**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT**

**LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2015**

P.Cllr. J Gaffey (In the Chair)

P.Cllr. M North

P. Cllr. G Bull

P.Cllr. Mrs M Bull

P.Cllr. Mrs D Weir

P.Cllr. G Coombs

D.Cllr Mrs S Gallagher

D.Cllr Peter Whiting

C.Cllr Mrs J Compton

Mrs K Skudra – Locum Clerk

No members of the public present.

**40 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Cllr. Mrs N Clarke and Parish Clerk Mrs Allyson Coleman who is on sickness leave - duly approved

**41. CHANGES TO PUBLISHED AGENDA**

None

**42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RELATING TO PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr. Bull declared an interest in Minute 50 being a member of Rowington Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr. Weir declared a personal interest in Minute 46.b planning application W15/1270 due to the proximity of the applicant site to her property.

**43 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 09 JULY 2015**

Resolved that theMinutes of 10 JULY 2015 as previously circulated to Councillors be approved as a true record [GB/MB]

**44 QUESTIONS/OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Limited to 15 minutes)**

* No members of the public present

**45 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

C. Cllr. Mrs Jose Compton provided the following report:

* . Further debate occurred recently at the County Council regarding the proposal to join a West Midlands Combined Authority. The issue was fully debated with a majority not in favour of merging with Birmingham. Another option mooted was to join with Coventry and or other neighbouring Shire counties. This received a more favourable hearing on the basis that there were more commonalities with the smaller rural authorities. It was agreed to form a working party to engage with Government on devolution issues and look at all options. It was pointed out that Warwickshire is not required to join any combined authority and are in fact doing well on their own.
* Cuts in the Adult Services budget are proving difficult to implement

D. Cllr. Mrs Sue Gallagher reported the following:

* The completion of a very successful National Bowls Championship.
* Investment in the Leisure Centres at Warwick and Leamington. Consideration is being given to the management of the centres.
* Cllr Gallagher also reminded those over 60 to claim their travel/ taxi tokens. It was agreed that relevant information would be posted on the Parish Website

D. Cllr. Peter Whiting reported the following:

* With respect to the progress of the Local Plan, Warwick District Council have been given more time to consider the housing provision shortfall as the Inspector believes the current draft plan contains an overestimate of windfall sites. The intention remains to keep a ‘green lung’ between Coventry and Kenilworth. As far as Rowington is concerned Cllr Whiting stated that the solution is not in the villages.

**46 PLANNING MATTERS**

**46.a Considered by WDC:**

**W/15/093** **Land adjacent to White House Farm, Lowsonford** – Outline application for the erection of a dwelling with all matters except access reserved. **REFUSED**

**W/15/0671 LB** **The Old Farm, Quarry Lane, Rowington** – Installation of new oak timber wall plate. **GRANTED**

**W/15/0469/LB | Finwood Hill Farm, Mill Lane, Rowington, Warwick, B95 5HH -** Minor modification to gable end of conservatory being constructed under planning application W/15/0984/LB . **REFUSED**

**W/15/0958 Finwood Cottage, Mill Lane, Lowsonford** – Proposed erection of first floor decked balcony to side of existing dwelling with timber steps and canopy over. **WITHDRAWN**

**W/15/0722 Downlands, Mill Lane, Lowsonford** – Extensions and alterations to dwellings. **REFUSED**

**W/15/0453 Crossways, Rowington Green –** Outline planning application for the erections of two new dwellings. Discharging means of access and layout only. **GRANTED**

**W15 / 0996 Sandall House Farm, Narrow Lane, Lowsonford** – Construction of an extension to existing drive (50m).**PLANNING COMMITTEE 15 Sept 2015.** This is on the list for the Planning meeting on 15th September and the Parish Council has objected although it is believed the objection is not showing on the WDC website. Cllr Sue Gallagher pointed out that if a Parish Council objects to an application, a representative should then attend the Planning Committee meeting to speak. No-one was available to attend the meeting on 15th

**46.b To be considered by RPC**

**W15/0711 Boundary House, Manor Lane, Pinley Green –** Removal of existing roof and increase of roof height on existing house; erections of two storey extension - **An objection** had been filed with WDC, subject to approved at the meeting. The meeting reviewed the draft response and agreed it should be amended to require a planning decision to be deferred until a bat survey had been submitted and that the Parish Council requests that WDC seeks clarification of the area calculations contained within the Design Statement. The Chair will check with the planning officer to see if there is time to add to the earlier response. **W15/1270 Navigation Inn, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth –** Retrospective planning permission for the change of use of land to extend an existing beer garden. **Comments** - It was noted that although there has been some clearing of the area to allow the extension of the beer garden there has been no changes of boundaries or fencing. Whilst the Parish Council did not object to the proposal this was however conditional upon restrictions being placed which prevented the erection of any structures on the area of land subject to the permission or the extension of the existing lighting onto this area.

