

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council

12th April 2021

Held remotely via Zoom

Present

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

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

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Shales, Cllr Ludlow, Cllr Child, Cllr 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 8th March 2021 Meeting, to be signed as soon as practicable.

6. Reports for Information

6.1. Warwick District Council

Although the Polling Stations have to be Covid-safe and in some urban areas this has needed venue changes, in this area the normal Village Hall Polling Stations will be open. Work continues to support businesses emerging from Covid restrictions including financial support, licensing and other measures. *Pass on appreciation of officers to VH Committee.*

A court case to define “place” may enable the continuation of virtual local government meetings. The Ministry has provided evidence in support. A decision is due on 21st April. In case there is no helpful decision the Annual Meeting of the District Council will now be 5th May.

Work has started on a joint Local Plan with Stratford and there will soon be a search for possible development sites as an early input.

Warwick District Council have continued to distribute the grants to local business, through our various schemes, and today have started to pay the restart grants to business in the Lapworth area. We have also been working with local businesses about guidelines for them reopening and assisting them with any queries.

6.2. Warwickshire County Council

Residents struggling with energy bills can get help

The council's Local Welfare Scheme is offering a one-off payment to families and households finding it difficult to pay for fuel. Applications for the payment, in the form of a voucher, must be made by 16 April 2021.

Families and households in Warwickshire can apply whether they use pre-payment meters, pay by direct debit or on receipt of an energy bill if they can evidence eligibility through the impact of COVID-19 on their income.

To apply please call 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182 to speak to an advisor in confidence. More information about the Local Welfare Scheme is online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

WCC commissions new online mental health support for children and young people

Warwickshire County Council has commissioned Kooth, a free, safe and anonymous digital counselling and support service for children and young people.

[Kooth](#) is a safe and confidential way for young people to access emotional wellbeing and early intervention mental health support. The service will be available to all young people across Warwickshire aged 11-25 years from 29 March.

7. Correspondence and Publications Received for Information/Consultation

- 7.1. Warwick District Council Press Releases - noted
- 7.2. WALC Weekly Updates - noted
- 7.3. Rural Services Network Updates - noted
- 7.4. Solihull Local Plan Update
- 7.5. WDC Civic Services - noted
- 7.6. The Oak Public House Hotel - licensing objection lodged to SDC on behalf of LPC, WDC planning enforcement to look at marquee
- 7.7. "You're On Mute!" booklet
- 7.8. Department of Transport - Our vision for the future of buses

8. Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision

8.1. Lapworth Station Adoption

Over 200 flyers had been delivered in Station Lane which had prompted 18 responses from potential volunteers. An early meeting had identified a number of areas that could be taken forward. These include the installation and care of planters, commissioning appropriate art works, noticeboards and cleaning and communications. There may even be options for repurposing the phone box. A further meeting is now planned to look in more details at the options.

8.2. Provisional Annual May Meeting date – 4th May 2021 should remote meeting legislation not be extended.

8.3. Government consultation on remote meetings - noted

9. Progress Reports

9.1. Lapworth Surgery/Volunteers - report dated 19th March 2021

At the vaccination hub we expect to have called all the over 50's within the next 2 weeks for their first dose. This will complete the 1st stage of the massive job asked of us in December and will mean over 20,000 of the people in our PCN will have had a first covid vaccine, most of these having been at Studley. This is a stunning success and the best, most important and most exhausting project I have ever been involved in!

At that stage we will be half way through the process and 11 weeks later we will complete our task as we go on to give 20000 second doses. This should coincide with the lifting of lockdown restrictions at the end of June if all goes to plan. In the first wave, 99% of all hospitalisations and deaths were in the over 50 age group and so protecting this group is hugely significant.

Our PCN has decided not to continue to vaccinate patients with no underlying health conditions who are under 50. This group will have the option of Stoneleigh or Millennium Point mass vaccination sites as well as various other vaccination sites locally in Warwickshire. These will most likely be in Stratford, Leamington and Kenilworth. Once the government opens these cohorts at the end of April then patients will be able to book their vaccine via the government

website. These patients are generally able to travel and there is more than enough capacity in the system to ensure they get their vaccines before the winter.

Potential for volunteers to have small recognition ceremony. Would the Parish Council consider making a small donation. – Clerk to check whether possible in regs

9.2. **Community Speedwatch update** - defer – no update on gates by the Boot.

9.3. **Lapworth Litter Picking** – annual scheduled pick took place over the weekend. Cllr Mace had participated and reported that more people volunteered than equipment available which was encouraging that so many wanted to take part. Clerk to follow up with Cllr Doyle / WDC re potential for a more regular Community Litter Pick.

9.4. **Traffic Monitoring** - defer

9.5. **Millennium Sign** - update

9.7. **Lapworth Canal Signage** – defer

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

10.2. Lapworth Recreation Sites BromeHall Lane Toilets – proposed to re-open 1st May for May Day bank holiday

10.3. Communications, Openness and Accountability

10.3.1. Lapworthpc.org.uk website

10.3.2. Nextdoor.com

10.3.3. Parish Noticeboards – Noted that some would need to be replaced in due course.

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

- No road signage at end of Station Lane/Rising Lane – clerk to forward to WCC.
- Greenacres public footpath diversion – check to see if any notification on WCC website.

12. Planning applications

12.1. W20/1984 Erection of proposed two storey link extension to existing annexe conversion. Chestnut House, Lapworth Street, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5QS

OBJECTION lodged prior to meeting: Overdevelopment and in excess of 30% growth of original dwelling (For Decision)

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

13.1. Ref - 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
Lapworth PC Comment - Objection no special reason additional new house in Green Belt
WDC Decision - withdrawn (For Report)

13.2. Ref - W20/1894

Erection of proposed first floor link extension to existing annexe conversion.

Chestnut House, Lapworth Street, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5QS

Lapworth PC Comment - Overdevelopment and in excess of 30% growth of original dwelling
WDC Decision - Withdrawn

14. Planning Appeals

14.1. Appeal Decisions - Appeal Ref: APP/T3725/D/20/3260588 Terets Lodge, Rising Lane,

Lapworth B94 6JA

The development proposed is erection of rear extension (additional 6 sq.m to existing summer house).

Appeal Granted

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 March 2021 salary, HMRC and expenses		728.21
	Bank Transfer	Fairways April invoice 15 th of 21	84.20	505.20
	Bank Transfer	WALC Annual Subscription	91	660.00

16. Date of Annual Meeting

On 10th May 2021 starting at 7.30pm to be held virtually via Zoom, Tuesday 4th if not legally possible to meet remotely on 10th.