

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018**

Present

Councillor I Henderson – In the Chair
Councillor D Lane
Councillor J Moore
Councillor M North
Councillor D Weir
Warwick District Councillors S Gallagher & P Whiting
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
6 members of the public for all or part of the meeting

102 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillor J Coles and County Councillor – Councillor J Cooke.

103 Changes to the Published Agenda

None.

104 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

105 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2018

Following an amendment made under Questions from Members of the Public from Councillor D Weir, it was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor M North that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2018, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

106 Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs Ogden raised concern regarding the absence of the 'slow' markings on the roads at Finwood Road towards the canal bridge and Dicks Lane following the recent surface dressing and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the Highways Department.

Mrs Ogden also raised concern regarding the poor condition of the tow path between the Tom O' the Wood Public House and the bridge at Rowington and the Clerk was asked to contact the Canal & River Trust.

107 Report from Warwick District Councillors S Gallagher & P Whiting

Councillor P Whiting updated members on the review of the provision of leisure facilities in Kenilworth.

Councillor Whiting reported on the proposed relocation of the WDC HQ to new offices to be built on the site of the Covent Garden car parks and there was to be a meeting at the Spa Centre in Leamington Spa on 12 November 2018 regarding this.

In addition, WDC has failed to produce its 2018 accounts in accordance with the new timetable required by central government. This does not reflect an underlying financial problem, just a delay in making the accounts available.

Councillor S Gallagher reported that there was a potential for car parking issues due to the relocation of the WDC offices.

Councillor Gallagher also reported that she had now secured a meeting for 9am on 23 November 2018 in Kenilworth. This meeting was open to Chairmen of Councils in the Arden Ward, Jeremy Wright and the PCC. The meeting was to discuss the issues relating to crime and it was hoped that this meeting would be a forerunner to a public meeting.

It was suggested by Councillor D Lane that a representative of the Police Authority be invited to a Parish Council meeting and that the Public Open Section be extended to 30 minutes. The Chairman was asked to invite a representative to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.

108 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.

109 Planning Matters

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Comment	WDC Comment
W18/1678	Sandall House Farm, Narrow Lane, Lowsonford Retrospective change of use of land from equestrian to dog training facility, including parking provision	2/10/18	Object	Withdrawn

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, but no reply had been received.

110 Parish Website

The Clerk had received a quotation from MI Business Services for the installation of an SSL Certificate for security at a cost of £65 and the Annual renewal of the Security Software at a cost of £135. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council accepts the quotations.

MS Business Services also suggested that the website should receive a review and it was agreed to defer this matter to a future meeting.

111 Playing Field

a) Outstanding reports

Cllr D Weir – 23 October 2018

b) Encroachment of Residential Gardens

The Chairman was investigating the original boundary line to ensure that there were no further encroachments on to the land at the Playing Field and the Chairman was drafting a letter to residents who had may have encroached onto the playing field.

c) Dogs on Playing Field

Discussions took place as to allowing dogs on the playing field as Parish Councils no longer have the power to make such enforcements. The Chairman agreed to investigate the matter and report to the next meeting.

d) Annual Inspection (RoSPA)

Following the recent report from Playsafety, the Clerk had drawn up a task list to address outstanding matters.

The Clerk had received a quotation from AMW Lawncare for the repair of the post to the ball shoot and members agreed to the suggestion of the application of bitumen and metal wrap to avoid further damage at a quoted price of £144 including VAT.

It was agreed that suitable signage was required at the playing field for the safety of users. Councillor M North was to liaise with the Clerk to agree appropriate wording.

e) Future Inspection Dates

18 November	D Lane
2 December	M North
16 December	D Weir
30 December	J Coles

112 Rural Crime Initiative

The Chairman reported that he is looking into various initiatives relating to rural crime and will attend the meeting organised by Cllr Sue Gallagher on 23 November with the Police and Crime Commissioner, representatives from Warwickshire Police and Jeremy Wright MP. There was general support for either a stand-alone public meeting or as an extended agenda item at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

113 Allotment Land

The Clerk reported that she had sent the requested information relating to Community Assets to the Allotment Association.

