

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

## Held remotely via Zoom

### Present

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

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

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Child, Doyle
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none declared
3. **Dispensations** – No requests received
4. **Public Participation** – no members of the public present.
5. **Minutes** It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Meeting, to be signed as soon as practicable.

### 7. Reports for Information

#### 6.1. Warwick District Council

95% of the over 65 year-olds in Coventry and Warwickshire have now had at least one Covid vaccination. This is apparently the highest vaccination rate in the country. Various Covid support schemes continue and Richard Hales has all the details. The District has an excellent record for distributing the money allocated by the Government to those that need and deserve it. There are some disturbingly low rates in some other areas.

At the Council Meeting last week the Council overwhelmingly agreed to two major decisions:

Despite the significant extra costs in the last year and the continuing loss of certain income streams the Council has produced a balanced Budget without cutting services. This means a Council Tax increase of £5 per year for Band D properties. This includes an allocation towards climate change, avoiding the additional levy considered last year. The District portion is, of course, only about 10% of the total Council Tax bill.

The Council has also agreed to investigate a closer relationship with Stratford District Council and the possible creation of a Super District, as a means of cutting costs and maintaining services in the future. Stratford District Council has agreed the same idea. The Peoples Climate Change Inquiry has launched its results and they are available at: [https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20468/sustainability\\_and\\_climate\\_change/1636/warwick\\_district\\_people\\_s\\_climate\\_change\\_inquiry/3](https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/info/20468/sustainability_and_climate_change/1636/warwick_district_people_s_climate_change_inquiry/3) or by searching the WDC website.

Planning – some enforcement in Bakers lane, one meeting has already taken place, planning officers, enforcement and residents

Glasshouse Lane, the enforcement officers unable to visit without a police escort, proof that there are people living on site.

Hockley House Hotel straddles WDC and SDC. Licensing at SDC have received an application for a new premises licence for hotel, the application extends licence to entire grounds and carpark – closer to Spring Lane. Any comments on the licence to be made to SDC Licensing by 26<sup>th</sup> March. WDC Env health officers are aware of the situation in relation to noise and in touch with SDC counterparts. There were problems with noise last August, and a question raised as to whether marque has planning permission.

Cllr Illingworth liaising with SDC councillor who is far from happy with the developments

PC to make a response objecting to the Licensing Application

## 7.2. Warwickshire County Council

### **save £££'s on their energy bills thanks to Warwickshire Switch and Save**

Following a successful reverse auction between competing gas and electricity suppliers this February the winning supplier in all categories was Shell Energy. It's also great news for the environment as the Shell Energy offers residents 100% renewable electricity.

In Warwickshire, thousands of households have registered an interest to switch with the scheme and it's still not too late to register and find out if you too can save money on your energy bills. The offer will remain open until 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 for online registrations and 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 for postal registrations. If you have not already signed up to the scheme you can NOW:

<https://bigcommunityswitch.co.uk/warwickshire/landing> and receive a free, instant, no obligation quote.

### **Warwickshire County Council unveils striking new looks for eight of its gritters**

Following a successful naming competition, WCC is pleased to unveil new images for each of its newly-named gritters.

Earlier in the Winter, Warwickshire County Council asked the public to pick names for its five new gritters, which had recently joined the County's fleet. The rules were simple: be creative, be original, be funny and the Warwickshire Public did not disappoint, with hundreds of suggestions coming in by email, by telephone and across social media channels.

Following a judging process the names selected for Warwickshire's new gritters were:

- Usain Salt
- Professor Chris Gritty
- Gritta Thunberg
- Snowbi-Gone Kenobi
- The Mighty Thaw
- Charlie Boy
- Grey13 Hero
- Ice Maiden

Following the selection of these names, work has taken place to design an image to go with each name and Warwickshire County Council are now very pleased to unveil a few of these above.

Every time weather requires gritting, the Warwickshire County Council gritting fleet treats approximately 1,100 miles of carriageway over 29 different routes. The average number of times that there is a requirement to treat roads is approximately 60 per year,

so it is in the region of 66,000 miles per annum travelled by Warwickshire gritters. That's around three times round the entire planet!

The county holds around 14,000 Tonnes of salt in stock across five depots at the start of winter and in an average winter it will get through around 12,000 tonnes. Salt stocks are kept topped up in case of prolonged spells of cold and icy weather.

### **Fire and Rescue Service recognised by Fire Inspectorate for Covid community work**

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

8.1. Warwick District Council Press Releases

8.2. Warwickshire & West Midlands Association of Local Councils - 24th February newsletter

8.3. Census - March 21st

8.4. Solihull Council Consultation commences on residential backland developments: Friday 5 February - Friday 19 March

This Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is intended to explain how backland and related infill developments can be designed to protect and enhance existing residential areas.

