

ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014

P.Cllr. J Gaffey
P.Cllr. Mrs N Clarke
P.Cllr. Mrs D Weir
P.Cllr. G Bull
P.Cllr. Mrs M Bull
P.Cllr. G Coombs
C.Cllr. Mrs J Compton
The Clerk

120 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr. North, Cllr. Peepall, Cllr. Mrs Hobday, Cllr. Caborn

121 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Resolved that Graham Coombs be co-opted as a Parish Councillor following the resignation of Cllr. Cooper. [GB/NC] Cllr. Coombs signed a declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed as a member of Rowington Parish Council

122 CHANGES TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

Additions to agenda made due to time limits under Minute 130 – WALC Training Days 24 Jan 2015 and 07 Feb 2015; under Minute 131 – WCC Transport and Highways update Winter 2014; under Minute 132 – Finance to be paid – Steve’s Industries £56.74 and Cardiac Science £34.74.

123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

124 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2014

The Minutes of 13 November 2014 previously circulated to Councillors were accepted as a true record [NC/MB]

125 QUESTIONS/OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES)

None present

126 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Mrs Compton provided the following report:

- A full WCC Council Meeting had taken place on Tuesday and the whole meeting had been recorded in line with the new rules
- WCC Cabinet Meeting and discussions on budget setting had started today with the proposal of a 1.99% increase as last year
- Consultation currently out on joint working with Town and Parish Councils
- Consultation on Live & Local Funding scheduled to end on 12 February
- Proposed that a ban on the use of Chinese Lanterns on any WCC land due to the known dangers to livestock and potential fire risks
- Cllr. Mrs Compton conveyed information from Cllr. Caborn on discussions between Warwickshire and Hereford & Worcester Fire Services

127 PLANNING MATTERS

127.a Considered by WDC:

W14/1559 LB The Gate House, Shrewley – Application for LB Consent for renovation and minor alterations, including rendering external walls, to stable and granary building to form storage area.

WITHDRAWN

W14/1426 Shepherds Fold, Finwood Road, Rowington – Erection of two x two storey side extensions and one two storey rear extension. **REFUSED**

127.b To be considered by RPC

W14/1658 Sandall House Farm, Lowsonford – Erection of a 3.2m metal flue (retrospective) Whilst Rowington Parish Council raises no material objections, Councillors do have concerns

surrounding the following points: 1. The height of the flue at 3.2 m appears abnormally high 2. Should WDC be minded to grant permission, the PC formally request that a condition is imposed requiring the flue to be painted/sprayed in a matt black finish. In its current state of highly polished metal the flue is highly visible, reflective, and has a considerable impact on this green belt location. It is clearly visible from the highway and a black finish would lessen the visual impact.

W14/1613 Windmill House Cottage, Finwood Road, Rowington – Proposed Store to house pellet boiler, water cylinders and wood pellets. Rowington Parish Council raises no objections to this proposal subject to compliance with policy guidelines regarding extensions and the cumulative increase of such extensions not exceeding 30% of the original dwellinghouse. Given the past history of extensions to this property, it is difficult to understand how this guideline has not already been exceeded.

127.c Other Planning/Enforcement matters

None at issue of agenda

128. PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT

Update (if any) on progress by Steering Group. Work continued on collecting and collating information on individual areas of the parish and was scheduled for discussion and reporting at the next meeting.

129. PARISH WEBSITE

129.a Details of quotations (3) received by Clerk:

[1] Network Ltd - £1000 + VAT set up + £200 per annum for hosting

[2] Canalside Websites - £500-750 set up + monthly charge of £15-20. Unfortunately this provider had since decided to move away from this area of work

[3] M.I. Business Services Ltd - £350 set up + £150 per annum for hosting. This provider had been recommended by Budbrooke PC and Ian Broadbridge gave a brief presentation to the PC prior to this meeting. Mr Broadbridge left the meeting immediately thereafter.

Councillors considered the figures provided and resolved that the quotation from M.I. Business Services as a local company, hosting other PC websites and being most competitive, be accepted.

Cllr. Gaffey to speak to Editor of rowington.org to request that the old website is kept online whilst the transfer of information etc. to the new website takes place.

130. LOCALITIES FORUM

130.a Warwick Rural West Community Forum. Next Meeting: 29 January 2015 Committee Room 2, Shire Hall. (Cllr. Mrs Weir and Cllr. Gaffey). Noted

131 ROWINGTON AND LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALLS

131.a Reports (if any) . A recent dance held at Rowington Village Hall had raised £300.

Cllr. Mrs Compton commented on the poor state of the car park at Rowington Village Hall. Resolved that Cllr. Bull would refer this matter to the Village Hall Management Committee with the suggestion that funding might well be available to assist with any improvements to the car park

132 HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT

132.a WDC Flooding Reports (if any). None

132.b Reports by Councillors on any highway issues. New driveway being created at the Elephant & Castle, Old Warwick Road to be referred to WDC Planning to establish whether the appropriate planning permission was in place.

132.c Reports by Councillors on any footpath issues.

