

ORDINARY MEETING OF LAPWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 11th November 2024 held at 7:30pm in Lapworth Village Hall

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

Others Present: Cllr Hales (WDC).

Public: One (1)

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence submitted to the Clerk.

Cllr Cooke (WCC), Cllr Aizelwood (WDC), Cllr Armstrong (WDC) and Cllr Beaver sent apologies which were **approved**.

2. Declarations of Interest: None were declared.

3. Dispensations: No requests received.

4. Minutes: It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 14th October 2024, the minutes were signed without amendment.

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

5.1. Bench at Harborough Cottages: The Clerk reported that the bench has been delivered courtesy of The Bell Group.

Action: Cllrs Hall and Chatwin to strim and tidy up the area surrounding the bench on Saturday 16th November. The Clerk to get quotes for the bench to be secured.

5.2. Remembrance Sunday (10th November 2024): Cllr Cole recounted that she represented the Council at the ceremony and commented on how good the poppies looked and how busy and moving the ceremony was.

6. Public Participation: a member of the public introduced themselves as a prospective Councillor.

7. Reports for Information:

7.1. Warwickshire County Council

Cllr Cooke provided a report for November 2024, see Appendix A.

7.2. Warwick District Council

Cllr Armstrong provided a report for November 2024, see Appendix B.

8. Finance:

8.1. To approve the invoices for payment: The clerk presented the latest Financial Report which showed a general reserves balance of £24,996.40 on 5th November 2024 and an expected balance of £23,547.47 once invoices have been paid.

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

	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	AMOUNT
03/11/24	BACS	Lapworth Village Hall	Room	£22.50
01/11/24	BACS	R Lucas	HW	£26.00
01/11/24	BACS	R Lucas	Salary	£800.50
01/11/24	BACS	R Lucas (Virtual Phone monthly fee)	Virtual	£4.50
01/11/24	BACS	R Lucas (Virtual Phone top up)	Virtual	£5.00
01/11/24	BACS	HMRC	NIC	£5.86
01/11/24	BACS	Fairways	Groun	£584.57
			Total	£1448.93

9. Items and correspondence for consideration and decision:

9.1. To further review speed in the village:

10. Planning Matters:

10.1. Planning applications for consideration:

10.2. W/23/1487 - Lapworth Grange, Spring Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5NT. Resubmitted and amended. LPC Council are **NEUTRAL** but with the following comments: that no demolition is involved and that the work being done is far away from the junction'

10.2.1. W/24/1223 - Chadwick House, Rising Lane, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6JA - Erection of triple garage. LPC Decision: **APPROVED**.

10.3. Decision notices:

10.3.1. W/24/0835 - The Hey House, Lapworth Street, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 5QS. Erection of a single storey front carport extension, single storey side extension, two-storey rear extensions, single storey rear extension and alterations to external finishes. LPC comment: NEUTRAL with the following comments: Lapworth Parish Council considers that the overall size of the extension is disproportionate for the Green Belt and asks that it is kept to below the 30% limit - application has been withdrawn.

10.3.2. W/24/1322/AG - Land at Canal Farm, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull, B94 6BA. Prior approval not required for Notification under Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A for the erection of an agricultural building for the storage of arable crops, machinery and fertiliser.

10.4. Planning Appeal notices:

10.4.1. W/24/0009 - Land to the North of Bakers Lane, Knowle, Solihull. LPC comments: OBJECTION with the following comments: LPC considers that Condition 11 in the original planning approval was a carefully considered response by the Planning Authority and remains valid.

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10.4.2. W/24/0934 - Land to the rear of a Clover Hill Lapworth - LPC Comment: OBJECT due to potential traffic issues in a narrow residential street and access. LPC have requested their decision be deferred until the consultation and any residents' meeting.

11. Road closures and Rights of Way:

11.1. Temporary Road Closure of Lapworth Street, Lapworth - 02/12/2024 to 03/12/2024 To safely enable excavation works in carriageway.

11.2. Mill Lane, Lapworth will be closed between 20/01/2025 - 22/01/2025 - for work to be carried out by Severn Trent Water which will be detailed at a later date.

11.3. Bushwood Lane - on the 11th and completes on the 20th of November 2024 - to safely enable drainage works

11.4. Bushwood Lane - closed to vehicular traffic between the junctions of Lapworth Street and Irelands Lane for drainage and associated works. 11 November 2024 for up to 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

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

12.1. **Lapworth recreation sites: The Clerk** fed back that the Play Inspection Company's report states that the Playground is in an overall good condition with no High Risk items. There are some issues that need attention including net repair in the goal, the gate closing too quickly, fixing pins to be replaced and trip points around the trampoline and supernova. Cllr Hall recommended that LPC replace some mats where needed and levelling off the ground below.

