

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council 14th June 2021

Present

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

Also present: D Cllr Illingworth

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Child, Cllr Doyle, D Cllr Hales, C Cllr Cooke
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none declared
3. **Dispensations** – No requests received
4. **Public Participation** – 3 members of the public present. One expressing concern re road surface outside Bearhouse Farm Mews which has caused vibrations over 3 ½ years. All passing traffic causes vibrations, throughout the day and night. In addition concerns re subsidence and risk of loads shedding from passing traffic.

WCC had visited the site and advised that the wrong surfacing had been used and needed to be resurfaced but a number of dates had been promised and missed. Discussion regarding drains by the Boot, it was queried whether they are cleared twice a year a frequently.

Speeding was also flagged as an issue, which compounds the problem. Queries raised as to the next steps and what was the plan to address speeding. Suggestion from the public that residents be asked to fund a speed camera, it was suggested that this had been done in other areas, or a fake speed camera. Frustration expressed that data gathered and speedwatch could lead to no action being taken.

It was confirmed that the process to be followed to gather data to support case for further action and checks in four areas had been organised by Cllr Cooke. Community Speedwatch was a positive step with data to support its success and training was organised for 5th July 2021. This initiative would have been up and running for 12 months but for the pandemic impacts.

Cllr Illingworth advised that the enforcement of speeding is entirely a police responsibility and therefore concerns should be raised with the police.

5. **Minutes** It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes of the Annual Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council of 4th May 2021 Meeting, these together with previously agreed minutes of 2020 Meetings June, July, August, September, October, November, December and 2021 Minutes January, February, March and April and 2020 Parish Assembly were signed as a true and accurate reflection.

6. Reports for Information

6.1. Warwick District Council

Like many other organisations we await clarification on changes to the Covid rules and regulations which affect many aspects of the Council's work both internally and externally. Officers are investigating arrangements for more staff to be operating in Riverside House again. Smaller committees are already meeting in the Leamington Town Hall but a full Council meeting will necessitate a relaxation of the rules. In Leamington also Parade is about to open to traffic again.

Now that people are out and about in the fine weather we have a District-wide (actually nation-wide) problem with the amount of litter for disposal which far exceeds the capacity of the normal litter bins. Much of the litter is related to take-away food and drink under current hospitality arrangements.

There has been a further Zoom meeting with the officers and residents concerning developments at Bakers Lane and Glasshouse Lane. Solihull councillors are also now involved with Bakers Lane.

Birmingham Airport is to become the only airport other than Heathrow designated to accept flights from Red Zone Countries.

6.2. Warwickshire County Council

Have your say on Transport and Highways Services in Warwickshire

Feedback is being sought on a range of issues from the condition of roads and footpaths to the quality of cycling facilities across the County. The answers will be compared with the views of other members of the public across England and Scotland, as part of the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction survey.

Warwickshire County Council is one of 111 Local Authorities to sign up to a standardised survey that will ask members of the public exactly the same questions, whether they live in Cornwall or Northumberland.

The questionnaire will be sent to a minimum random sample of at least 3300 Warwickshire residents from 7th June, followed by a reminder, with local and national results to be published in late-October 2021.

Warwickshire County Councillor Grant Fund opens to community and voluntary organisations

Voluntary and community organisations are being encouraged to apply for grants from the Warwickshire County Council Councillors' Grant Fund to support projects that will benefit their community.

The Application window for the first round of funding from the Councillors' Grant Fund 2021/22 is open.

The Councillors' Grant Fund provides each of Warwickshire County Council's 57 Councillors with an allocated fund of £6,000 to support small-scale projects within their division that can demonstrate support to keep communities and individuals safe, healthy and independent or support a vibrant economy.

For more information about the Councillor Grant Fund in Warwickshire and the available funding please visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cllrgrants>

7. Correspondence and Publications Received for Information/Consultation

The following updates were noted

7.1. Warwick District Council Press Releases

7.2. Pavement outside the Garage on Old Warwick Road up to the Navigation Pub - update from Cllr Cooke

7.3. WALC Updates

WALC 12 May 2021

WALC 17th May 2021 - Support to Vulnerable Residents

WALC 26 May 2021

WALC 27 May 2021

7.4. Rural Services Network Updates

The Rural Bulletin - 12 May 2021

The Rural Bulletin - 18 May 2021

The Rural Bulletin - 25 May 2021

The Rural Bulletin - 2 June 2021

7.5. Solihull Local Plan Update

7.6. WDC CIL Information

7.7. The Guide to the 2023 Review of Parliamentary boundaries – [Lapworth's](#) constituency to be revised to include Barford totally enclosing Warwick and Leamington.

7.8. WCC walking and cycling Interactive Map - help identify locations where new or improved facilities are needed to make it easier

7.9. Training - Data Protection for Councillors - two dates

7.10 Update from Town and Parish Champion

8. Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision

8.1. **Sites for Traffic Speed Monitoring**- confirmed as two speed checks on Station Lane carried out close to 69 Station Lane (approaching school area) and by 169 Station Lane (no pavement area) and on the Old Warwick Road by the timber yard and by the Bromehall Lane/Surgery entrances (busy stretches, close to canal bridge and to playarea and Village Hall).

Data should be available by mid July. Cllr Rees to summarise and data to be shared with Cllr Cooke and made available to support determination of the next steps.

