

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Present

Councillor I Henderson – In the Chair
Councillor J Coles
Councillor D Lane
Councillor M North
Warwick District Councillor S Gallagher
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
8 members of the public for all or part of the meeting

61 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillor D Weir and County Councillor – Councillor Cooke.

62 Changes to the Published Agenda

Additions to the agenda were made under Minutes 68 & 76 relating to planning matters and finance.

63 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

64 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2018

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

65 Questions from Members of the Public

Concern was raised in relation to the planning application W18/1678 Sandall House Farm, Narrow Lane, Lowsonford for the retrospective change of use of land from equestrian to dog training facility, including parking provision. Residents had already experienced noise pollution by way of dogs barking at unreasonable times of the day, including early mornings and late into the evenings and it was considered that this would be exacerbated as the business accrued more clients. Furthermore, it was considered that increased traffic on Narrow Lane will create a danger to other road users.

Residents asked members of the Parish Council to consider these issues when making a decision on the application.

A Representative of the Allotments Association expressed concern regarding possible development of dwelling houses being built in the future on allotment land in Rowington.

It was requested if the Parish Council could address the issue of overgrown vegetation from Finwood Road to the motorway bridge together with missing white lines in the centre of the road and badly worn 'SLOW' signs near the canal bridge and the Clerk was requested to contact the Highways Authority.

Dr B Attwood of Middle Rookery Farm advised members that his recent planning application had been withdrawn and he was to make a revised application, which he would present to a future meeting.

66 Report from Warwick District Councillor S Gallagher

Councillor Gallagher reported as to why she had resigned from the Conservative Group, which she had considered was a matter of principle and confirmed that she would be standing for re-election in May 2019 as an Independent Councillor to continue to support the community.

Councillor I Henderson expressed the Parish Council's gratitude and appreciation for her continued support to the Parish.

Councillor Gallagher also reported that the Heritage Open Days events were taking place from 13 to 16 September 2018 and 50 venues would be open to the public, brochures were available from Visitor Centres and libraries.

Additionally, the Warwick Words Festival, was to take place from 1 to 7 October 2018, and tickets were available from Warwick and Leamington Visitor Centres.

The Community Protection Team is undertaking a survey on its effectiveness on dealing with noise, be it a barking dog, parties, a rowdy neighbour, and the survey can be found on WDC website and is open until 9 November 2018.

Councillor Gallagher reminded everyone that she was available for any reason and encouraged people to contact her by email or telephone to serve the residents of Arden Ward.

67 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.

68 Planning Matters

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

W18/1224 W18/1224LB	Middle Rookery Farm, Rookery Lane, Lawsonford Demolition and replacement extensions of existing dining room, utility room and flat roof annexe, 2 no. new roof lights to pitched roof annexe. Internal alterations to central house staircase, master bedroom, main house bedroom door opening, and pitched roof annexe and other internal alterations. Replacement of master bedroom gable end windows. Demolition and replacement of existing workshop. External alteration to storage building. New fence, relocation of existing gate and proposed return fence, extension of driveway, new external location of oil tank and fence to hide it	Object	Withdrawn
W18/1226	Land adjacent to The Rising, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Erection of a two storey 5 bed dwelling	Object	Withdrawn
W18/1425	Rookery Barn, Finwood Road, Rowington Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension and front porch, and alterations to fenestration.	No objection	Withdrawn
W18/1461	Barn, Oldfield Farm, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q of the GPDO for the conversion of an existing agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) together with alterations to facilitate the use	Object	
W18/1586	Old Posthouse, Rowington Green, Rowington Erection of a single storey side extension to form a log store following the demolition of the existing log store	No objection	
W18/1678	Sandall House Farm, Narrow Lane, Lawsonford Retrospective change of use of land from equestrian to dog training facility, including parking provision	Object	

Eastfield Manor – The Clerk was awaiting confirmation from the Case Officer to establish of the works being carried out at the property were within the agreed planning application.

Durham Ox – Following the recent refurbishment works at the Durham Ox, the Clerk had contacted the Case Officer to ascertain as to whether the tepee tents and pergola required planning permission.

69 Parish Website

The Clerk was requested to add an item to the website to encourage organisations to apply for funding to assist in community projects.

70 Playing Field

a) Outstanding reports

Clr D Weir – 20 May & 29 July 2018.

b) Goal Nets

The Clerk confirmed that the new goal nets had been installed.

c) Encroachment of Residential Gardens

Concern was raised following the installation of a replacement fence of a garden backing on to the playing field as it had been installed some 8 inches further from the previous fence line which also does not follow the original boundary. The Chairman was to investigate the matter and obtain boundary documents from the Land Registry.

d) Dogs on Playing Field

The Clerk reported that she had recently seen dogs on the playing field and asked residents to note the entrance signs which asked for dogs not to be exercised on the field.

