

ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018

Present

Councillor J Coles
Councillor I Henderson
Councillor D Lane
Councillor M North

Warwick District Councillor Mrs S Gallagher
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
No members of the public

1 Election of Chair

Councillor M North took the chair and asked for nominations for the role of Chairman for the ensuing year. Nominations were invited for the role of Chairman and there being no other nominations, it was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor J Coles that Councillor I Henderson be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor I Henderson accepted the nomination and subsequently signed the Declaration of Office.

Councillor Henderson in the Chair

2 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor D Weir, County Councillor – Councillor Cooke and District Councillor P Whiting.

3 Election of Vice Chairman

There were no nominations for a Vice-Chairman.

4 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from the Parish Clerk as Bookings Secretary at Rowington Village Hall and Councillor J Coles as a Trustee at Lowsonford Village Hall.

5 Changes to Published Agenda

There were no changes to the published agenda.

6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 April 2018

It was proposed by Councillor North and seconded by Councillor J Coles that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2018, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

7 Questions from Members of the Public

There were no members of the public present.

8 Report from County Councillor

Councillor J Cooke was unable to attend the meeting and the Clerk read his report, which is appended to these minutes.

9 Report from Warwick District Councillors

Councillor S Gallagher reported that the Pump Rooms in Leamington Spa had now been refurbished and encouraged Councillors to visit.

There was to be an exhibition in Royal Priors Shopping Centre on 8 & 9 June 2018 to present plans for the new District Council Head Quarters & Covent Garden, where Officers would be present to answer questions.

Councillor Gallagher also reported that the Pump Room Gardens were undergoing a refurbishment project and the band stand was to be restored.

Newbold Common Golf Course was to be kept on a low-level maintenance contract.

Councillor Gallagher also reported there was to be a simulated plane crash scenario on 5 & 6 June 2018 at Leek Wootton. Police, Fire and the RAF were to be involved.

10 Planning Matters

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

18/0793 St Anne's Close, Mill Lane, Rowington - Erection of replacement dwelling and erection of a detached dwelling
The Parish Council raised no objection to the application, but requested the removal of Permitted Development rights with regards to any future development to the car ports.

11 Playing Field

There were no outstanding inspection reports. Inspection dates were noted.

The Clerk was requested to ask AMW Lawn Care if they could investigate the cost of replacing the goal nets.

12 Reports from Lowsonford & Rowington Village Halls

Councillor J Coles gave details of a Hog Roast event to be held at Lowsonford Village Hall on 24 June 2018 and tickets were available from herself.

Additionally, improvements to the hall continued.

13 Highways, Footpaths & Transport

No matters were raised.

14 Meetings, Training Days attended & forthcoming

Councillors J Coles & D Lane gave an overview of the Safe Guarding course organised by WALC which they had attended on 26 April 2018.

Councillor D Lane had also attended a GDPR course and recommended that the PC carries out a Data Audit in the near future.

15 Correspondence

- a) Zurich Municipal Insurance Renewal £679.87
- b) WALC Events Programme 2018
- c) WALC Pay scales
- d) NALC/ICO – GDPR Statement
- e) WALC – Grant Funding Opportunities
- f) Allotments Association Letter
- g) WDC – Planning Policy Consultation

The Clerk advised members that the Parish Council's Annual Employers & Public Liability Insurance policies were due for renewal at the beginning of June 2018 at a cost of £679.87 for the year.

The Clerk had submitted the Parish Council's response to the District Council's Planning Consultation.

16 Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary £709.73

HMRC	£67.96
HMRC Arrears	£62.50
Zurich Municipal Insurance	£679.87
Clerks Expenses	£14.28
Mr D Connolly	£50.00
Cllr J Coles expenses Annual Parish Meeting	£50.40
ACS Microsoft Office 365	£49.30

c) Received:

Precept	£10,365.00
Bank Interest	£2.29
WALC Refund	£30.00

Additionally, following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council meet half of the cost of the telephone bill at Rowington Village Hall. The Clerk was requested to write to Rowington Village Hall with a cheque for £341.39.

Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved

17 Funding Requests – Village Halls

Requests for funding had been received from both Lowsonford and Rowington Village Halls and the Clerk was asked to invite a representative from each village hall to attend a Parish Council meeting to make a presentation to members in support of their requests.

