

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Present

Councillor J Gaffey (Chairman)
Councillor J Coles
Councillor I Henderson
Councillor D Lane
Councillor D Weir

Warwick District Councillor Mrs S Gallagher
Warwickshire County Councillor – Councillor J Cooke for part of the meeting
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
No members of the public

249 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr North and Warwick District Councillor P Whiting.

250 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations Relating to Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest

251 Changes to Published Agenda

Additions to this agenda were made under Minute 263 below.

252 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 August 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Henderson and seconded by Cllr Weir that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2017, having been previously circulated be agreed and signed as a true record. No objections were raised or amendments requested.

253 Confidential Minute of the Meeting held on 10 August 2017

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press were excluded from the meeting for this item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual, information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.

The Chairman read the minute of the meeting held in a closed session on 10 August 2017 and it was proposed by Cllr Henderson and seconded by Cllr Weir that the minute, be agreed and signed as a true record. No objections were raised or amendments requested.

254 Questions from Members of the Public (Limited to 15 minutes)

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

255 Report from Warwick District Councillors S Gallagher & P Whiting

It was reported that the Local Plan was due for adoption by Council resolution on 20 September 2017.

An outline planning application is being submitted for the conversion of the Riverside House site to housing and a detailed planning application is being submitted for the proposed new Council Offices at Covent Garden. This application is to also include for additional offices, apartments and a replacement multi-story car park.

It was also reported that some of the facilities at the redeveloped Leisure Centre's were being progressively opened to the public. This included the pool, gym and studios at Newbold Comyn and the Sports Hall at St Nicholas Park. The pool at St Nicholas Park will re-open, ahead of schedule, on 21 September 2017.

Other works were suffering delays for various reasons relating to utility suppliers and their sub-contractors. The costs have increased, however, there is scope for at least partial recovery.

There is a Special Planning Forum taking place at Leamington Town Hall, Thursday 14 September 2017 to discuss proposals for potential Gypsy & Traveller Sites.

Finances for Q1 were broadly in line with the budget although there was a £200,000 deficit currently projected for 2018/19. Work was progressing to bridge this gap.

256 Report from County Councillor

Councillor Cooke submitted a report which was read out and is appended to these minutes.

257 Planning Matters

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

W17/1423	Land adjoining Clinton House, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of 1 single storey dwelling house	Objection to be lodged as land is in the Green Belt
W17/1483	Old Posthouse, Rowington Green, Rowington Reserved matters application for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of a single detached dwelling with detached garage granted under outline planning permission W/16/0838	Objection to be lodged as insufficient information has been provided
W17/1554	The Coach House, Queens Drive, Rowington The erection of a single storey front extension; side extension with terrace above; new front doors with porch canopy; inserting rooflights and replacing windows	Objection to be lodged as insufficient information has been provided

Current Planning Appeals

W17/0104 Lyttleton House, Lye Green, Holywell, Rowington – Appeal allowed

Proposed development; erection of two storey rear extension

W14/0083 Glenthorne, Five Ways Road, Shrewley – Appeal is to be the subject of a Public Inquiry which was held in the Town Hall on 5 September 2017

258 Parish Design Statement (PDS)

In the absence of Cllr North the item was deferred to the next meeting.

259 Reports from Lowsonford & Rowington Village Halls

Cllr Weir asked the Clerk to look at the contents of the filing cabinet, which is currently located at Rowington Village Hall with a view to removing the cabinet and its contents.

260 Highways, Footpaths & Transport

No issues were raised.

261 Playing Field

Playing Field Inspection Reports were outstanding from Cllr D Weir – 30 April & 9 July 2017

The Clerk was asked to consider issues which had been reported following recent inspections and report back to the next meeting.

262 Meetings, Training Days attended & forthcoming

Cllr Coles & Cllr Lane to attend Councillor & Clerk Induction Part 1 – 11 November 2017

Cllr Coles to attend Councillor & Clerk Induction Part 2 – 2 December 2017

263 Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid

HMRC	£315.19
HMRC	£164.22

Clerks Salary	£604.09
D Connolly	£75.00
CPRE Annual Membership	£36.00
D Connolly	£50.00
Grant Thornton – Audit Fee	£240.00
Mrs A Coleman	£836.24

c) Received:
None

It was proposed by Cllr Coles and duly seconded by Cllr Lane that the payments be approved. No objections were recorded.

264 Defibrillator Training

Cllr Henderson agreed to investigate the cost of training supplied by St John Ambulance.

265 Items for Future Agendas

None reported.

266 Confidential Minute

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

NEXT MEETING
Thursday 12 October 2017 at Rowington Village Hall

Signed.....

Designation.....

Date.....

Appendix 1

Lapworth & West Kenilworth News September 2017

Wharf Lane

A resident of Wharf Lane Lapworth has asked for a speed limit reduction in Wharf Lane from 60 to 40 mph.

However, a speed survey will need to be taken to determine whether or not there is a case. The residents affected do not live in the Lapworth & West Kenilworth Division so I have been liaising with my neighbouring colleague councillor John Horner. I will let you know how this plays out.

Children Centres

The consultation on the WCC proposal to reduce the number of Children Centres in the County in order to meet an agreed 1.1million pound budget cut continues. Kenilworth County Councillors will be joining force to oppose this reduction to Children's services in Kenilworth & surrounding areas. A well-attended public meeting took place at St John's Church in Kenilworth. Myself & the two other Councillors for Lapworth this week presented a petition to the portfolio holder.

Cllr Jeff Morgan portfolio holder for Children's Services said: -

"We are getting a huge response to our consultation on 0-5 services with over 1000 responses and the closing date isn't until 11 September.

In order to make sure we consider everyone's views and to give time for officers to do a good job on the paper, we will have to push back the timescale a little. So, the target is now to get Young People's Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider this in October prior to the paper going to cabinet for decision in November."

One in Three Electric Blankets Failed Safety Checks

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is launching its annual electric blanket safety testing campaign. Have your electric blanket safety tested FREE of charge this coming October.

In 2016, one in every three of the electric blankets tested failed and faulty electric blankets are a known cause of house fires.

The service is also offering to safety test kettles, irons, toasters and Christmas lights (again, free of charge) at the same time.

Free electric blanket safety checks will take place at venues across all five districts and boroughs this coming October. Safety tests will be carried out by an expert electrical examiner. **Wednesday 4th October:** Leamington Town Hall. John Cooke

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