

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 13th September 2021

Present: Cllr Henderson (Chairman), Cllr Rees (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mace, Cllr Manley and the Clerk (H du Bois)

Also present: Cllr Cooke (WCC), Cllr Illingworth (WDC), Cllr Hales (WDC) and Mrs L. Beaver

1. **Apologies:** apologies were accepted from Cllr Doyle and Cllr Child.
2. **Councillor Co-option:** the Council had received an expression of interest from Mrs L. Beaver. It was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Beaver 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 Planning Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council of 9th August 2021, these were signed as a true and accurate reflection.

7. Reports for Information:

7.1 Warwickshire County Council:

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

Cllr Cooke mentioned that Warwickshire had welcomed approximately 100 people from Afghanistan seeking refuge in the UK. Warwickshire residents have been quick to step forward and offer their support and feedback from the Afghan refugees has been how welcoming Warwickshire residents have been.

7.2 Warwickshire District Council:

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

Cllr Illingworth mentioned the important role that Birmingham airport played recently in the evacuation of Afghan refugees. The RAF Aircraft flying from Kabul took civilians only to Dubai. From there they flew by special civilian aircraft to the UK. About 40 flights were to Birmingham and 8,100 people were landed there, about 60% of the civilians landed in the UK the operation. Many additional organisations were involved in dealing with all the various issues from administration and health to food and families. This was a 24-hours a day operation as 15 of the flights were at night.

Cllr Hales highlighted the current public consultation regarding the proposed South Warwickshire District Council and explained that SDC and WDC Councillors will be voting on the issue in a meeting to be held on 13th December 2021.

8. Correspondence and Publications Received for Information/Consultation:

- 8.1. Warwick District Council Press Releases
- 8.2. WALS Training
- 8.3. WALS newsletter - 26th August 2021
- 8.4. WALS newsletter - 9th September 2021
- 8.5. WALS Annual Conference 2021 Climate Emergency: Practical steps for Parish Councils
- 8.6. Rural Services Network Updates
- 8.7. WCC Heritage and Culture Update
- 8.8. Solihull Local Plan update - 9 August 2021
- 8.9. Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership asks public for views on new road safety Strategy to 2030
- 8.10. Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership focusses on drug drivers as numbers increase
- 8.11. Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership Public Consultation
- 8.12. WCC Warwickshire Matters August Newsletter

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- 8.13. 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 21 September 2021.
- 8.14. Consultation on Proposed South Warwickshire Council
- 8.15. Road safety advice for drivers and cyclists who #ShareTheSpace on Warwickshire's roads
- 8.16. West Midlands Trains Online Stakeholder Research Survey Autumn 2021 | Reminder
Action: Cllr Rees to forward to the Lapworth Station Action Group.

9. Items and Correspondence for Consideration and Decision:

9.1. Speeding Old Warwick Road/Traffic Speed Monitoring

Cllr Rees had circulated a report he'd written detailing the history of speeding problems within the Parish and the mitigation measures taken so far. It also included details of the results of speed data collected in July 2021 and a suggested plan of action for the Council.

Cllr Rees explained that Warwickshire Police are not holding any Speedwatch training sessions at present.

Cllr Cooke informed the Council that WCC have stated that they will no longer install or maintain any speed activated sign, nor permit any new speed activated signs to be installed on land owned by WCC. He explained that he had been contacted recently by Rowington Parish Council who have similar concerns about speeding in their Parish.

It was agreed to write to the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner to request a joint meeting with Lapworth Parish Council and Rowington Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Cooke to request information on spending by WCC on speed reduction measures in Lapworth.

Action: The Clerk to contact Rowington Parish Council to suggest a joint meeting with the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Action: Cllr Rees to draft a letter to WCC to express the Council's concerns about their decision to stop any spending on speed activated signs.

Action: Cllr Rees to draft a letter to the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner to request a meeting with the Council.

9.2. Parking and health and safety issues around the school

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

Action: Cllr Cooke to speak to Graham Stanley (Team Leader Minor Works at WCC) about making alterations to the wording on the sign.

9.4. Fencing Quote for Play Area

Play Area repairs - Kompan Play area inspection scheduled for September

Quotes for ground round trampoline

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from W. Cox and Sons for the replacement fencing at the village hall.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote from KOMPAN Ltd for the installation of a replacement net unit in the play area at the village hall.