18 Annual Governance Statement

Following a review of each of the items within the Annual Governance Statement, it was agreed unanimously that the Annual Governance Statement, be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and submitted to the External Auditor. No objections were recorded.

19 Accounting Statements & Internal Audit

Following the Clerks report and circulation of the Accounting Statements, it was agreed that the Statements be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and submitted to the External Auditor. No objections were recorded

20 Next Meeting Dates

Thursday 14 June 2018	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 12 July 2018	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 16 August 2018 (Provisional)	Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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

Lapworth & West Kenilworth News 10th May 2018 – Cllr J Cooke May 2018

Since my last report neither the Council or Committees have met.

Childrens Centre

Negotiations continue. I will be attending a meeting shortly with workers and representatives. It seems likely that a deal will be done. As usual it will all come down to the money. Cllr Alan Cockburn who met with Bill Basra feels that things are progressing well.

Drains & Highways

I have reported a number of potholes, damaged ditches and blocked drains. Peter Hallam has responded positively on each occasion, but the task is a huge one, especially the potholes.

Puffin Crossing at Priorsfield School

I am pleased to say that this has been given the go ahead by the Portfolio holder as a priority scheme. Construction will hopefully start in the summer, but this does depend on County Council finances, legal agreements and consultations.

Most Warwickshire Retailers Demonstrate Responsible Alcohol Sales

Most Warwickshire retailers are taking their responsibilities seriously and not selling alcohol to children and young people aged under 18.

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service with the support of Warwickshire Police visited 32 off-licences and pubs across Warwickshire and carried out undercover alcohol test purchases with the help of child volunteers.

The volunteers, all aged 14 or 15 attempted to buy alcohol and were refused in 30 out of 32 attempts. Two sales were made, both in Rugby. Warwickshire Police issued the sellers with fixed penalty notices and Trading Standards Officers are now investigating further with a view to taking additional enforcement action.

Europa Way Corridor Improvement Programme gets underway

The initial road schemes that form the first strand of a major programme of highway and sustainable transport improvements to Europa Way between the M40 and Leamington Spa are expected to start in the coming weeks.

The first scheme in the programme is located between Olympus Avenue and the Shires Retail Park roundabout and is being delivered by Warwickshire County Council and funded by Catesby Estates.

The scheme involves construction of a new signalised junction which will provide access to the Myton Green development along with widening approximately 450 metres of Europa Way.

This scheme is expected to start on the 21st May, but with the initial work being carried out away from the highway and without the need for any traffic controls. A 40mph speed limit is being introduced for the safety of site workers and the travelling public. The scheme will take about 13 months to complete.

Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Armed Forces Covenant partnership launches innovative e-learning programme aimed at the Armed Forces

Warwickshire County Council, on behalf of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Armed Forces Covenant partnership is launching today an innovative e-learning resource for Armed Forces personnel and their families.

This training programme has been designed to raise awareness of the Armed Forces Covenant and highlight how it can support them in reducing disadvantages that can occur as a result of their Service. The launch includes a social media campaign targeted towards Armed Forces personnel and their families to encourage them to access the training.

This work is part of the local partnerships contribution to supporting the Armed Forces and their families and delivering on the Covenant promise to reduce disadvantage for the Armed Forces community.

If you have been affected by the Aidan Connor suicide storyline in Coronation Street, help and support is available in Warwickshire

On the day of Coronation Street's one hour special, which will explore the after-effects of the suicide of much loved character Aidan Conner played by Shayne Ward, Warwickshire County Council is reminding all residents that help and support is available in Warwickshire for anyone who is experiencing similar issues or who has been bereaved as a result of suicide.

More than three-quarters of suicides in the UK are by men, and it is the biggest killer of males under 45. If you are experiencing mental health distress, contemplating suicide or have been affected by this Coronation Street storyline, there is help available in Warwickshire with information about all services available from www.warwickshire.gov.uk/mentalhealth.

Cllr Les Caborn, Warwickshire County Council's Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health said: "The Aidan Conner storyline in Coronation Street has certainly brought to the fore the issues around male suicide in the UK and I welcome the opportunity this gives to draw attention to a seldom discussed topic. Every death by suicide is a tragedy and impacts families, friends and the wider community.