

LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 8th July 2024 held at 7:30pm in Lapworth Village Hall

Present: Cllr Henderson (Chairman), Cllr Chatwin, Cllr Hall, Cllr Cole and the Clerk (R Lucas).

Others Present: Cllr Armstrong (WDC).

Public: 2 (two).

1. **To receive and approve apologies for absence submitted to the Clerk:**
Cllr Cooke (WCC), Cllr Hales (WDC), Cllr Rees, Cllr Manley and Cllr Beaver.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

3. **Dispensations:** No requests received.

4. **Minutes:** It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lapworth Parish Council of 10th June 2024.

5. **Matters arising from previous meeting that are not included on this agenda:**

5.1. **Conifer Tree T146 at Lapworth Village Hall:** It was agreed that the tree does not need to be reduced in height or removed as it is in good health (as reported by the Tree Health and Safety Report by Terra Firma Arboriculture in March 2024). An offer to the resident who requested its reduction to finance the cost has not been taken up.

5.2. **Fence outside No 1 Lapworth Oaks:** The broken part of the fence will be removed next week by fairways as soon as a price is agreed (including filling in and seeding the holes).

ACTION: Cllr Hall will liaise with the owner of the property and The Clerk and Cllr Hall will communicate with Xact who rent out the property. The Clerk to follow up with Fairways.

ACTION: The Clerk to additionally speak with Fairways regarding a quote for the strimming around grit boxes.

5.3. **Open Reach - Telephone Lines at Lapworth Village Hall:** The Clerk and Cllr Henderson met with Michael Grant from Open Reach to discuss moving the telephone lines underground that currently go to the post at the back of the Village Hall. The owner of the house it would feed is happy to pay for the cost of the job but it was noted that it would come with some disruption at the front of the Village Hall. Awaiting an update from Open Reach.

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5.4. **Bench at Harborough Cottages:** The cottages are owned by WDC but no response has been received by The Clerk in requesting permission to a) replace the bench and b) to tidy up the surplus grass (cut by a WDC contractor) for the residents.

ACTION: The Clerk to speak to Cllr Armstrong who will assist in moving this forward.

It was also suggested that the residents to set up a Residents Group to address the situation.

5.5. **Bench in Lapworth Village Hall Play Area:** Fairways will remove the old bench next week, remove the plaque and return it to The Clerk.

5.6. **Scarecrow 2024:** A flyer and the latest Parish Magazine have the contact details. The date for the festival is September 7th 2024.

5.7. **Hedgehog Highway Project:** Cllr Cole reported that Warwickshire Wildlife Trust told her that they will not introduce hedgehogs to the Lapworth area and that badgers, of which there are many in the area, feed on hedgehogs.

ACTION: The Clerk to contact Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to get more advice.

5.8. **George Illingworth:**

ACTION: Cllr Henderson will buy and claim back a gift from LPC in recognition of the good work he did at Warwick District Council on behalf of Lapworth over the years.

6. **Public Participation:** 2 members of the public talked about the removal of the fence at No 1 as discussed earlier and they said that they were still unhappy with the removal of the trip rail regarding the safety of their children playing on the green. They also asked about the damaged fence opposite Lapworth Oaks. It was explained that the Council are still waiting for Warwickshire County Council to remove it and they will not replace it.

7. **Reports for Information:**

7.1. Warwickshire County Council - Cllr Cooke provided a report for July 2024 – see Appendix A for details.

7.2. Warwick District Council - Cllr Aizlewood provided a report for July 2024 – see Appendix B for details.

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8. Finance:

8.1. To approve the invoices for payment:

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

	DATE	TYPE	TO	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1	10/06/24	BACS	Lapworth Village Hall	Room Hire (2024)	£22.50
2	10/06/24	BACS	R Lucas	HW allowance/expenses June 2024	£26.00
3	10/06/24	BACS	R Lucas	Salary June 2024	£
	10/06/24	BACS	R Lucas	Stationery - various	£120.57
5	10/06/24	BACS	HMRC	NIC June 2024	£5.86
6	01/07/24	BACS	Fairways	Grounds Maintenance	£584.57
7	01/07/24	BACS	WALC	WALC Subs	£735.80
				Total	£2295.80

9. Items and correspondence for consideration and decision:

9.1. **Speed in the village:** A response was emailed by The Clerk to the member of public who had raised concerns about the issue detailing steps taken by The Council (these include several reports on speeding implemented, the visit by the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable and their teams to Lapworth in 2023 and the creation and running of the Community Speed Watch Team amongst others).

