

## **Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Held remotely via Zoom

### **Present**

Cllr Henderson (Chairman), Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mace, Cllr Ludlow, Cllr Doyle, Cllr Shales

**Also present:** D Cllr Illingworth for later part of the meeting

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Child, Cllr Manley, Cllr Esselmont, D Cllr Hales, C Cllr Cooke
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none declared
3. **Dispensations** – No requests received

### **4. Public Participation –**

A member of the public was in attendance to flag issues in relation to flooding in Lapworth Street inc Catesby Lane by Catesby House/Catesby Cottage. This was felt to be due to relaying of road in 2018 which had resulted in a lack of drainage causing access issues for the postman and refuse collectors. Previously there had been ditches down the side of roads, the road had been made wider whilst relaying surface, no consideration given to drainage. Clerk to send photos to WCC, permission given to share contact details.

5. **Minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Meeting, to be signed as soon as practicable. Clarification given as to the importance of giving and recording apologies for each meeting. If a Councillor neither attended nor offered apologies for six consecutive meetings they would be lapsed and no longer an elected member of the Parish Council.

### **6. Reports for Information**

6.1. Warwick District Council – Cllr Illingworth reported

This month at Warwick District Council the Executive and Council face a number of major decisions in matters such as the Budget and investigating possible amalgamation with Stratford District Council. I will leave Cllr Richard Hayes to comment on financial matters.

The Government has confirmed that the elections will go ahead in May. Although there are no District elections this year it is still the District Council which organises them and we are facing the problems of planning Covid-safe elections which may affect some polling stations and arrangements at the count. There may well be an increased demand for postal votes and the Government has altered the rules on proxy votes. Although there is some extra money promised by the Government it is doubtful that it will cover the extra costs.

A virtual meeting which I helped set up has taken place between several residents of Bakers Lane and officers involved in planning and enforcement. I hope it reassured the residents that action is being taken within the powers available to manage the extensive and in some cases unauthorised development in that area.

6.2. Warwickshire County Council – Cllr Cooke reported

**Warwickshire Libraries’ “wonderful service is more important than ever” say the residents that it is supporting at home during lockdown**

WCC’s befriending calls and home library service have become an integral part of the wider package of support that the Council has offered to vulnerable residents since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. For some, they have been a lifeline.

In April last year, the Council’s established ‘home library service’ started to make doorstep deliveries, enabling Warwickshire residents that were unable to access library services in any other way to have regular book deliveries to their homes and to keep reading.

Around 360 home library service customers across Warwickshire currently benefit from receiving a doorstep book delivery every 4 weeks, which equates to around 1,440 books being selected and delivered by libraries staff in the same period. Over 3,500 doorstep book deliveries have been made since April 2020 and the current lockdown means that many residents are, once again, reliant on the service as a way of coping with the restrictions that are needed to contain the virus.

**£1 Million Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund is now open for applications**

On 6 October 2020, WCC’s Cabinet approved the launch of a new £1 million community fund for local schemes that will have an impact on Carbon emissions and help address the climate change emergency in Warwickshire.

The fund is now open for its first round of applications, looking to support community and voluntary projects that achieve the following:

- increase the adaptability and resilience of Warwickshire to the effects of climate change
- reduce impacts on the environment, particularly regarding climate change
- ensure funded projects benefit the wider Warwickshire community.

Warwickshire County Council is keen to see project applications from:

- constituted 'not-for-profit' community organisations in Warwickshire
- non-constituted or new 'not-for-profit' groups working in Warwickshire that can be supported by a constituted mainstream service, Town or Parish Council or community group willing to administer the funds through an organisational bank account
- Warwickshire Town and Parish Councils
- schools, if applying as a PTA or 'Friends of...' group, excluding independently-funded schools.

Like any funding, there are certain general criteria which this fund seeks to support.

These include, but are not limited to:

- mitigating or adapting to climate change and the environment
- benefits to the local community and connections between other groups and projects
- development of awareness in environmental issues and capacity building of local communities
- legacy and long-term impacts
- project risks and mitigation steps.

Applications for funding are to be submitted during biannual funding rounds, with each round open for a period of ten weeks. The first round of funding runs between Today (Tuesday 2 February 2021) and 5 pm on Monday 17 May 2021.

