

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12 APRIL 2018**

Present

Councillor I Henderson (Vice - Chairman)
Councillor J Coles
Councillor M North
Councillor D Weir
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
No members of the public

397 Nomination of Chair for the meeting

Further to minute 393 of the meeting held on 8 March 2018, it was agreed that Cllr I Henderson (Vice-Chairman), chair the meeting.

398 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr D Lane, Warwick District Councillors S Gallagher & P Whiting and County Cllr J Cooke.

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

No questions were raised.

400 Changes to Published Agenda

Additions to the agenda were made under Minute 405 (Planning Matters) below.

401 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations Relating to Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

402 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 March 2018

It was proposed by Cllr J Coles and seconded by Cllr D Weir that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2018, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record. No objections or abstentions were recorded.

403 Report from Warwick District Councillors S Gallagher & P Whiting

The Clerk read the following report on behalf of Cllrs S Gallagher and P Whiting.

The main item to report concerns the proposed development of the Covent Garden site in Leamington to accommodate a new and enlarged multi-storey car park (the current one has concrete cancer, and two floors are currently closed) and the relocated offices of the Council itself. Planning permission was granted by WDC, but (following an intervention by the new MP for Leamington) the council was requested to withhold the grant pending a review by the Minister. That review has now concluded, and planning permission will be granted, enabling the scheme to go ahead. This is good news - moving to the new offices should save council tax payers at least £300,000 per annum, and Leamington will benefit both from a new and enlarged car park, and from having the spending power of the council employees much closer to the business centre of the town. The costs of the new council offices will be covered by proceeds from the sale of the existing Riverside House site, which will be used for (much needed) housing. There has been quite a lot of 'noise' in various media on this topic and suffice to say that not all of it has been 100% accurate.

404 Report from County Councillor

The Clerk read a report submitted from Cllr J Cooke, which is appended to these minutes.

405 Planning Matters

It was agreed that the Clerk should automatically ask the Planning Authority for an extension of time, when the deadline for comments on planning applications, falls due before the next meeting of the Parish Council. If for any reason this was not accepted by the Planning Authority, the Clerk be authorised to exercise discretionary powers, having consulted with the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Parish Council and also considered comments from other members. It was proposed by Cllr M North and seconded by Cllr J Coles.

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

W18/0266	Mousley Hill Farm, Fletchers Lane, Mousley End Change of use of agricultural barn to form 4Nos. holiday letting units (resubmission of W/17/0196)	Object
W18/0418	Lowlands Farm, Old Warwick Road, Shrewley Application for the removal of condition 10 (10% energy provision) of planning permission W/17/0274 (Demolition of existing buildings and construction of new training facility and ancillary offices including associated car parking areas and hard and soft landscaping. Demolition of existing spectator viewing area to indoor ménage and construction of new training and spectator seating area.) Address:	No objection
W18/0496	Land and Barn Abutting Crossroads at Finwood Road and Old Warwick Road, Rowington Application for prior approval under Class Q, parts A and B for the conversion of an existing barn to a dwelling house including external alterations to facilitate the use	Object
W18/0508	Quarry Farm, Finwood Road, Rowington Proposed erection of new building to accommodate livestock	Support
W18/0679	Little Manor Farm, Manor Lane, Pinley Green Prior Notification for Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) and associated operational development	No objection
W18/0701	Cottage Farm, High Cross Farm Road, Rowington Erection of 2no. dormer windows to the rear roof slope in order to facilitate a loft conversion.	No objection

406 Current Planning Appeals

Land Adjoining Clinton House, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Description of development: Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of 1no. single storey dwelling house Application Reference: W/17/1423 Appellant's name: Mr. Raymond Joyce Appeal reference: APP/T3725/W/17/3190353 - Appeal Dismissed.

407 Parish Design Statement (PDS)

It was reported that Cllrs I Henderson and J Coles had recently met the Attorney General, Jeremy Wright MP who had expressed his support of the PDS.

The PC thanked Cllr M North and Mr E Petrie for their continued hard work of the PDS and the Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr Petrie.

408 Website

There were no matters to report.

409 Reports from Lawsonford & Rowington Village Halls

Cllr D Weir reported that Rowington Village Hall was looking at raising funds to finance the cost of the reduction in height of the conifers down to 20 feet. The cost of the work was expected to be in the region of £3,000.

The men's toilets had been decorated and the fire alarm serviced. A new Care Taker was in place.

410 Highways, Footpaths & Transport

It was agreed that pot holes and verges throughout the Parish had continued to be a nuisance.

411 Playing Field

There were no outstanding Playing Field Inspection Reports.

The Clerk reported that AMW Lawn Care had installed the two replacement baby swing seats, removed the dangerous piece of timber, added stone/mulch to raise levels where required and, cleared the moss and debris of the swing mats and installed the new signs.