It was agreed to wait for the results of the annual playground inspection to see if there are any recommended actions for the ground round the trampoline.

It was agreed that the Council will set aside earmarked funds in the 2022-23 Budget to plan for future repairs to the equipment at the play area. It was agreed that to ask KOMPAN Ltd for guidance on future running costs for the play equipment; this information may help the Council to determine what the value of earmarked reserves should be.

Action: The Clerk to instruct W. Cox and Sons and KOMPAN Ltd.

Action: Cllr Rees to ask KOMPAN Ltd for guidance on future running costs for the play equipment.

10. Progress Reports:

10.1. Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Council has received an expression of interest for the vacancy. Co-option for the role will be held at the next meeting.

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10.2. Lapworth Train Station Adoption update

Cllr Rees gave an update on the recent work carried out by the volunteer group. There has been a second clean up session at the station and there are 2 more clean-up sessions planned. Progress has been made in setting up the bank account, and the group are considering acquiring planters.

One of the glass panes in the red phone box is broken and needs replacing. A suggestion was made to explore if the phone box could be moved to a more central point in the village.

Action: The Clerk to provide costs for replacing the broken pane of glass.

Action: The Clerk to make enquiries about the practicalities to consider when relocating a phone box.

10.3. Community Speedwatch update

No update.

10.4. Lapworth Litter Picking update - next date 10am 25th September

Cllr Mace confirmed that the litter pick was going ahead as scheduled.

Action: The Clerk to advertise the litter pick in the Council's report in the Parish Magazine

Action: Cllr Mace to advertise the litter pick on Nextdoor.com

10.5. Millennium Sign – update

No update.

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

No update.

11.2. Lapworth Recreation Sites

No update.

11.3. Communications, Openness and Accountability

11.3.1. Nextdoor.com

Cllr Henderson confirmed that the Council now had an official account on Nextdoor.com.

11.3.2. Parish Noticeboards

Several of the noticeboards in the village require maintenance, possibly replacement; it was suggested that W. Cox & Sons may be interested in quoting for the work.

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

Other:

Cllr Manley has notified County Highways of a growth of Japanese Knotweed on the roadside verge along the Old Warwick Road. It is on the opposite side of the road to Drawbridge Farm exit, approximately 20 yards further towards Lapworth. Highways have confirmed that it will be treated. it is recommended that residents avoid the area.

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

Cllr Rees mentioned that the Charity hedge needs cutting back.

Action: The Clerk to contact Fairways Ltd for a quote for the work

Action: Cllr Rees to speak to the property owners about contributing to the costs.

Cllr Rees explained that he had spoken to the Clerk at Rowington PC to ask if Rowington PC would consider contributing to the cost of improving the footpaths along the canal. It was agreed that Cllr Henderson would attend a meeting at Rowington PC to raise the proposal in their public session.

Action: Cllr Henderson to attend a meeting at Rowington PC.

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

13.1. W/21/1071

Application to vary Condition 2 (approved plans) of application ref: W/19/1389 (Proposed erection of one detached dwelling and integral garage, with use of existing access) to seek approval for an amendment to the site boundary and design of the dwelling.

The Elms, 75 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6ELW/21/0495

Considered prior to meeting: **NO OBJECTION**

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13.2 W/21/0950

Proposed erection of single storey glazed extension to rear of existing dwelling.
(Re-submission of W/20/1329)
Church Farm, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6PU
Considered prior to meeting: **NO OBJECTION**

13.3 W/21/0951 LB

Proposed erection of single storey glazed extension to rear of existing dwelling.
(Re-submission of W/20/1329)
Church Farm, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6PU
Considered prior to meeting: **NO OBJECTION**

13.4 W/21/1157

Erection of a single storey extension.
Chessetts House, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6ES
LPC Comment: **OBJECTION:**
- The proposed footprint of the development exceeds the footprint of the previously approved plans.
- The Council supports the recommendation for a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal of the site

13.5 W/21/1020

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side extension
3 Drawbridge Cottages, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6AP
LPC Comment: **NO OBJECTION**

13.6 W/21/1329

Conversion and extension of existing garage to form roof space studio with access stairs
Yew Tree Farm, Tapster Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5PG
LPC Comment: **NO OBJECTION**