71 Reports from Lawsonford & Rowington Village Halls

Councillor J Coles reported that Lawsonford Village Hall had completed extensive grounds works which included works to the drains at a cost of £15,000. Refurbishment works to the toilets would take place soon.

72 Parish Activities

- 19 September 2018 – Coffee Morning at Lawsonford Village Hall 10.30am – 12 noon
- 29 September 2018 – All Sorts Sale at Rowington Village Hall 2pm
- 6 October 2018 – Ferncumbe Ladies Charity Breakfast at Hatton Village Hall 8am – 10am £10
- 12 October 2018 – Rock Choir at St Laurence Church, Rowington, 7.30pm
- 13 October 2018 – Tom O’ The Wood Bring & Buy Book Sale Noon – 5pm
- 17 November 2018 – Christmas Fair 10am – 3pm at Shrewley Village Hall
- 8 December 2018 – Christmas Dinner & Comedy Cabaret Evening at Rowington Village Hall

73 Highways, Footpaths & Transport

Councillor J Coles drew attention to the broken bench on the tow path at Lawsonford and asked if the Clerk could contact The Horticultural Association who owned the bench.

Councillor Henderson asked for the Clerk to contact the County Council to address the issue of overgrown vegetation on the foot path between Narrow Lane and Shrewley Common.

74 Meetings, Training Days attended & forthcoming

Cllr D Lane – Understanding & Reporting to Planning Applications 15 September 2018

75 Correspondence

- a) WALC – Understanding & Responding to Planning Applications
- b) The Boundary Commission – Final Recommendations for Warwick
- c) WDC – Email from Cllr S Gallagher – Continuing to Represent you
- d) WALC – Area Committee Meeting on 19th September

Councillor I Henderson confirmed that he would represent the Parish Council at the WALC Area Committee meeting on 19 September 2018.

76 Finance

a) Paid during the month:

Clerk’s Salary August £709.73

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary September	£709.73
PFK Littlejohn Audit	£240.00
CPRE Subscription	£36.00
WALC	£30.00
Mr D Connolly	£50.00
AMW Lawncare June, July & August	£350.64, £256.44 & £233.76

c) Received:

Bank Interest £2.63

Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved

77 Closure of Bank of Ireland Account

The Clerk confirmed that the new bank account at Lloyds Bank was now in place and it was agreed that the Bank of Ireland account should now be closed. It was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor M North that The Clerk obtain two signatures from members and transfer the final funds to the Lloyds bank account.

78 Staff Committee

In the absence of Councillor D Weir this item was deferred to the next meeting

79 Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 11 October 2018	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 8 November 2018	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 13 December 2018	Rowington Village Hall

80 Items for Future Agendas

Councillor D Lane asked members to consider the future spending of Parish Council funds and asked for the item to be added to the next agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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

Report from County Councillor J Cooke

Lapworth & West Kenilworth News September 2018

There is very little news this month as far as WCC is concerned as few meetings have taken place at Shire Hall.

Kenilworth Station

Members will have read about the tragic death at the station. A man was hit by a train and pronounced dead at the scene. Police have not released further details.

I have also reported a noise nuisance at the station caused by squealing brakes and the Tanoy system. It appears that all the trains on the new service use the old design of braking system leaving residents suffering twice an hour with squealing brakes.

Trees, Potholes & Resurfacing

Peter Hallam has been active throughout the Lapworth & Kenilworth area and his team have filled in a number of potholes and arranged for a number of hedges to be trimmed. He has even personally cleaned some signs!

I have also made further representations from a local resident regarding trees and hedges blocking various local footpaths. The District Council has trimmed most of these. A number of roads in Kenilworth have been surface dressed.

Warwickshire stage of Tour of Britain 2018 hailed great success

Thousands of spectators lined the streets of Warwickshire to see top cyclists battle it out in the UK's most prestigious road race. The County's debut as stage-host for the OVO Energy Tour of Britain proved to be a huge success, with people flocking to see cycling's biggest names tackle the 183.5km route. Reigning Tour de France and Giro d'Italia champions Geraint Thomas and Chris Froome were among more than 100 riders who burst into action.

Nuneaton was the start for the star-studded line up of competitors and they were cheered on by a huge amount of spectators, making their way out of the town centre and heading through the county. Fans were treated to a gripping finale as the race came to a close in Leamington Spa in the final stretch along Newbold Terrace.

Leader of Warwickshire County Council, Cllr Izzi Seccombe, was delighted with how the day unfolded:-

"It's been a fantastic day for the whole county. When we learned that we'd be hosting the Tour of Britain for the very first time, we could not wait for this day to come, and I think it's exceeded all our expectations," said Izzi.