8.5. Promotion of the new Warwick District Timebank

8.6. The Rural Bulletin - 23rd February 2021

8.7. Warwick Rural West - voting priorities

8.8. Grove Lane Cricket Ground

A local group wish to draw Lapworth Parish Council's attention to this information.

Under the Localism Act 2011 WDC recently approved a nomination by a local community group for inclusion of the cricket ground in Grove Lane on a list of assets of community value. The ground is currently used under lease by Hockley Heath Cricket Club. Owners of listed land and property are unable to dispose of their property without first notifying the council to trigger a six week moratorium on disposal during which local community groups and parish councils are able to express an interest in bidding for the property. If no expressions of interest are received the owner is free to dispose of the property at the end of the six week period. If an expression of interest is received the initial six week moratorium extends to six months to allow community groups and parish councils to prepare to bid for the property or to negotiate with the property owner. At the end of the six month period the property is removed from the list and the owner is able to sell the property to whoever they want and by whatever means they wish. The listing lasts for 5 years after which application may be made for another 5 years of listing.

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

9.1 Warwick District Rural North Stratford Canal towpath - A local resident had offered to make a donation to improve muddy surface between Church Lane and Hockley Heath. Cllr Henderson had put him in touch with Canal and River Trust with a view to making a substantial donation to fund improvements in line with their specifications. .

9.2 Fly tipping – Cllr Rees co-ordinated report of fly tipping in Mill Lane, promptly cleared by WDC team.

## **10. Progress Reports**

10.1. Lapworth Volunteers – vaccine rollout going well, shopping and prescription delivery continue at a lower level of uptake.

10.2. Train Station Adoption – Cllr Rees, Cllr Doyle and a volunteer had attended a meeting in relation to adopting Lapworth Station. In Warwickshire out of 36 stations only 8 were not adopted including Lapworth and Claverdon. Two people can adopt a station, if accepted by Network Rail. Funding of up to £100 was agreed, to commission leaflets, to raise awareness of Station Lane .

10.3. Lapworth Litter Picking Community Group – Cllr Doyle making contact with WDC to discuss the potential for a community litter picking group. The annual local litter pick organised for Sat 10<sup>th</sup> April. Explore potential for equipment from WDC or grant funded by the Parish Council.

Cllr Ludlow reported collecting litter/bottles/plastic from Vicarage Road and Lapworth Street and that it was a repeated problem.

10.4. Traffic Monitoring – no report

10.5. Community Speedwatch update – no report

10.6. Millennium Sign – no report

10.7. Lapworth Canal Signage – no report

## 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.

11.1. Lapworth Village Hall

11.2. Lapworth Recreation Sites - play area swing due to be replaced on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

11.3. Communications, Openness and Accountability

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

11.3.2. [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com)

11.3.3. Parish Noticeboards

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

Cllr Rees reported that the stile by the station further damaged - Action to recontact landowner.

## 13. Planning applications

13.1. W/20/1895 Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage

Terets Lodge, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JA

LPC Comment – Query that if it is increasing above height of the main building roof LPC would object and ask for it to be restricted to that level.

13.2 W20/1940 Proposed new dwelling house within curtilage of existing properties garden with associated parking and gardens

Oak House, Deer Park Farm, Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull, B93 8PR

LPC Comment – Objection – unjustified additional new house in Green Belt

### 13.3 W/21/0218 LB

Proposed new window opening in existing gable wall  
Church Farm, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6PU  
LPC Comment – No objection

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

14.1. Ref - W20/1547 Erection of replacement outbuilding  
Address - Coolderry, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6HP  
Lapworth PC Comment - No objection  
WDC Decision - Granted

14.2. Ref - W20/1647 Variation of Condition 2 (plan numbers) of W/20/0904 to include a basement area  
Address - Pine Cottage, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JB  
Lapworth PC Comment - Objection withdrawn  
WDC Decision - Granted

### 15. **Planning Appeals**

15.1. Appeal Decisions -  
Rectory Cottage, Church Lane, Lapworth B94 5NX  
W19/1963 The development proposed is the demolition of 20th century garage block and sunroom. Erection of one and a half storey extension  
W19/1964 LB The works proposed are demolition of 20th century garage block and sunroom. Erection of one and a half storey extension.  
Both APPEALS ARE REFUSED

15.2. Appeals Registered  
W20/1504 Site Address: 16 Aylesbury Court, Aylesbury Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6BE  
Proposed development: Extension to existing garage to form new poolhouse  
Appeal reference number: APP/T3725/D/21/3267662

### 16. **Finance**

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

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Total
	Bank Transfer	Clerk February 2021 salary, HMRC and expenses		730.65
	Bank Transfer	C Henderson – C Henderson – Reimbursement of Virtual Land line costs December to March 4 x £6.95 = £27.80		27.80
	Bank Transfer	M I Business Services Ltd Website hosting and SSL Certificate		215.00

### 17. **Date of Next Meeting**

On Monday 12th April 2021 starting at 7.30pm to be held virtually via Zoom

Meeting ended at 21.18