**W15/1067 Greenbanks Halt, Back Lane** – Erection of two storey front extension and conversion of stables into habitable room. – The Parish Council raised an **objection** to this application as it contravenes planning policy RAP2 with respect to extensions to existing barn conversions in the Green Belt. The RAP2 policy wording is restated in the Draft Local Plan.

**46.c Other Planning/Enforcement matters**

Enforcement Item Pr2. **Ardencote Manor banner/sign** on C25 The Cumsey, plus potential planning breach. WDC Steve Hewitt dealing. It was reported that the banner and sign at the Ardencote was still up.

**47. PARISH DESIGN STATEMENT**

Cllr North reported that he will revisit the Parish Design Statement and requested updated statements from Cllr Gaffey and Cllr. Mrs Clarke.

**48. PARISH WEBSITE**

48.a Update (if any) [www.rowingtonpc.org.uk](http://www.rowingtonpc.org.uk).

**49. LOCALITIES FORUM**

49.a Warwick Rural West Community Forum. Next Meeting: 24 September 2015 – Shire Hall, Warwick (Cllr Gaffey advised that he will attend).

**50 ROWINGTON AND LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALLS**

50.a Reports (if any) Cllr. Bull reported that the surfacing works to the Rowington Village Hall car park had been completed. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Bull for his efforts in project managing these works.

**51. HIGHWAYS, FOOTPATHS AND TRANSPORT**

51.a WDC Flooding Reports (if any) None reported.

51.b Reports by Councillors on any highway issues

- Following a report to Peter Hallam, Cllr. Mrs Compton confirmed that potholes in Rowington Green had been marked out for repair.

51.c Reports by Councillors on any footpath issues.

- The hedge outside St Lawrence Church is reported to be overgrown. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the householder and ask them to cut it back.

- Footpath Report Sheets due from – Cllr.Coombs

**52 PLAYING FIELD**

52.a Playing Field Inspection Reports - **Cllr. Coombs (26 April)** to revisit the date of the inspection as it does not conform with his scheduled inspection dates. **Cllr. Mrs Weir (16 Aug)** submittedher inspection report at the meeting.

**53 MEETINGS.TRAINING DAYS ATTENDED / FORTHCOMING**

20 Sept 2015 The Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire and the Chairman of WCC – Invitation to County Church Service at the Collegiate Church of St. Mary, Warwick. 10.30am. Noted

16 Oct 2015 SLCC Notice of Annual General Meeting. Hiinckley Island Hotel, Watling Street, Hinckley, Leics. Noted

17 Nov 2015 WALC Training Day. Being a Good Councillor and Clerk. Eathorpe Village Hall, Main Street, Eathorpe. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Noted

**54 CORRESPONDENCE**

54.a WALC Newsletter August 2015 – Copy in Circulation File.

54.b WDC Gambling Policy Consultation – view online at warwickdc.gov.uk

54.c Jane Ryland Charity – Brian Taylor’s term as a Trustee is now due for renewal. Cllr Mrs Bull nominated Brian Taylor to continue as the Parish Councils nominated Trustee for the Jane Ryland Charity. This was seconded by Cllr North

54.d Circulation Envelope:

Clerks & Councils Direct Sept 2015; CPRE Outlook Aug 2015 + Annual Review; WDC Music to your ears Sept 2015 – Mid Jan 2016; WDC Council Meeting 12 Aug 2015 Agenda + Minutes of 24 June 2015; CPRE Countryside Voice and Field Work Summer 2015; WDC Heritage Open Days Sept 2015; Leamington Spa Art Gallery & Museum – Third Man productions – Stalag Happy 07 and 08 Oct 2015; WDC Heritage Open Days 11-13 September and Friday Focus returns on Friday 11 September.

**55 FINANCE**

**55.a. Paid during the month:**

David Connolly (P.Field Insps July 2015) £ 50.00

Clerk Salary & Allowance (Aug) £ 829.17

HMRC PAYE/NIC £ 198.92

AMW Lawn Care (P Field) £ 226.94

Norton Renewal Subscription £ 49.99

**55.b To be paid**

Clerk Salary & Allowance (Sept) £ 828.97

**55.c Received:**

Bank of Ireland Interest (July 2015) £ 3.20

Bank of Ireland Interest (Aug 2015) £ 2.24

Rowington Action Group (P.Field) £ 72.75

The above items of finance were approved unanimously

**55.d Items for consideration/information**

**56. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None at issue of agenda

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 08 October 2015 at Rowington Village Hall**

Signed……………………………………………………………

 Chairman

Date……………………………………………………………….