8.2. **Parking on the Station Lane bend adjacent to Northern Boundary** - As part of the works, the existing School warning sign was changed on Station Lane to a new larger sign with a large yellow backing board so that it was clear to motorists that they were approaching a School. This sign is still there and clearly visible to motorists approaching the bend to the school on Station Lane. There is already a School Warning sign approaching the school area from the north. Speed checks were also to be carried out in this location.

To request update from Cllr Cooke next month.

8.3. **Traffic Vibration - Bear House Mews** – concerns forwarded Cllr Cooke and reported on Fix my Street.

8.4. **Application for variation of a premises licence (Licensing Act 2003, s.35(3))** - Hockley House, Stratford Road, Hockley House, Solihull, B94 5NW - Hearing on Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 9.30am to be held at Elizabeth House, Stratford upon Avon – 4th date, a good report, from the sound engineer.

8.5. **Councillor Vacancy** – notice of two vacancies posted on 5th June awaiting 14 days before advertising vacancy for co-option. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Joyce Ludlow for 10 years of participation and enthusiasm for the work of the Parish Council

8.6. **South Warwickshire Local Plan – Scoping and Call for Sites consultation** – put forward seven different strategic options, including on a rail corridor, and growth villages such as Lapworth and Kingswood. The process is at a very early stage and will continue for a number of years.

Concerns were expressed that infrastructure needs to match any future growth, the Parish Council resolved to put forward views, Cllr Rees to draft for comments.

8.7. **Obstacles Placed on Verges - complaint from resident** – repeat guidance in Parish Magazine

8.8. **Clerk Resignation - clerk's resignation with effect from 31st August 2021**
To consider terms and conditions, advertising, interviewing, appointment, handover Chairman and Vice Chairman to finalise the incremental progression.

9. Progress Reports

9.1. Lapworth Surgery/Volunteers - notices down, phone line stopped, with a view to ceasing arrangements.

9.2. Lapworth Train Station Adoption update – 18 people volunteered, 3 had signed documentation currently with Chiltern awaiting a response.

9.3. Community Speedwatch update – first training session 5th July in Rugby but potentially more coming up

9.4. Lapworth Litter Picking update – Cllr Mace advised that both a morning and afternoon session had been carried and with a number of attendees. Health and safety in place and a preference that there was a view to carrying out every three months. Cllr Mace to liaise with Cllr Doyle re publicity.

9.5. Millennium Sign – location of new speed gate and possible new ‘Millennium’ sign to be added to the July agenda.

9.6. Lapworth Canal Signage – overtaken by Canal & River Trust actions – remove from agenda. Cllr Doyle to make contact with the marketing agency to advise.

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 – Potential to arrange fund raising event

10.2. Lapworth Recreation Sites – VH Play Area bin to be replaced with a new bin and a post installed. Clerk to order.

10.3. Communications, Openness and Accountability

10.3.1. Lapworthpc.org.uk website

10.3.2. Nextdoor.com - Cllr Doyle to liaise with Cllr Childs re access

10.3.3. Parish Noticeboards – suggestions for a local handyman sought to replace some of the boards.

11. Roads and Rights of Way - To receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way - none

11.1. Temporary Road Closure of Lapworth Street_Lapworth

Proposed diversion for the above road closure from 05/07/2021 to 07/07/2021 To safely enable cabling works on underground structure

The emergency services will be informed and the contractor will notify residents and businesses directly affected by the closure.

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

12.1. W21/0263

Change of use of land to the keeping of horses, erection of stables and hay barn, construction of all-weather riding arena and laying of hardstanding.

Land North of Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull, B93 8PT

OBJECTION LODGED 9th May 2021 - Lapworth Parish Council feels strongly that there is no justification for new buildings on a green belt site spoiling open aspects.

12.2. W21/0360

Proposed rear single storey and two storey extension and associated internal alterations

The Mount, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6LA

LPC Comment – No objection

12.3. W/21/0371

Proposed installation of an Air Source Heat Pump

5 Priory Close, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JL

LPC Comment – No objection

12.4. W/21/0647 – ADDED AFTER AGENDA SET

Application for the conversion of a stable building, re-submission of W/18/1820.

The Rye House, Catesby Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5QY

LPC OBJECTION – Impact on rural scene, over development of site and no resemblance to original stable building

12.5. W/21/0666 - ADDED AFTER AGENDA SET

Erection of rear kitchen extension.

7 Yew Tree Close, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6NB

LPC Comment – No objection

12.6. W/21/1061 AG

Erection of 24.4m x 15.2m steel portal frame agricultural building for grain storage.

land off, Bushwood Lane, Bushwood, Solihull

LPC Comment – No objection but query agricultural need for such a large structure.

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

13.1. W20/1985

Notice is hereby given that Planning Permission is REFUSED for:

Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage.

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

LPC Comment - Querying 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.

14. **Planning Appeals** - none to date

14.1. **Appeal Decisions** - none to date

15. **Finance**

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

Invoice No.	Cheque No.	Payment Details	VAT £	Total
	Bank Transfer	Clerk May 2021 salary, HMRC and expenses		729.96
	Bank Transfer	Fairways June invoice 17 th of 21	84.20	505.20
	Bank Transfer	West – Internal Audit	66.00	396.00
	Bank Transfer	Virtual Landline Reimburse C Henderson	1.16	6.95
	Bank Transfer	John Glover Plumbing and Heating Brome Hall Lane Toilets Deep clean £65 Cleaning Materials £25 4 weeks labour 1 st May – 29 th May £200		290.00

15.2 Cllr Manley to register for on line payment authorisation.

16. **Date of Next meeting**

On 12th July 2021 starting at 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall