

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 11th October 2021

Present: Cllr Henderson (Chairman), Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mace, Cllr Beaver and the Clerk (H du Bois). Cllr Shales joined the meeting at item 6

Also present: Cllr Cooke (WCC), Cllr Illingworth (WDC), Cllr Hales (WDC) and Mrs R. Bainbridge

1. **Apologies:** apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllr Manley and Cllr Doyle.
2. **Councillor Co-option:** the Council had received an expression of interest from Mrs R. Bainbridge. It was **resolved** that Mrs Bainbridge be co-opted to the Council.
Action: The Clerk to notify WDC.
3. **Declarations of Interest:** none declared.
4. **Dispensations:** no requests received.
5. **Public Participation:** there were no members of the public in attendance.
6. **Minutes:** it was **resolved** to approve minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council of 13th September 2021, these were signed as a true and accurate reflection.
7. **Reports for Information:**
 - 7.1 **Warwickshire District Council:**

Cllr Illingworth and Cllr Hales provided reports for October 2021, see appendix A for details.

Cllr Illingworth informed that Council that he had spoken recently with Andrew Day (Leader of WDC) regarding some of the current planning issues in the Parish. He has also visited the area near the Hockley House Hotel and had spoken with a local resident.

Cllr Hales updated the Council on the new joint waste management contract that was recently awarded to Biffa and confirmed that green bin collections will continue to be fortnightly.
 - 7.2 **Warwickshire County Council:**

Cllr Cooke provided a report for October 2021, see appendix A for details.

Cllr Cooke informed that Council that there have been several meetings relating to WCC's SEND provision following a recent audit.
8. **Correspondence and Publications Received for Information/Consultation:**
 - 8.1. Warwick District Council Press Releases
 - 8.2. Warwick County Council correspondence
 - 8.3. WALC
 - 8.4. CPRE
 - 8.5. Rural Services Network Updates
 - 8.6. Warwickshire Police
9. **Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision:**
 - 9.1. **Speeding Old Warwick Road/Traffic Speed Monitoring**

Cllr Rees explained that the speed data collection on Station Lane has not yet been carried out, Graham Stanley (WCC) would be organising this shortly. Cllr Rees has met with residents on Station Road to discuss their concerns.

Cllr Rees informed the Council that Jessica Consolaro (an engineer in the Transport Planning and Road Safety team at WCC) was due to meet with himself and Cllr Henderson for a tour of the problem speeding areas within the Parish on 12th October 2021.

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Cllr Cooke recommended that the Council discuss options for funding speed indicator signs during the tour; he has informed WCC that if such signs are permitted then he will consider requests to fund them from his Councillors Grant Fund.

There has been no response yet to Cllr Rees's letter to the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner requesting a meeting.

9.2. Parking and health and safety issues around the school

Outstanding Action: The Clerk to invite the Headteacher to attend a future meeting to discuss the parking issues around the school.

9.3. Objection to positioning of Lapworth Gate

Cllr Cooke has not yet had a reply from Graham Stanley (Team Leader Minor Works at WCC) about making alterations to the wording on the sign.

9.4. Play Area

The Clerk confirmed that the repairs to the net were due to be carried out on 1st Nov 2021.

The 2021 Operational Inspection report had been circulated and Cllrs Beaver and Manley had reviewed the results and identified key issues for action.

Action: The Clerk to ask Kompan Ltd for quotes for the repairs identified by Cllrs Beaver and Manley, and to ask if any can be done during their visit to the play area on 1/11/21.

9.5. Lapworth Charity:

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that Jenny Bragg be re-nominated as the Parish Council's nominated representative.

Cllr Beaver expressed an interest in becoming a trustee.

Action: Cllr Henderson to inform the Lapworth Charity.

9.6. Update on SDC Licensing Committee decision re: the Hockley House Hotel

Cllr Henderson gave details of the decision and possible next steps.

10. Progress Reports:

10.1. Lapworth Train Station Adoption update

Cllr Rees gave an update on the recent work carried out by the volunteer group, including a 4th clean-up day with approx. 10 volunteers.