13.7 W/21/1320

Erection of proposed first floor front and rear extensions.
202 Aylesbury Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6PP
LPC Comment: **NO OBJECTION**

13.8 W/21/1275

Demolition of existing timber frame garage and construction of proposed double garage. Resubmission of W/20/0271
The Hay Barn, Lapworth Farm, Packwood Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6AU
LPC Comment: **NO OBJECTION**

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

14.1. Ref W21/0647

Conversion of stable building to 1no. dwelling (amendment to approved design under W/18/1820)
The Rye House, Catesby Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5QY
LPC Comment - Objection withdrawn [was objected on the basis of impact on rural scene, over development of site and no resemblance to original stable building]
WDC Decision – Granted

14.2. Ref W/21/0989

Proposed outbuilding, consisting of 4no. car garage, family games room and gymnasium, to the rear of the dwelling house (with the dwelling previously approved as part of application no. W/20/0977).
at The Elms, 75 Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6EL
LPC Comment - Lapworth Parish Council objects on the basis it is overdevelopment and oversized in Green Belt area.
WDC Decision – Refused

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14.3. Ref W/21/1926

Demolition of existing house, outbuildings and tennis court and associated structures and erection of 1no. new dwelling house with associated landscaping and engineering works at Lantern House, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6EP
Lapworth PC Comment - No comment
WDC Decision – Granted

14.4. Ref W/21/0821

Demolition of conservatories to rear and side elevations, with new orangery to rear and two storey extension to side of dwelling. New windows to existing link block and the introduction of new fenestration to rear. Infill of existing porch at High Park House, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6AP
Lapworth PC comment - No Objection
WDC Decision - Granted

15. Planning Appeals Registered:

15.1. Planning Appeal Registered

W20/1428 Land to the North of, Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull
Description of development: Replacement dwelling, garaging and associated landscaping
Appeal against WDC decision to refuse

15.2. Planning Appeal Registered

W20/1895 Terets Lodge, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JA
Proposed development: Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage
Appeal against WDC decision to refuse

16. Finance:

16.1. To approve accounts for payment as attached:

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

No		Payee	Details	Amount
1	BACS	Clerk (EP)	Aug 2021 salary, HMRC and expenses	£715.66
2	BACS	Clerk (HdB)	Sept 2021 salary, HMRC and expenses	£732.87
3	BACS	Clerk (HdB)	Laptop	£449.99
4	BACS	Fairways Ltd	August 2021 invoice (20 th of 21)	£505.72
5	BACS	Lapworth Village Hall	Room rental: 8 th August 2021	£27.00
6	BACS	J Glover	4 th July to 31 st July: £200 Toilet rolls /cleaning materials £10.75	£210.75
			Total	£2,614.99

Action: Cllr Henderson and Cllr Rees to submit payments.

17. Date of next meeting: the next meeting will be on 11th October 2021, 7.30pm in Lapworth Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:23pm.

Signed:

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)

Date:

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APPENDIX A

Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division County Council News September 2021

The Kenilworth Repair Café: Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund

'Reuse it, don't lose it!' is the message from the Kenilworth Repair Café which will grow thanks to Warwickshire County Council's Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

The full list of 69 projects set to receive funding from the Green Shoots Fund was announced on 30 July 2021 and the Kenilworth Repair Café was one of a number of projects funded for under £5k with a total approved amount of £800.

The Green Shoots funding will enable a Repair Café for the Kenilworth area to grow, providing a focal point for items to be repaired and reused. The café will meet on the third Saturday afternoon of every month at the United Reformed Church in Kenilworth. Here, personal and portable items can be brought for repair, to extend their useful life and avoid them entering the waste system and potentially landfill. All sorts of items can be brought in ranging from clothes and accessories needing a stitch or simple repair to furniture and homewares to toys and electrical/electronic items that perhaps need a more technical approach.

Warm hearted Warwickshire residents show support for Afghan families

As news emerges of the people arriving from Afghanistan seeking refuge in the UK, Warwickshire residents have been quick to step forward and offer their support.

Warwickshire is expected to welcome around 100 people into the county as part of the national Home Office plan. For some it will be a short stay as they make plans to move to be close to friends and family elsewhere in the UK. Others will be with us for longer. For all it has been a terrifying experience, fleeing their homeland, leaving behind loved ones and arriving in a new country.