10. Planning Matters:

10.1. Planning applications for consideration:

10.1.1. W/24/0632. Erection of disabled bathroom and sun lobby. Old Acre Cottage, 83 Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6NJ.

LPC comment: **NEUTRAL**

10.1.2. W/24/0491. Replacement of existing metal clad outbuilding with proposed new oak framed outbuilding. Heronbrook Manor House, 69 Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull, B93 8PW. **WITHDRAWN**

LPC comment: **NO OBJECTION**

10.2. Decision notices:

10.2.1. W/24/0035/LB. Demolition of existing garage, sunroom, shed and garden wall and erection of new single storey side extension, plus widening of rear external door and minor internal alterations at Rectory Cottage, Church Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5NX for MR WIBAUT in accordance with the application submitted on 07/02/24. LPC comments: NEUTRAL. WDC Decision: GRANTED

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10.2.2. W/23/1451. Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home for a rural worker for a temporary period of 3 years (retrospective application) at Uplands Farm, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6EP for Mr Armstrong in accordance with the application submitted on 05/10/23. LPC comment: NEUTRAL with the following comments: Lapworth Parish Council request that if approval is given it is on the condition that the permission is temporary, and that an agricultural occupancy condition is applied. WDC Decision: GRANTED.

10.2.3. W/24/0034. Demolition of existing garage, sunroom, shed and garden wall and erection of new single storey side extension, plus widening of rear external door and minor internal alterations at Rectory Cottage, Church Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5NX for Mr. Wibaut in accordance with the application submitted on 07/02/24. LPC comments: NEUTRAL. WDC Decision: GRANTED.

10.2.4. W/23/1597 - Retrospective planning application for the retention of portable building, 3no. steel containers, 2no. freestanding canopies and 2no. fixed canopies, timber fencing and change of use from Sui Generis to Use Class F2(c) (outdoor fitness business) at Former Timber Yard, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6BA for D Wilson Property Holding Group Ltd in accordance with the application submitted on 22/02/24. LPC comments: NEUTRAL. WDC Decision: REFUSED

10.2.5. W/23/1831. Erection of single storey side and rear extension. Amendments to rear fenestration t Kingswood House, Station Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JJ. LPC comments: NEUTRAL. WDC Decision: GRANTED.

10.2.6. W/23/1451. Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile home for a rural worker for a temporary period of 3 years (retrospective application) at Uplands Farm, Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6EP. LPC comment: NEUTRAL with the following comments: Lapworth Parish Council request that if approval is given it is on the condition that the permission is temporary, and that an agricultural occupancy condition is applied. WDC Decision: GRANTED.

10.3. **Planning Appeal notices:**

10.3.1. APP/T3725/C/23/3318902 - Nova Equestrian, Glasshouse Lane, Lapworth, B94 6PZ.

11. **Road closures and Rights of Way issues:**

11.1. D50470 SPRING LANE, LAPWORTH

11.2. Chessetts Wood Road, Lapworth will be closed between 17/09/2024 - 19/09/2024. We hereby give notice of Intention to Process the Order for Severn Trent Water

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- 11.3. C22 LAPWORTH STREET, LOWSONFORD - Road Closure
- 11.4. C23 RISING LANE, BADDESLEY CLINTON - Road Closure
- 11.5. WHARF LANE - Temporary Road Closure
- 11.6. Glasshouse Lane - Temporary Road Closure

12. **Progress Reports: To receive reports and status updates for the following:**

- 12.1. Lapworth recreation sites
- 12.2. Lapworth Train Station Adoption Group

12.3. **Lapworth Village Hall:**

Cllr Cole reported that there is a leak on the flat roof. The Village Hall are applying for a NPower business solutions foundation.

The Village Hall are looking to refurbish the ladies toilet. It was recommended that The Village Hall submit a proposal for a grant from LPC to help with the funding of this.

