

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

**Present**

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

**122 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillors D Lane & D Weir and County Councillor J Cooke.

**123 Changes to the Published Agenda**

An additional payment was made under Finance.

**124 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**125 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2018**

It was proposed by Councillor M North and seconded by Councillor J Moore that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2018, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

**126 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 surface dressing and the Clerk confirmed that she had twice, raised the matter with the Highways Department, but had not received any reply. The Clerk was to contact the Highways Department again.

A resident expressed concern as to the light pollution from the two new dwellings on Rowington Green as the interior lights were left on all night, the Chairman suggested that this may be due to recent break ins at those properties.

The Clerk was asked to investigate as to why the telephone kiosk near to Forge Cottage, towards Lapworth had been removed without contact from BT to offer the sale of the kiosk to the Parish Council.

It was reported that there were several broken road name signs at the junction of Rowington Green and Queens' Drive and the Clerk confirmed that she had already reported these to the District Council with photographic evidence.

Additionally, it was reported that the footpath along the Old Warwick Road between The Avenue and Mill Lane, Rowington needed attention. The surface was last renewed in the 1990s and had now deteriorated and the pathway narrowed due to plant and tree encroachment. The Clerk agreed to raise the matter with the County Council.

**127 Report from Warwick District Councillor S Gallagher**

Councillor S Gallagher reported that the Community Forum Grant was now open for grants up to £2,000 for local applications, and the closing date for submission was 28 January 2019. The next meeting for Warwick Rural West Community Forum (WRW) was 7 March 2019 at Shire Hall, and application forms can be found on the WRW website.

Free car parking was now available at Covent Garden Car Park, Leamington Spa on Thursday evenings in the run up to Christmas, and free parking at Riverside House was available on Saturdays and Sundays 8am- 6pm until Christmas Eve.

The Master Plan for the Creative Quarter has now been published and is at the consultation stage and Councillor Gallagher encouraged everyone to visit the website and comment at [www/leamingtoncreativequarter.co.uk/public-consultation](http://www/leamingtoncreativequarter.co.uk/public-consultation)

There is to be a public meeting on 8 February 2019 at Rowington Village Hall at 2.30pm to discuss the rise in local crime. Jeremy Wright MP, Philip Secombe PCC and Senior Police Officers were to be present and Councillor Gallagher invited everyone to attend the meeting to express their views.

Finally, Councillor Gallagher reported that WALC is holding an evening meeting at the Town Hall in Leamington Spa, on 24 January 2019, 'Who wants to be a Parish Councillor?' and encouraged the public to consider attending.

**128 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.

**129 Planning Matters**

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by
W18/2240	Hennessy House, Old Warwick Road Creation of revised site access to highway together with access drive and gates	18/12/18

It was agreed that the above planning application would be considered under Delegated Powers.

**Durham Ox** – Following the 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, and it was confirmed that planning permission was required.

**130 Parish Website**

The Clerk was to meet with MI Business Services in January 2019 to discuss refreshing the website, but members agreed that the website met all requirements in terms of Governance and Transparency.

**131 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. It was agreed that dogs on leads, may be allowed onto the playing field, but not in the vicinity of the childrens play area and that the signage would be revised accordingly.
- d) Future Inspection Dates

16 December	D Weir
30 December	J Coles

**132 Reports from Village Halls**

Councillor J Coles thanked members for the grant of £1500 towards the refurbishment works at Lowsonford Village Hall and confirmed that the Trustees had applied for a grant from the County Council for the purchase of new tables.

**133 Rural Crime Initiative**

The Chairman circulated a briefing note relating to the current crime situation and discussions took place as to the potential benefits of ANPR and other courses of action. There was unanimous support for the proposals which included actions at a Strategic, Community and Individual level.

Residents were encouraged to make use of Next Door Rowington in order to quickly share relevant information.

Residents should aim to be “good neighbours” and become familiar with local patterns of activity so that suspicious activity can be immediately reported on 101.

The Chairman reminded members of the Parish Council and members of the public, of the impending public meeting on 8 February 2019 at Rowington Village Hall at 2.30pm to discuss the rise in local crime. Jeremy Wright MP, Philip Secombe PCC and Senior Police Officers. The Chairman reported that he had also asked for a representative of the SNT to attend Parish Council meetings on a quarterly basis and for a nominated Police Officer to be a regular point of contact.

#### **134 Parish Activities**

23 December 2018 – Christmas Quiz at Rowington Club

5 January 2019 – Tom O’ The Wood Bring & Buy Book Sale Noon – 5pm

#### **135 Highways, Footpaths & Transport**

No matters were raised.

#### **136 Meeting & Days attended & forthcoming**

None to report.

#### **137 Correspondence**

a) WALC – Costs for the 2019 Elections

b) WCC – Temporary Road Closure, Rising Lane, Baddesley Clinton 17 to 21 December 2018

c) WCC – Funding pot of £2000 for local activities

d) WDC – Consultation on land East of Kenilworth Development Brief

e) WDC – Letter regarding Precept 2019/2020

f) WDC – Royal Leamington Spa Creative Quarter – Draft Masterplan Consultation

#### **138 Finance**

##### **a) Paid during the month:**

None

##### **b) To be paid:**

Clerks Salary	£719.38
HMRC	£120.82
AMW Lawncare	£144.00
Information Commissioners Office	£35.00
The Royal British Legion (wreath)	£18.50
MI Business Services (website)	£200.00
Lowsonford Village Hall Grant	£1500.00
Rowington PCC Grant	£900.00
N Overall Expenses	£43.45

##### **c) Received:**

None

**Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.**

#### **139 2019/2020 Budget**

The Chairman reminded members that the January 2019 meeting would be to agree the proposed budget and set the Precept.

#### **140 2019 Elections**

The Chairman reminded members of the 2019 Elections which were to take place on 2 May 2019.

**141 Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday 10 January 2019

Rowington Village Hall

Thursday 14 February 2019

Lowsonford Village Hall

Thursday 14 March 2019

Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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

### **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. West Mercia Police unilaterally terminate mutual working policy.

WMP shocked our Chief Constable & Police & Crime Commissioner by ending their joint working agreement without any prior discussion. The effects of the change are being closely examined.

### **Castle Road Kenilworth Pedestrian Crossing**

Following several 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>

Fire Service urges residents to make the call!

Firefighters are urging anyone who cares for an elderly parent, relative, friend or neighbour, especially if they are a smoker or have mobility issues, to apply for a free Safe and Well visit, following the third fatal fire in Warwickshire this year involving an elderly person who smokes.

If you are a carer; then there are things that you can do to prevent a fire in the home. The main signs to look out for include;

- Burn marks on the carpets, smoking in bed, overfilled ashtrays
- Hoarding – storing lots of boxes, rubbish, paperwork around the house
- Overloaded plug sockets – plug sockets plugged into plug sockets
- Faulty electric blankets – look out for frayed wiring, burn marks on the blanket

All the above increase the risk of having a fire in the home. If you have seen any of the above signs in the home of a person that you care for, then please apply for a free Safe and Well visit by logging onto:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/safeandwellvisit>

Or by calling 01926 466282.