114 Parish Activities

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 – 7.30pm Christmas Dinner & Comedy Cabaret Evening at Rowington Village Hall
23 December 2018 – Christmas Quiz at Rowington Club

115 Highways, Footpaths & Transport

None to report.

116 Meeting & Days attended & forthcoming

None to report.

117 Correspondence

- a) WALC Area Committee on 28 November at 7pm
- b) WALC – Preparing for the next Elections
- c) WALC – New Parish Champion Cllr Pam Redford
- d) WCC – Invitation to Chairman’s Open Evening

The Clerk was requested to notify WALC that the Parish Council was unable to send a representative to the Area Committee on 28 November.

118 Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary (Inc. back pay from April)	£787.69
HMRC	£67.96
Mr P Ashwin Painting of Telephone Kiosks	£342.00
Play Safety – RoSPA Inspection	£96.60
ICO Data Protection Fee	£40.00
AMW Lawncare (September & October)	£697.03

c) Received:

Interest	£2.21
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Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.

119 Grants to Organisations

The Royal British Legion had submitted a request for financial support of £420.00 for the cleaning of the War Memorial and it was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council makes the full donation under S137.

Rowington PCC had submitted a request for financial support of £900 towards the upkeep of the churchyards at St Lawrence Rowington and St Luke’s at Lawsonford and it was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council makes the full donation under S137.

Trustees of Lawsonford Village Hall had submitted a request for financial support of £5,500 towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall. It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council makes a donation of £1,500 under S137.

Councillors S Gallagher & P Whiting strongly advised Lowsonford Village Hall to apply for funding from the District Council's RUCIS fund.

It was agreed that the Clerk should submit the funding request from Lowsonford Village Hall to WALC. VASA had requested a donation of £500. However, despite requests for further information to support the application, no information had been received and the request was therefore declined.

120 Draft Meeting Dates

The Clerk circulated the proposed meeting dates for 2019 and the dates were agreed unanimously.

121 Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 13 December 2018 Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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

Report from County Councillor John Cooke

New Chief Executive at WCC

The County council agreed at its last meeting that Monica Fogarty would be appointed Chief Executive of the Authority starting in April 2019 following the retirement of David Carter. Currently Monica Fogarty & David Carter are Joint Managing Directors of the Authority. This change will lead to other senior management changes.

Castle Road Kenilworth Pedestrian Crossing

Following a number of complaints, the above crossing has now been fitted with the latest style of illumination. Both columns, as well as the flashing beacons are illuminated by LED lamps built into the columns. This means that they are much more visible both during the day & at night. This crossing is sited in a place shaded by lots of trees and in certain high contrast lighting conditions is difficult to see particularly if approaching from the Castle end of Castle Road. I have paid the £ 8000 for this installation from my Councillors small improvements budget.

Europa Way Corridor Improvement Programme Progresses

Works on 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 progressing well and are on schedule.

The scheme located between Olympus Avenue and the Shires Retail Park roundabout to construct a new signalised junction which will provide access to the Myton Green development, along with widening approximately 450 metres of Europa Way, is expected to be completed in September 2019.

The scheme to the south of the Gallows Hill roundabout, which involves the construction of a signalised junction and widening of approximately 400 metres of Europa Way, is expected to be completed in June 2019. The new junction will provide access into the developments on either side of Europa Way.

Both schemes are being funded by the developers of the adjacent housing sites but are being delivered by Warwickshire County Council. The Europa Way programme includes a £3.6 million contribution from the Government's Local Growth Fund through the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The County Council is working closely with the developers to minimise the traffic disruption associated with the construction of the schemes and the developments, however traffic management will be required at times. <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/europaway>

Warwickshire residents set to save £127 on their energy bills thanks to Warwickshire Switch and Save

It is great news for Warwickshire residents this week as Warwickshire County Council's collective energy switching scheme – Warwickshire Switch and Save – reveals some of the fantastic savings Warwickshire consumers have been able to make on their gas and electricity bills.

Following a successful reverse auction between competing gas and electricity providers earlier in the month (October 2018), it has been revealed that residents signed up to the scheme are set to save an average of £127.77 on their utility bills.

In Warwickshire, about 300 households have registered so far with the scheme and the county's Switch and Savers have been combined with 37 other similar initiatives from all around the UK to create a consumer collective of over 25,000 registered households.

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