The Clerk has contacted BT regarding the proposed relocation of the phone box and has sourced a restoration company who will quote for the replacement glass if photos are provided.

Action: Cllr Rees to provide the Clerk with photos of the broken window.

10.2. Community Speedwatch update

No update.

10.3. Millennium Sign – update

It was agreed that the missing sign at the OWR/Lapworth Street junction would not be replaced.

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

Cllr Henderson will be attending the Village Hall's AGM on 12th October 2021 and will be collecting the £1.00 annual rent.

11.2. Lapworth Recreation Sites

The Clerk confirmed that the tiling repairs will be carried out at the public toilets on 13th October 2021. It was agreed that the toilets will be closed for winter at the end of the October half term.

Action: The Clerk to inform Mr Glover.

11.3. Communications, Openness and Accountability

11.3.1. Nextdoor.com

Cllr Mace mentioned that he is still not able to log into Nextdoor.com.

11.3.2. Parish Noticeboards

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The Clerk has visited all the noticeboards and confirmed that several of them require maintenance of varying degrees.

ACTION: Cllr Henderson to contact W. Cox & Sons.

Other:

The Clerk explained that some of the functionality of the Council's website could benefit from modernisation. It was agreed to consider updating the website at a future meeting.

Action: The Clerk to ask Ian Broadbridge for a quote.

Cllr Mace mentioned that the recent litter pick had gone very well with 18 volunteers and 16 bags of litter collected. The next litter pick will be held in the New Year.

12. Roads and Rights of Way: to receive reports in relation to roads and rights of way:

12.1 To approve a quotation from Fairways Contracting Ltd for maintenance of the Charity Hedge, Old Warwick Road

All 4 property owners have agreed to share the cost to the hedge cut. It was **resolved** to accept the quote (which includes weedkilling the nettles underneath the hedge).

Action: The Clerk to inform Fairways Ltd and notify Cllr Rees when the work has been scheduled.

It was agreed to report the road signs from Hockley Heath onwards to Highways as they are in urgent need of cleaning for safety purposes

Action: The Clerk to inform Highways.

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

13.1 W/21/0263

Change of use of land to the keeping of horses, erection of stables, construction of all-weather riding arena and laying of hardstanding. (Amendment: hay barn omitted from scheme, hardstanding reduced in size and access provided to paddock area)

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

LPC comment: **OBJECTION for the following reasons:**

- The proposed development would have a negative effect on the openness of the greenbelt.
- The proposed site access and the existing access onto the highway is not suitable for large equine vehicles

13.2 W/21/1242

Proposed erection of single storey front extension.

Lodge Farm Barn, Lapworth Street, Bushwood, Lowsonford,

LPC comment: **NO OBJECTION**

13.3 W/21/1383

Proposed pitched roof at front over study, porch & clks. White render to front first floor elevation & garage conversion to study

49 Station Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6LP

LPC comment: **NO OBJECTION**

13.4 W/21/0471

Conversion of farm building to Use Class E with associated works

Uplands Farm, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6EP

LPC comment: **NO OBJECTION**

13.5 W/21/1575

Extension to rear at first floor to form bedroom.

Aylesbury Cottage, 156-158 Aylesbury Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6PP

LPC comment: **NO OBJECTION**

The Council had been approached by a WDC Planning Officer regarding W/21/1157 Chessetts House, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6ES. Further information had been provided by the agent and the Planning Officer had asked if the Council would consider withdrawing their objection in light of the information provided. It was agreed that the Council would consider withdrawing the objection if the Ecology Officer had also done so.

Action: The Clerk to enquire about the comments from the Ecology Officer.

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14 Decision Notices: to note decisions on planning applications listed below

14.1 Ref: W/21/0211

Replacement dwelling and associated landscaping. Resubmission of Application W/20/1428
Land to the North of, Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull
LPC Comment - NO OBJECTION
WDC Decision: REFUSED

14.2 Ref: W/21/0894

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
2 Fetherston Grange, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6PX
LPC Comment: Lapworth Parish Council queries overdevelopment of site, not in keeping with the street scene, potential impact on street scene
WDC Decision: GRANTED

14.3 Ref: W/21/1150

Formation of dropped kerb to provide vehicular access
Ingon, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6LN
LPC Comment: OBJECTION - Setting of precedent, loss of amenity of grass verge, impact on street scene
WDC Decision - Granted

14. Finance:

14.1 To approve accounts for payment as attached:

WDC have notified the Council that the 2nd half of the 2021/22 Precept payment has been paid by BACS.

