of Condition 2 (plan numbers) of W/20/0904 to include a basement area

Pine Cottage, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JB

LPC Comment – OBJECTION to increase in size of development, size of existing approval should be retained

12.5 W/20/1799

Erection of four new terraced 2.5-storey houses on vacant land

Land On The North Side Of, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth

LPC Comment – NO OBJECTION subject to Highways Approval. Concern re parking spilling on to main road, also suggest a construction statement as development on to main road to avoid danger during access and egress over well used footpath

Cllr Rees advised that he had received two phone calls concerning development of the land behind the Village Hall which was allocated for housing in the Local Plan. Access will be a key issue. A written submission and/or application may arrive in due course.

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

13.1. W20/1263 Notice is hereby given that Planning Permission is GRANTED for:

Erection of two storey rear extension, garage conversion, alterations to fenestration, demolition of previous rear cloakroom extension.

at Broomfield House, Church Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5NU

Lapworth PC Comment - No Objection ( original objection withdrawn)

13.2. W/20/1329

Proposed erection of single storey glazed garden room to rear of existing dwelling, plus and first floor window to existing gable.

Church Farm, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6PU

Lapworth PC Comment - No objection

WDC Decision - WITHDRAWN

13.3. W/20/1330 LB

Proposed erection of single storey glazed garden room to rear of existing dwelling, plus and first floor window to existing gable.

Church Farm, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6PU

Lapworth PC Comment - No objection

WDC Decision - WITHDRAWN

13.4. W20/1370 Notice is hereby given that Planning Permission is GRANTED for:  
Erection of single storey side and rear wrap-around extension. Resubmission of approval W/20/0428 and proposes to erect an additional side extension, make amendments to the roof design and increase the extent of render.  
at 21 Station Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6LW  
Lapworth PC Comment - Objection as exceeds 45 degree limit

13.5. W20/1422 Notice is hereby given that Prior Approval under Part 20, Class ZA is given for:  
Application for Prior Approval for proposed demolition of buildings and construction of new dwelling under Town and Country Planning (GPDO) England Order 2015 (as amended)-Schedule 2, Part 20, Class ZA  
at The Coach House, Arden Hill, Lapworth Street, Lapworth.  
Lapworth PC Comment - No objection

13.6. W20/1428 Notice is hereby given that Planning Permission is REFUSED for:  
Replacement dwelling, garaging and associated landscaping.  
at Land to the North of, Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull  
Lapworth PC Comment - LPC has no comment on this application

13.7. W20/1504 - Notice is hereby given that Planning Permission is REFUSED for: Extension to existing garage to form new poolhouse  
at 16 Aylesbury Court, Aylesbury Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6BE  
Lapworth PC Comment - Objection overdevelopment of site in green belt, altering the original design concept and permitted development rights have been removed

13.8. W20/1540 LB - Notice is hereby given that Listed Building Consent is GRANTED for:  
Replace existing tile covering and insulate, insert doors and Conservation rooflights to rear elevation of C20 wing  
at Little Rising, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6HW  
Lapworth PC Comment - No objection

Cllr Illingworth gave the following update from the WDC enforcement team

Bakers Lane – refusal of Barn Conversion

Canal moorings. ENF/560/20

We have written formally to the developer requiring a new submission for planning permission , and as of last Wednesday The Canal & River Trust have now confirmed their approval of the lengthened scheme.

Change of use of land south of moorings ENF/1631/20.

We have visited the site & discussed the matters with the moorings developer & the Canal & River Trust. One parcel of the agricultural field adjacent the canal has been sold , the former owner advises that he will no longer be advertising or selling any further land parcels implying that a mooring is approved or acceptable adjacent the land.

The Canal & River Trust are taking action on the mooring, and have written to the new land owner to remove the canal boat from that stretch of canal & will not support a mooring at that location. We have written formally to the land owner to cease the use of the land parcel for what is effectively ancillary residential use & remove the vehicles & any domestic paraphernalia from the land. We have also required that the use of agricultural access for access to this land while effectively in ancillary residential use is to cease.

Enforcement on Bakers Lane two aspects of marina and moorings at Bakers Lane.

Hump Back Bridge on Bakers Lane is the responsibility of Solihull MBC Highways .

## 14. Planning Appeals

### 14.1. Appeals Registered

Site Address: Terets Lodge, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JA

Proposed development: Proposed erection of single storey rear extension to existing summer house extension.

## 15. Finance

15.1. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments below

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Total
	Bank Transfer	Clerk November 2020 salary and expenses £593.77 HMRC £151.18 Wallets £7.04	1.17	751.99
08-21-113999 mLPC	Bank Transfer	Fairways – hedge cutting OWR	50	300.00
	Bank	C Henderson Zoom and volunteer phone line		57.80

	Transfer	reimbursement		
	Bank Transfer	SLCC Membership		140.00

**16. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary Lapworth Parish Council meeting on 11th January 2021 starting at 7.30pm to be held virtually via Zoom