Action: The Clerk to meet with **Cllr Rees** at the Playground to access work needed and ascertain prices accordingly.

12.2. **Lapworth Train Station Adoption Group: Cllr Rees** detailed another clean up of the station. An application may be put in for more money. Cllr Rees attended the Chiltern Railways annual conference and the Local Plan has no major changes to timetables or stations detailed. Various posters will be going up soon – The Canal & River Trust, The National Trust will add one detailing routes to local sites. The History Panels will be in situ soon. The book exchange at the telephone box has been a success.

12.3. **Lapworth Village Hall: Cllr Cole** fed back that the Village Hall have installed a comprehensive sound and projector system and passed on their thanks for the grant. It is being used and is very much appreciated by the local clubs. Future projects include improving the toilets and the flat roof.

Action: The Clerk to explore what grants may be available for work needed to be done.

12.4. Parish Online.

13. Communications, Openness and Accountability:

13.1. Nextdoor.com.

13.2. Parish noticeboards.

13.3. Parish Council website.

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14. Correspondence and Publications received for information/consultation:

- 14.1. Warwickshire Matters
- 14.2. Warwick District Council
- 14.3. Warwickshire Police
- 14.4. NALC
- 14.5. CPRE
- 14.6. Rural Bulletin
- 14.7. WM Trains

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.

16. Date of next meeting: **Monday 9th December 2024 8:37pm**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Signed:

Cllr Henderson (Chairman)

Date:

APPENDIX A:

Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division County Council News - November 2024

Residents urged to attend organised events only this bonfire night.

As Bonfire Night approaches, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) is urging residents to avoid personal firework displays and attend organised events instead.

While the dazzling firework displays make this a great tradition, it's also a time when emergency services often respond to an increase in fire and firework-related incidents.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable celebration, WFRS offers the following safety tips:

- Purchase fireworks responsibly: Only buy fireworks that carry the CE mark and store them in a closed metal box.
- Maintain a safe distance: Keep fireworks away from trees, fences, and your property to prevent accidental fires.
- Follow instructions carefully: Read and adhere to the instructions on each firework, using a flashlight if necessary.
- Never return to a lit firework: A firework may explode unexpectedly even after it has gone out.
- Avoid dangerous practices: Never set off fireworks on a balcony or while under the influence of alcohol.
- Children should be supervised at all times: Keeping children safe during bonfire night must be a priority, be careful if using sparklers and always have a bucket of water ready to extinguish.

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- Remember to keep pets safe and indoors during Bonfire Night. Loud noises and bright flashes can frighten animals, and stray fireworks pose a serious threat.

Warwickshire Libraries' Chatterbooks programme achieves national recognition

Warwickshire County Council's libraries service is delighted to share that its Chatterbooks programme, aimed at engaging with school children who may otherwise never attend their local library, has gained national recognition.

Warwickshire Libraries' Chatterbooks programme was selected as one of three case studies from across the country to be presented to MPs at the Chartered Institute for Library and Information Professionals' (CILIP's) latest event on Monday 21 October in UK Parliament.

The event, Libraries Change Lives by Creating Opportunities, was a special parliamentary reception celebrating the positive impact of libraries, and aiming to connect policymakers with library sector representatives and allies to showcase the power of libraries to create opportunities for everyone.

Each session included a variety of accessible and fun activities linked to popular books, crafting, sensory play, and trips to local attractions like The Royal Shakespeare Company. Participants of Chatterbooks did not necessarily have reading capability issues, but rather lacked a general interest in reading.

New mini exhibition series at Warwickshire Libraries

Making Connections will be hosted by ten different libraries from Autumn 2024 to Spring 2025. From high-status tableware to everyday brooches, the objects found on Roman sites around Warwickshire tell us a lot about people's daily lives and the connections and journeys made across the Roman Empire.

For the next six months, a handful of star items from the collections of Warwickshire Museum will be on temporary display in libraries across Warwickshire. Every object has a story to tell about people and places nearly 2000 years ago.

The small selection of objects from our collection that will be on display include glossy Samian ware bowls, pieces of carved Italian marble, and bronze brooches, all found through archaeological investigations in Warwickshire. Which library you visit will determine which objects you see.

There will also be children's activity sheets linked to the displays available at each library venue.

New role to lead the development of supported internships in Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has appointed a Supported Internships Coordinator to oversee and enhance the delivery of supported internships for young people aged 16 to 24 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) across the county.

This role, funded by the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi), will focus on improving access to these work-based study programmes. The newly appointed Coordinator started in September 2024 and will be in post until the end of March 2025.