Action: Cllr Henderson to check that the Precept payment had been received.

It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

No.		PAYEE	Payment Details	Total
1	BACS	H du Bois	Oct 2021 salary, HMRC and expenses	£762.87
2	BACS	H du Bois	Expenses: 50% contribution to SLCC fees	£92.50
3	BACS	Fairways Ltd	Oct invoice (21 st of 21)	£505.72
4	BACS	J Glover	1 st Aug to 4 th Sept 2021	£250.00
5	BACS	J Glover	5 th Sept to 2 nd Oct 2021	£200.00
6	BACS	Parish Online	Annual subscription	£115.20
			Total:	£1926.29

Actions Cllr Henderson and Cllr Rees to submit payments.

14.2 To consider the Clerk's recommendation to switch to Unity Trust Bank

It was **resolved** to open a current account at Unity Trust Bank and 5 Councillor signatories were identified. The deposit cheque was approved.

Action: The Clerk to complete the application paperwork.

17. Date of next meeting: the next meeting will be on 8th November 2021, 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Signed:

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)

Date:

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APPENDIX A

Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division County Council News October 2021

Campaign to plant trees to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee kicks off in Warwickshire

An event to mark the start of the official planting season for [The Queen's Green Canopy](#) (QGC) took place in Warwickshire this week, as Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Leader of Warwickshire County Council, Monica Fogarty, Chief Executive, Warwickshire County Council, and Tim Cox, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire planted a small-leaved lime tree at WCC's Staff Cricket Club grounds in Warwick.

The QGC was launched earlier this year and encourages everyone to plant a tree for the Jubilee. With a focus on planting sustainably, QGC is a national project to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's 70 years on the throne, to benefit current and future generations.

Everyone from individuals to organisations and community groups is being asked to plant a tree to mark the long and historic reign of The Queen. <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Warwickshire youth asked to help make Warwickshire the best it can be

The Council has launched a survey specifically for young people to capture their feedback which will feed into the development of a new Council Plan to deliver services as effectively as possible over the next five years. The survey can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/councilplanyp.

Warwickshire has a great track record of stepping up to meet big challenges. The past 18 months have been no different. Thousands of people and organisations have worked hard to tackle COVID-19, support those most at risk, and look out for each other.

As the future of our county, the council is committed to hearing what young people have to say, what matters to them and what they need. Their contributions will be essential to shape the Council Plan and help make Warwickshire the best it can be.

WCC is investing £750k on local initiatives to support mental health and wellbeing

Warwickshire County Council's COVID-19 Mental Wellbeing and Resilience Fund has awarded £750k to support local community groups and businesses to develop sustainable and innovative solutions to help improve the mental health, wellbeing and resilience of the local community and workforce both during and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following a round of bidding earlier this year, the council is pleased to announce that 36 local projects have been successful in receiving funding for their proposals to support people's wellbeing.

The successful projects will cover the breadth of Warwickshire with community and voluntary organisations and businesses within all five of the districts and boroughs receiving a share of the one-off fund. Grants awarded range in amount from £6,000 up to the maximum amount available of £50,000, with some projects designed to deliver countywide support, while others will focus on providing support that will directly benefit residents in the localities.

New SEND Inclusion Guidance for schools to boost support for children and families in Warwickshire

The Guidance is available online as part of Warwickshire's Local Offer and its purpose is to help school staff to implement effective extra support for young people. It is structured in the four broad areas of need as outlined in the government's [SEND Code of Practice](#) to support schools to plan provision for learners.

The four areas are Cognition and Learning, Social Emotional and Mental Health, Communication and Interaction and Physical and Sensory.