The audio works (S106 funding for indoor sport) are underway.

- 12.4. Parish Online

13. **Communications, Openness and Accountability:**

13.1. **Nextdoor.com:**

The advertisement will be now submitted for 2 x casual vacancies at the end of the summer.

13.2. **Parish noticeboards:**

ACTION: The Clerk to chase up Phil Harris for dates to replace the remaining boards.

13.3. **Parish Council website:**

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Beaver have 3 x supplier proposals and have progressed the project to the point of being able to recommend a supplier who can deliver all the Council needs in the next two months.

14. **Correspondence and Publications received for information/consultation:**

Warwickshire County Council

CPRE

NALC

- 14.1. Warwickshire Matters
- 14.2. Warwick District Council
- 14.3. Warwickshire Police
- 14.4. NALC
- 14.5. Rural Bulletin

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15. Reports and Questions: To receive reports and questions from members in brief, including items for the next agenda. Councillors are reminded this is not an opportunity for decision making.

15.1. Potential Cross Border Sites: A planning consultancy want to develop a 30-hectare site at the rear of houses on Stratford Road (almost up to Box Trees) and north of Aylesbury Road. The area is currently fields in green belt. A "residential development within an open country park to facilitate access to the countryside" as well as a possible doctor's surgery and enhancing of Hockley Heath school are proposed. A significant but unspecified number of houses are proposed. There is concern over CIL going to South Warwickshire but the impact all in Hockley Heath. The proposal is not being promoted by South Warwickshire and nothing has been presented to LPC yet. LPC will keep Hockley Heath PC informed of cross border proposals presented to us and they will do the same.

16. Date of next meeting: Monday 12th August 2024 at 7:30pm – TBC.

The meeting closed at 8-50pm.

Appendix A:

Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division County Council News July 2024

Visiting your local household recycling centre this summer? Don't forget to book a slot!

In order to avoid disappointment and to keep the sites running as smoothly as possible during their busiest time of the year, Warwickshire County Council is reminding all residents that they must book a slot before visiting.

If there is availability, HWRC appointments can be booked up to a few minutes before arrival. There is usually plenty of availability on weekday afternoons, especially Wednesday afternoons where all sites except Shipston, Stockton and Wellesbourne are open until 6pm. There is a simple online booking process via www.warwickshire.gov.uk/hwrc

Can you help to shape the recovery of nature in the Warwickshire?

Warwickshire County Council in partnership with the Local Nature Partnership is seeking support from residents, businesses and community groups to shape the development of a new Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for the county.

The Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull Local Nature Partnership is a partnership of local organisations with the purpose of driving positive change for the natural environment and have offered to help prepare the LNRS by reaching out their members and contacts.

The LNRS is a key strategy that will outline a roadmap for restoring and improving Warwickshire's natural environment ensuring that it is sustainable now and for future generations.

A survey is now live in which all the county's stakeholders – from businesses to schools – will be asked to give their overall thoughts on natural environments and biodiversity, to think about their local area and which areas of the recovery of our natural world that they think should be prioritised.

Have your say today: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nature-recovery/>

Warwickshire celebrates "Thank You Day" by honouring residents for welcoming Ukrainian refugees

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As the UK marks Thank You Day last Sunday (7 July) Warwickshire County Council is taking the opportunity to express gratitude to the county's residents for their extraordinary generosity in welcoming Ukrainians into their homes through the Homes for Ukraine scheme. This initiative has provided sanctuary and support to many Ukrainians seeking refuge following Russia's invasion of their homeland.

Since the war began, and the Homes for Ukraine scheme was introduced more than 650 households in Warwickshire have stepped forward, hosting and supporting nearly 1500 refugees.

Warwickshire residents provide not just accommodation, but a warm welcome, a network of support and help with settling into the UK. These people have played a pivotal role in opening their homes and hearts to those in need. Their kindness and hospitality have provided not only shelter but also a sense of community and hope for the future.

Child friendly local activities and clubs available to book over the summer holidays

Summer is here and Warwickshire is buzzing with activities and clubs for children and families!