Clerk to provide Cllr. Coombs with survey reporting form.

Alterations made to Cllr. Mrs Hobday's footpath reporting area to allocate W32 and W33 to Cllr. Coombs for inspection.

Footpath Reports Sheets submitted by Cllrs. G & M Bull outlining the following defects:

- Missing waymarkers
- Handrail missing from bridge at stream crossing W48a to W47
- Marker posts require tops re-painting in yellow marker paint
- Old Barn Farm, Quarry Lane (W47a) – path re-routed due to electric fence. A new raised

path is in situ but not way marked.

132.d Email received from resident regarding the C25 / Holywell Lane/ The Cumsey/ Lye Green Road junction marker posts still not replaced and vegetation not cut back. Order made for this work in early July. Clerk has passed this email to Peter Hallam at WCC Highways for his attention.

Chevrons on bend outside Lavender Lodge still not replaced – again an order for this work was issued in July 2014.

Cllr. Mrs Compton confirmed that she would speak to the relevant department within WCC and chase both the above matters.

133 PLAYING FIELD

133.a Playing Field Inspection Reports (Mr R Morton / Cllr. Peepall (23 Nov)Cllr. Bull (07 Dec)Cllr. Gaffey (21 Dec)

Clerk reported that she had chased Steve's Industries regarding the cutting back of boundary trees and hedges and they had confirm that they would carry out the work during the first week of January and certainly by 8th January

133.b Application for Rural Initiatives Grant – progress report to include revised quotation received from Wicksteed. Clerk reported that a revised quote had been obtained from Wicksteed giving a reduction of £500. Following discussion regarding the traditional design of the Wicksteed equipment, the known track record of the company and the fact that equipment installed in the playing field in 1974 by Wicksteed remained in good order, it was resolved that the revised quotation would be formally accepted [NC/MB]. Clerk to complete funding application and submit. Chairman to provide Clerk with Lapworth School survey information to accompany the application

134 MEETINGS.TRAINING DAYS ATTENDED / FORTHCOMING

134.a **29 Nov 14** WRCC Annual General Meeting. Binley Woods Village Hall. 12.15pm. Noted

134.b 10 Dec 14 WALC Warwick Area Meeting. Town Hall, Leamington Spa 7.30pm. Noted

134.c 24 Jan 15 Being a Good Councillor and Clerk. Dorothea Mitchell Hall, Claverdon .9.30am. Cllr. Coombs to attend.

134.d 07 Feb 15 Employment briefing for Parish and Town Councils. Arden Hall, Castle Bromwich. Chairman to attend if possible.

135 CORRESPONDENCE

135.a 24 Nov 2014 WDC Development Services – Historic Building Grants 2014/2015 Financial Year Funding available for works to historic and listed buildings. Noted

135.b 25 Nov 2014 WDC Details of Council Tax and Precept (Deadline for submission of precept request 30 Jan 2015 latest).Details circulated to Councillors via email. Noted

135.c Nov 2014 NALC/SLCC National Salary Award 2014-2016. Resolution passed to accept pay award and consolidated one off payment for December. (N.B. Clerk advised Councillors that an overpayment had been made in the sum of £59.50 for December due to lack of apportionment of the one off payment of £100.Clerk confirmed that the January payment will be reduced accordingly) [DW/GB]

135.d Circulation Envelope:

Heart of England Way Footnotes Autumn/Winter 2014/15; CPRE National Office Press Release; CSW Superfast Broadband Update November 2014; Details of Warwick Rural West Community Forum – Funding Available; Rural Services Network – Rural Vulnerability Service; WALC Newsletter ADH/114/4/2014; Copy of response to WDC Chair. Cllr. Sawdon from Kris Hopkins MP regarding Local Authority Code of Conduct arrangements; CPRE Outlook November 2014: WCC Transport and Highways Update Winter 2014.

136 FINANCE

136.a. Paid during the month:

None

136.b To be paid

Clerk Salary & Allowance (Dec) £880.94

HMRC – PAYE/NIC (Oct 14 – Jan 15) £292.09

SLCC Membership Renewal	£149.00
Bournville Village Trust (Allots Rent)	£210.35
Steves Industries (P.Field) Inv.3727	£ 56.74
Cardiac Science (De-Fib Pads)	£ 34.74

136.c Received:

Bank of Ireland Interest (Oct 2014)	£2.75
Bank of Ireland Interest (Nov 2014)	£3.06

Resolved that the above items of finance be approved [GB/MB]

136.d Items for consideration/information

Budget for 2015-2016 recommendation of Working Party held on Monday 01 December 2014.

Present: Vice Chairman, Clerk, Cllr. Bull and Cllr. Mrs Bull. Draft Budget papers circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting with the recommendation that the precept remained at the current rate. Resolved unanimously that the budget for 2015/2016 be approved.

137. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Clerk reported that she had circulated details of the Landmark Trust 50th Anniversary Celebration to local residents in the hope that the community would work together to provide a weekend of celebration.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

NEXT MEETING – 12 February 2015 at Lowsonford Village Hall