The guidance was developed working alongside practitioners and parents, and promotes Warwickshire's inclusive, needs-led ethos in supporting children and young people with SEND in mainstream schools when appropriate. A video with [more information is also available](#) by clicking here.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Warn of the Dangers of Storing Petrol and Diesel at Home

Consumers may be tempted to buy more fuel than they need and store it at home, warn Trading Standards Officers, but this is incredibly dangerous. Petrol and diesel vapour is highly explosive and can be ignited by a single spark. It can be damaging if it comes in contact with the skin and if not stored in a UN approved container can leak, releasing vapour. As well as producing a fire hazard, the vapour can cause irritation of

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the eyes, nose and throat, and exposure to high concentrations, particularly in restricted spaces, can cause dizziness and unconsciousness.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is joining Trading Standards in reminding residents that to protect us all there are rules and regulations around storing fuel and the smallest amounts can have devastating effects, causing death and serious injuries, when they are involved in fire situations. If storing petrol or diesel at home, residents are advised that they should only purchase small amounts for specific uses such as for lawn mowers and other gardening equipment and the machine's tank should be filled as soon as possible rather than keeping it in a UN approved container.

Support available if you're worried about your memory

Stress, anxiety, depression, certain physical illnesses, infections and vitamin and thyroid deficiencies are just a few of the things that can make memory worse. However, if your memory is getting noticeably worse, or affecting everyday life, please book an appointment with your GP as it may be a sign of dementia, and help, support and treatment is available. Almost half of Warwickshire residents with dementia are undiagnosed meaning they cannot access information and support available to them.

There are many benefits to receiving an early diagnosis; it can help you and your family to understand your symptoms and help you to make plans for, and choices about your future. Some of the main benefits of an early diagnosis include:

- An explanation for symptoms that may have been worrying you or your family
- Access to treatments that can improve symptoms and slow down the effects of the disease. Treatments are usually more effective the earlier they are started.
- Access to advice and support. Individuals diagnosed early in the disease process can take advantage of early-stage support groups and learn tips and strategies to better manage and cope with the symptoms of the disease.
- Time to prepare for the future and plan ahead. An earlier diagnosis enables the person to participate in their own legal, financial, and long-term care planning and to make their wishes known to family members. It also allows the person the opportunity to prioritise how they spend their time – focusing on what matters most to them – perhaps completing life goals such as travel, recording family history, completing projects, or making memories with grandchildren while they still can.

Access to support from a Dementia Advisor who can provide a range of support as well as information on all of the local services in your area.

Tel: 0333 150 3456 or via email at dementia.connect@alzheimers.org.uk

Warwickshire's Living Well with Dementia Website contains a resource with a range of information about dementia, a map of services at district and borough level with details of all of the services in the area: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dementia.

Cllr John Cooke October 2021

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Warwick District Council Report October 2021 – Lapworth

There is a current consultation on the possibility of a full merger between Warwick and Stratford Districts to form a South Warwickshire District. This started on 6 Sep 21 and lasts until 24 Oct 21. Everyone is invited to offer their opinions but there will be specific arrangements with parish councils and other key stakeholders.

Cooperation builds both areas of WDC and SDC to reduce costs and improve services. This is seen as a positive move whatever the decisions on future merger. The most recent arrangement is a major refuse and recycling contract with Biffa which will start in the late summer next year.

The recent Hockley Hall Licensing application was thankfully refused by Stratford DC, but discussions continue with officers and relevant councillors about the number of outstanding planning issues in the Parish.

Cllr George Illingworth

Warwick District Council Report October 2021

We have a consultation about the potential merger of WDC & SDC, which runs until 24th October, so I would encourage everyone to respond so that we can understand the views of our residents – the link is [Public consultation begins on proposal to create a South Warwickshire Council - Warwick District Council \(warwickdc.gov.uk\)](https://warwickdc.gov.uk)

We are still working through our end of year accounts and expect to have those signed off by December and has been mentioned we have awarded a joint new waste management contract which starts in August 2022, where we are changing the collections to a mixture between weekly to 3 weekly collections - [Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils announce new waste contractor - Warwick District Council \(warwickdc.gov.uk\)](https://warwickdc.gov.uk)

Cllr Richard Hales