With the launch of a new suite of Supported Internships guidance booklets for businesses, education providers, families and young people in 2023, WCC has been committed to expanding opportunities for young people with SEND to participate in supported internships. These programmes are designed for those with an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) who are preparing to enter the workforce. By attending a full-time placement primarily based with an employer, participants gain essential workplace skills and pursue a tailored curriculum that helps them achieve relevant qualifications. Local colleges and dedicated job coaches provide additional support throughout the process.

For more information on Supported Internships in Warwickshire, including guidance for colleges, businesses, parents, and carers, as well as an Easy Read Guide for young people, please visit [Warwickshire's Local Offer webpages](#).

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New contract for the recycling of cardboard and paper awarded

Warwickshire County Council has awarded a new contract for the provision of containers, haulage, and the recycling of cardboard and paper from the county's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

The contract, valued between £750,000 and £1,000,000 over a five-year period, has been awarded to GAE Smith Holdings Limited trading as Casepak following a competitive tender process.

The new contract will ensure the continued recycling of approximately 2,000 tonnes per year of cardboard and paper generated annually at Warwickshire's HWRCs. Casepak, the current provider, demonstrated its ability to meet the Council's requirements with its modern fleet of GPS-equipped vehicles and certified management systems for environmental, quality, and health and safety standards.

Local company Nuneaton Signs presented with The King's Award for Enterprise by Warwickshire's Lord Lieutenant

Nuneaton Signs Ltd, a well-established national provider of signage based in Nuneaton in Warwickshire, was officially presented with the prestigious King's Award for Enterprise (KAE) by Tim Cox, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire.

The company achieved the KAE in the category of Promoting Opportunity and was officially presented with the award at their premises in Nuneaton on Friday 20 September.

Nuneaton Signs were the only business in the West Midlands, and one of only eight businesses in the UK, to achieve a KAE in this category in 2024.

Nuneaton Signs operates as a social enterprise and is dedicated to making a positive impact. The company prioritises having an inclusive and supportive work environment and is proud to provide employment opportunities for a skilled and diverse workforce where over 66% of the employees have disabilities.

National Adoption Week highlights adoption journeys of all kinds

Adoption Central England (ACE), the regional adoption agency for Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Coventry, and Solihull, is supporting this year's National Adoption Week (21-27 October) campaigned sponsored by Adoption England.

The national campaign, YouCanAdopt, aims to raise awareness of adoption and dispel myths around who is eligible to adopt as more adoptive parents are needed for those children who are waiting to join new families.

Adopters can be any age, from any background, and can be single or in a couple. The most important thing is that they can provide a secure and loving home to a child, or children, and can be there to support them to thrive. [A heartwarming video from the campaign](#) demonstrates this through the stories of three adoptive families sharing their experiences in conversations onboard a train. This setting symbolises the adoption journey that conveys, despite the ups and downs and detours on the way, that it is overwhelmingly a positive and rewarding to do to provide a permanent family home to a child who is waiting for this opportunity.

John Cooke 30/10/24

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APPENDIX B:

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

Prepared by: Cllr Kyn Aizlewood, November 2024

1. Pension Credits

Following a motion at Council regarding the District's response to changes in the winter fuel allowance, we can confirm that the Council is making great effort to assist pensioners who may be missing out on winter fuel payments and to minimise the impact on our most vulnerable residents. Parish Councils are asked to further engage with their communities to encourage the take up of Pension Credits and encourage pensioners to check their eligibility independently. WDC has committed to make further practical advice available.

1. South Warwickshire Local Plan

Work continues with Stratford District Council to develop a new Local Plan. The target for building new homes across South Warwickshire has shifted with a new "standard method" being introduced by the Labour government. This method requires that Warwick and Stratford District Councils identify additional land, with an expectation that many new homes will be for people moving into the area. There are major implications for new infrastructure and the SWLP will set out the Preferred Options for managing this growth in housing, balancing this against other commitments e.g. to develop healthy communities and reduce carbon pollution.

A public consultation is to commence in early January 2025, for eight weeks. However, some documents will be available to view online before then, from 22 November, following this link: [Committee details - Joint Cabinet Committee | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

1. Building new affordable homes

The completion of seventeen new homes on a brownfield site in Cubbington is a landmark achievement for WDC and part of a long-term strategy to boost the provision of affordable and sustainable homes in the District. Seven of these homes are deemed "affordable". The new houses have been built on WDC owned land, following purchase of the plot in 2020. The land purchase has allowed us to create homes which are also energy efficient benefitting from air source heat pumps, solar panels and electric vehicle charging points. The remaining ten homes have been sold on the open market with the proceeds reinvested for future developments.

1. Winter events

With the festive season looming, there is plenty going on across the District. Dates and details for numerous seasonal events can be accessed through the following link to the What's On guide: [Autumn Winter Events Listing 2024 by Warwick District Council - Issuu](#)

Your councillors for Abbey and Arden are:

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Please feel free to contact us with any issues.