Warwickshire County Council is working with partners in health and the districts and boroughs to ensure the new arrivals are safe and well. And residents of Warwickshire have been quick to show their compassion and offer support. We are currently assessing what things would be most helpful and working with local charities to coordinate donations.

Updated NHS information about COVID-19 vaccines for 16 and 17 year olds

Invitations to get a COVID vaccine are landing on the doormats of all 16 and 17 year olds, in a further effort to boost take-up in this age group, as the biggest and most successful vaccination programme in NHS history expands further.

Over 360,000 people aged 16 and 17 have already had their jab – which includes those who were eligible previously due to an underlying health condition, with more than 125,000 getting their jab in the two weeks since the NHS was given the green light to offer all 16 and 17 years olds the life-saving jab.

The JCVI updated guidance on 4 August so that all 16 and 17-year-olds could be offered one dose of the vaccine, and anyone in this age group can now find their nearest centre through the 'grab a jab' [NHS online walk-in finder](#), with more sites becoming available every day.

Trading Standards sets out its plans for the future

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service has defined how it intends to protect consumers and support the growth of Warwickshire businesses with the launch of its new business plan.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, said:

"This is an ambitious new plan that sets out our priorities for the coming years, to protect the most vulnerable from financial harm, prevent the sale of dangerous and harmful products, support Warwickshire businesses to grow, diversify and adapt to new circumstances and establish strong partnerships to keep our communities safe."

Key actions include:

- Invest in and promote trueCall devices that help block bogus phone calls and prevent financial fraud and scams, reinvigorate our No Cold Caller zones and close down websites connected to fraudulent activity
- Via a dedicated Business Advice Service, provide practical information for businesses and business sectors, including on EU exit and COVID-19 regulations

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- Remove dangerous products from sale including unroadworthy cars and unsafe toys, cosmetics, and electrical products
 - Target food businesses with poor hygiene ratings and a history of failing to abide by the law
 - Tackling and disrupting the supply of counterfeit products, including the sale of illegal cigarettes
 - Pursuing prosecution action against businesses consistently selling age-restricted goods (including alcohol, cigarettes, and knives) to children
- <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/tradingstandards>

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership asks public for views on new road safety Strategy to 2030

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership (WRSP) is asking the public for their views on how the county's roads can be made safer by taking part in a public consultation on a new Warwickshire road safety 'Strategy to 2030'. The public consultation starts today 18 August and can be viewed at www.warwickroadsafety.org

Key partners, including Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire and Highways England are developing the strategy together with external consultant Agilysis and now need the public's input. WRSP Chair and Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire Philip Seccombe said: "This is an important document as it sets out the long term vision for Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, detailing the activities, structure and objectives up to 2030 and also includes how road safety activities will be evaluated."

Recognise Warwickshire's exceptional volunteers by submitting a nomination for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Warwickshire County Council and the Warwickshire Lieutenancy are encouraging residents to [submit nominations](#) for volunteering groups, charities, and social enterprises across the County whose exceptional efforts deserve to be recognised by The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS).

The QAVS is an annual award acknowledging the outstanding work delivered by volunteers who benefit their local communities and is the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The Award is presented each year on the 2nd June to coincide with the anniversary of the Queen's coronation. All Awardees receive a certificate signed by the Queen, a domed glass crystal, and may also be invited to attend a royal garden party.



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

Cllr John Cooke September 2021

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Warwick District Council Report Sep 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,

Several Senior managers have already taken on responsibilities in 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,

Warwick District has agreed to take and house 25 Afghanistan refugees. Birmingham Airport received 8,100 or about 60% of the civilians who came to the UK. About 15 of the flights broke the normal night flying rules but clearly the situation demanded such actions.

You are probably aware of the serious fire in a plastic factory in Leamington at the end of August. The District Council was heavily involved dealing with those who had to stay safely out of the area, checking air pollution to cleaning the streets of pollution afterwards.

Cllr George Illingworth

Warwick District Council Report Sep 2021

As per Cllr Illingworth's report we have started a consultation on the potential merger of Stratford & Warwick Councils to form a South Warwickshire District. We would welcome comments from councillors and residents to understand their views further before a potential vote of 13th December 2021.

We are working on submitting our accounts for the year ending March 2021, where we will get a better understanding of the costs of the pandemic to the council and then reprofiling how we afford services over the next 5 years.

Cllr Richard Hales