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/greenshootsfund>

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

7.1. Warwick District Council Press Releases - noted

7.2. Warwickshire & West Midlands Association of Local Councils - 27th January Newsletter

7.3. Enforcement Training presentation – Cllr Henderson had attended and recommended others attend if possible

7.4. Warwickshire Local Transport Plan - Key Themes Consultation

Overview. Warwickshire County Council is in the process of updating the current Local Transport Plan (LTP), which is a document that sets out the transport needs, challenges, priorities and objectives for the county

7.5. The Rural Bulletin - 26 January 2021

7.6. The Rural Bulletin - 19 January 2021

7.7. Joint Stratford and Warwick District Local Plan Stakeholder Engagement Agenda – circulated.

## **8. Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision**

8.1. Rural Life Project

## **9. Progress Reports**

9.1. Lapworth Volunteers - report attached – injections in Studley going well, most of over 70's to be done by 15<sup>th</sup> February, Volunteers keeping in touch, still doing delivery of prescriptions and assisting with shopping for a small group of residents. Whilst sufficient volunteers at the moment it was likely that new/more would be needed in the near future.

9.2. Train Station Adoption - promoted in Parish Magazine – no expressions of interest to date. Agreement that Lapworth Volunteers may be approached and included on Nextdoor at a later date. Cllr Ludlow volunteered to progress in due course.

9.3. Traffic Monitoring - defer

9.4. Community Speedwatch update - defer

9.5. Millennium Sign – defer

9.6. Lapworth Canal Signage – Cllr Doyle reported that the boards had been replaced with smaller ones.

Cllr Illingworth joined the meeting

## **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.

10.1. Lapworth Village Hall – not meeting since March 2020, successful with grant application to District Council

10.2. Lapworth Recreation Sites – playground still open, quarterly safety inspection carried out with relatively low/or very low risk items flagged. Consider whether to ask Kompan for a quote for repairs following the next inspection

## **10.3. Communications, Openness and Accountability**

10.3.1. [Lapworthpc.org.uk](http://Lapworthpc.org.uk) website

10.3.2. [Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) a number of comments had been made regarding litter – Cllr Mace to provide grid reference to D Cllr Illingworth. Clerk to establish if any support available from the District Council for community litter picking groups. It was noted that a number of local groups already carry out litter picking activities.

10.3.3. Parish Noticeboards

Cllr Rees left the meeting

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

11.1. Parking on Station Lane – notices on cars had achieved a difference and cars parking more considerately. Consider contacting the school with a view to flagging and requesting that space was left between cars when dropping off for school.

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

12.1. W21/0098 Application for Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b) for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated external alterations Agricultural Building.

50 Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull, B93 8PW

LPC Comment – neither support nor object to this application

12.2. W/20/1926 Application for the demolition of existing house, outbuildings and tennis court with associated structures to facilitate the development of a single residential dwelling, landscaping and engineering works.

Lantern House, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6EP

LPC Comment – no comment

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

13.1. Ref - W20/0144 Application for Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b) for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated external alterations

Address - Barn at Packwood Farm Barn, Packwood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6AS

Lapworth PC Comment - Query as surprised that this is an appropriate case for prior notification as would have anticipated a full application? Also contrary to conditions imposed in relation to W05/0499?

WDC Decision - Prior Approval Granted

13.2. Ref - W20/1386 Installation of a flue and amendments to fenestration for a building approved for residential use under Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b), [planning permission ref: W/20/0144]

Address - Packwood Farm Barn, Packwood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6AS

Lapworth PC Comment - Objection Withdrawn

WDC Decision - Granted

13.3. Ref - W20/1399

Increase in eaves height to two storey rear extension and revisions to fenestration at 1 Priory Cottages, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JD

Lapworth PC Comment - No objection  
WDC Decision - Granted

13.4. Ref - W20/1521

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

Address - Annexe at Yew Tree Cottage, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6BA  
Lapworth PC Comment - OBJECTION no exceptional reason for a new property in the Green Belt

WDC Decision - Withdrawn

13.5. Ref - W20/2106 AG Erection of agricultural building for storage of hay, fodder, bedding and requisites for arable and sheep enterprise

Address - Gospel Oak Farm, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6HP

Lapworth PC Comment - No Objection

WDC Decision - further prior approval of details for the development specified is not required

## 14. Planning Appeals

14.1. Appeal Decisions - Appeal Ref: APP/T3725/D/20/3256345

Decision THE APPEAL IS DISMISSED - The Hay Barn, Packwood Lane, Lapworth, Solihull B94 6AU

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission.
- The appeal is made by Mr Andrew Stone-Fewings against the decision of Warwick District Council.
- The application Ref W/20/0271, dated 7 February 2020, was refused by notice dated 29 May 2020.
- The development proposed is demolition of existing timber frame garage and construction of proposed double garage.

14.2. Appeals Registered - none

## 15. Finance

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

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Total
	Bank Transfer	Clerk January 2021 salary, HMRC and expenses		728.05

## 16. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - 7pm Annual Assembly

Ordinary Parish Council meeting to start immediately afterwards  
to be held virtually via Zoom

Meeting closed at 20.53