As the summer holidays draw near, organisations across the county are gearing up to offer a variety of activities and essential support services tailored for families with support from Warwickshire County Council's (WCC) Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme and other local initiatives.

This summer from Monday 22 July to Friday 30 August, the HAF Programme is offering an array of activities and meals, aimed at young people from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM). For more information and to check available activities please visit HAF website: <https://searchout.warwickshire.gov.uk/holidays-activities-food-haf>

WCC's Family Information Service (FIS) has compiled a useful list of summer holiday activities and clubs across Warwickshire (<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-447>). From multi-sports and performing arts to water sports, arts, and crafts, there is something for children of all ages and abilities. Activities are categorised by district/borough, with a dedicated section for activities catering to those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Motorists asked to allow extra time for journeys around A452 Europa Way - Ford Foundry and Queensway roundabouts in Leamington Spa

Work on the improvements to Queensway and Ford Foundry (Myton Road/Old Warwick Road) roundabouts are well underway.

Motorists are being asked to plan their journey and allow extra time around the extensive improvement works taking place.

As the programme of works enters a new phase, traffic management is to be extended: from 22 - 31 July, traffic management will be from 8am - 5pm. The effect on traffic will be monitored.

The layout of traffic management will also be changing. A trial of this new layout will be taking place today, Thursday 4 July. This will be monitored and if disruption is minimal, the new layout will be in place on Monday 8 July onwards.

More information and updates are available on the County Council's webpage: [A452 Europa Way corridor – Warwickshire County Council](#)

WCC and Pertemps volunteer their community support

A group of volunteers broke out the paint brushes to help a new rehabilitation facility in Leamington get ready for its first guests.

One team of helpers, from Warwickshire County Council and their recruitment partner Pertemps Network Group, spent two days decorating the new facility, while volunteers from other organisations have supported also.

The rehabilitation centre is due to open in early July, with eight beds for individuals recovering from drug or alcohol addictions.

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The volunteers were matched with the [New Chapters](#) project through [Make Good Grow](#), an organisation supporting charities in Warwickshire, linking them with organisations who want to support local causes.

Warwickshire residents in a low income household who don't have gas central heating in their homes are being encouraged to apply for Home Upgrade Grant funding (HUG2).

The HUG2 scheme aims to improve the warmth and comfort of homes that do not have mains gas heating, whilst also reducing energy bills, carbon emissions and levels of fuel poverty across the county. A range of energy efficiency improvements are available through this scheme and include clean heating solutions, such as air source heat pumps, solar panels and insulation. For more information please, contact <https://www.actonenergy.org.uk> (Rugby, Warwick, Stratford).

John Cooke 08/08/2024

Appendix B:

Warwick District Council Report to Parish Councils, Kenilworth Abbey and Arden Ward

Prepared by: Cllr Kyn Aizlewood, July 2024

1. South Warwickshire Local Plan

Work continues with Stratford District Council to develop a new Local Plan. The next stage will be a public consultation on a Preferred Option, to commence in December 2024. Before then, the Council will need to approve the consultation document, itself a product of work covering:

- The scope of new housing required (currently expected to be 40-50,000 new homes over 25 years).
- Making land available for new jobs.
- Developing the principles that will underpin new development e.g. "20-minute communities", preference of building on brownfield sites ahead of greenfield sites; low-carbon building methods, infrastructure and transport requirements.
- Reviewing the classification of Green Belt land.

Parish Councils will be further appraised of progress in the autumn.

2. Birmingham Airport

Birmingham Airport has taken a lead, nationally, in introducing new security scanners for use ahead of boarding flights. Unfortunately, late changes in the specification of the scanners by the Department of Transport, has meant that larger than usual numbers of people have triggered the sensitive technology, slowing down (rather than speeding up) the boarding process. The Airport has adapted its processes accordingly and is keen to remind passengers that NO liquids in bottles larger than 100ml can be taken through security in hand luggage.

NB – during busy periods, the advice is to check with your airline about when to arrive at the airport.

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3. Summer events

- 4 July – General Election - Please remember to vote and bring the required voter ID!
- 21 July - Warwick Castle Live
- 27/28 July – Smith Street Party and Warwick folk Festival