412 Meetings, Training Days attended & forthcoming

Cllr J Coles – WALC Safeguarding Workshop – 26 April 2018

Cllr D Lane - WALC Warwick Area Meeting 21 March 2018

Cllr I Henderson will be attending the Police Academy in Stratford on Avon organised by Warwickshire Police Authority.

413 Correspondence

- a) Lapworth Parish Council – Report from Crime in Lapworth Meeting held on 9 March 2018
- b) WALC – Events Programme
- c) WALC – Self Assessment for Parish Councils
- d) WALC – Section 137 Payments
- e) WDC – Boundary Commission
- f) Local Government Boundary Commission – Draft Recommendation Ward Boundaries for Warwick.

414 Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary	£709.73
HMRC	£58.78
D Connolly	£50.00
AMW Lawn Care	£882.00
WALC	£30.00
WALC Subscription	£330.00
MI Business Services Website Hosting	£150.00

c) Received:

Bank Interest	£2.61
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It was proposed by Cllr M North and duly seconded by Cllr I Henderson that the payments be approved. No objections or abstentions were recorded.

415 Defibrillators

Cllr I Henderson was to set a date for a training event to be organised by the PC in the summer of 2018.

416 Policies & Procedures

This matter was deferred to a future meeting as it was considered that the current policies needed to be replaced with more up to date documents.

417 Personnel Committee

It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should resurrect the former Personnel Committee to safeguard any issues which may arise. The Clerk was asked to furnish members with a proposed Terms of Reference document before the next meeting.

418 Review of Councillor Responsibilities

Following a review of Councillor responsibilities, it was agreed that members would represent the following:

Playing Field – Cllr M North, Footpaths – Cllr D Lane, Community Forum – Cllrs I Henderson & D Weir, Rowington Village Hall – Cllr D Weir, Lowsonford Village Hall – Cllr J Coles, Parish Design Statement – Cllr M North, Website – Clerk, Planning – All members, Allotments – Cllr D Weir, Highways – All members and Employment – Personnel Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.51pm.

419 Next Meetings

Thursday 19 April 2018 – Annual Parish Meeting	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 10 May 2018 – Annual Meeting	Lowsonford Village Hall

Signed..... Designation..... Date.....

Appendix 1
Lapworth & West Kenilworth News – April 2018

Cllr John Cooke

Potholes

The County Council has been given an extra £1.5 million to help towards repairing potholes in the County. I suspect a small fraction of what is required.

New National Planning Policy Framework Announced

The Government is consulting on its recently announced new version of the NPPF. The reason I am adding it to this report is that it gives increasing powers to those Councils with Neighbourhood Plans. As I read it, up to two years from the Neighbourhood Plan being accepted at referendum Councils can effectively veto housing developments within their NP area. However, we will have to wait and see what happens to this proposal after the consultation ends. More info can be found at: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-revised-national-planning-policy-framework>

Fire Service asks Warwickshire residents to have their say!

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking residents to have their say about the work they do to keep Warwickshire's communities safe. A short survey has been launched today (Thursday 5 April) and is open until the end of the month.

Talking about the survey Area Commander Dave Pemberton said: -

"Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to keep our communities safe. We constantly review our resources to ensure that we have the right people, equipment, and fire engines in the right place ready to respond when the public need us the most. It's important for us to understand if the work we do helps our communities to feel safe, that they are satisfied with the service we provide, and that they feel informed about the work we do, which is why we are asking them to let us know through this survey. By listening to our communities and what matters to them, we can continue to serve our residents as effectively as possible."

To complete the survey visit <http://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90065403/Warwickshire-Fire-and-Rescue-Service-2018>

Warwickshire turns spotlight onto rural economy

Warwickshire County Council has released a 'Rural Growth Plan' for the county. The document puts a spotlight on 'Rural' Warwickshire and focuses actions on key issues affecting rural businesses and communities and sets out the council's priorities for supporting and sustaining our unique rural areas.

Cllr Izzy Seccombe, Warwickshire County Council's Leader and portfolio holder for Economic Development said:

"Home to over 30% of the Warwickshire population and 37% of businesses, Warwickshire's rural areas make up 34% of the county's total output and have enormous potential.

"The Rural Growth Plan highlights the importance of the rural economy and provides the opportunity for the County Council to work more closely with partners and coordinate activity more effectively to where it will add most value".

Warwickshire has adopted the Rural Growth Plan, which will also complement the ambitions of the Coventry and Warwickshire Strategic Economic Plan which also recognises the potential inherent in the County's rural economy.

Rural Warwickshire is home to a wide range of businesses, from forestry and food production, arable and dairy farms, to highly specialised design and manufacturing companies and tourism businesses – to mention just a few.

The Growth Plan focuses on seven key issues; rural business support, skills and training, rural tourism, digital connectivity, research and development, natural assets and heritage and access and community networks.

These complement the ambitions of the Coventry & Warwickshire Strategic Economic Plan which recognises the potential inherent in Warwickshire's rural areas, including the major contribution of culture & tourism to the economy.

The plan can be viewed at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ruralplan>