

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 10 JANUARY**

Present

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

142 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of County Councillor J Cooke and District Councillor P Whiting.

143 Changes to the Published Agenda

There were no changes to the published agenda.

144 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

145 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 December 2018

It was proposed by Councillor M North and seconded by Councillor J Coles that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

146 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, and the reply was that there were no funds available in the current financial year. The Clerk was to contact the Highways Department to request for confirmation of the works to be scheduled for the next financial year.

Mr Greenaway asked if the Parish Council had received any applications for development on allotment land and the Chairman confirmed that no application had been received.

147 Report from Warwick District Councillor S Gallagher

Councillor S Gallagher reported that the County Council were offering a Meals on Wheels service for persons aged over 50 at reasonable rates and the Clerk was to publish the details on the Parish Council's website.

The Consultation for the Creative Quarter was still open and there was to be a presentation at the Town Hall, Leamington Spa on 15 January 2019 from 4pm until 7pm.

Additionally, there was to be a seminar prior to the May 2019 Elections for anyone interested in becoming a District Councillor in February (date to be confirmed) at the Town Hall in Leamington Spa.

Councillor Gallagher also reported that Mrs Viv Morgan of Northleigh School was awarded an MBE for her commitment to education in the new Year Honours List.

148 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.

149 Planning Matters

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Comment	WDC Comment
W18/2240	Hennessy House, Old Warwick Road Creation of revised site access to highway together with access drive and gates	18/12/18	No objection	Granted 2/01/19
W1/8/2089	Roseland Cottage, Rowington Green Erection of two storey side extension	10/01/19	No objection	
W18/2308	Oldfield Farm, Old Warwick Road Erection of a new garage for the approved dwelling (reference W/18/1461) and a new access drive which is to be made permanent under completion of the conversion of the barn to dwelling house	14/01/19	No objection	
W18/1393	Lowsonford Barn, Lapworth Street, Bushwood Change of use of B1 (a) Office building to C3 Residential	17/01/19	No objection	

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, and the Planning Authority was to contact the owners of the PH.

Old Beams, Lapworth Street, Lowsonford

The Clerk had contacted the Planning Authority to ascertain as to whether the current works taking place were in fact, within the planning application conditions.

150 Parish Website

There were no matters to report.

151 Playing Field

a) Outstanding reports
None

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
It was agreed to monitor the situation as to the revised rules, allowing dogs on the playing field, to ensure that in terms of health and safety there were no issues reported.

Considering the new rules, allowing dogs on the playing field, new notice boards should be produced with up to date relevant information.

d) Future Inspection Dates

20 January	M North
3 February	D Lane
17 February	I Henderson

152 Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that the refurbishment works continued to progress and that works to the toilets were to commence shortly. The Committee were in the process of planning a new kitchen.

The Committee had confirmed that a Hog Roast would take place in June 2019 to raise further funds for the Village Hall.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that the next meeting was to take place on 5 February 2019.

153 Rural Crime Initiative

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 and the style of crime, Jeremy Wright MP, Philip Secombe PCC and Senior Police Officers.

The meeting was being widely publicised and Councillor Gallagher reported that the meeting would be chaired by an independent representative. It was also agreed by Parish Councillors that the meeting should be recorded either by way of minutes or videoed, but Cllr Gallagher had not received any offers of help with this to date.

The team responsible for the distribution of the Ferncumbe News kindly offered to include a one-page letter from the Parish Council notifying residents about the public meeting with the next distribution of the Ferncumbe News at the end of January. The Chairman agreed to draft a suitable letter.

154 Parish Activities

None to report.

155 Highways, Footpaths & Transport

No matters were raised.

156 Meeting & Days attended & forthcoming

Cllr I Henderson – 19 January 2019 – Charing Meetings

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Information Sharing:

Wednesday 20th Feb 2019 from 6pm to 8pm Jubilee House, Kenilworth – Clerk to attend

Wednesday 27th Feb 2019 from 6pm to 8pm - The Court House, Warwick - Cllr I Henderson to attend

157 Correspondence

a) WDC - New Ward Boundaries for Warwick District Council which come into force in May 2019

b) WALC – PCC Precept Information

c) WALC – PCC Grant Information

158 Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary	£719.58
HMRC	£6.50
WALC	£30.00
N Overall for Anti-Virus Software	£44.99

c) Received:

None

Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.

159 2019/2020 Budget & Precept

The Clerk circulated a schedule of income and expenditure prior to the meeting. The schedule provided estimates of costs to the year ending 31 March 2019 and estimates for the financial year 2019/2020, including supporting Budget Notes.

Having discussed the reports, it was proposed by Councillor M North and seconded by Councillor D Lane and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council maintains the current level of Precept for the financial year 2019/2020.

160 Future Agenda Items

Councillor D Lane made a request for the Parish Council to consider a Funding Strategy, which would include future spending plans in a proactive manner.

Councillor D Lane also requested if one of the Parish Council’s objectives could be to recruit new members.

161 Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 14 February 2019	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 14 March 2019	Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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

Report from County Councillor John Cooke - Lapworth & West Kenilworth News

Council passes Motion on Bus Services

The motion follows complaints from across the County including Warwick District where service cuts proposed would make the ability of residents to get to appointments at Warwick Hospital without a car very difficult.

The following proposal was agreed at the Full Council: -

Stagecoach has registered proposals for significant cuts in bus services across Warwickshire to take effect on 5 January 2019. These cuts will affect and isolate communities in rural areas as well as the elderly and vulnerable in urban communities – discouraging rather than encouraging bus use. The Council urges Stagecoach to delay implementation of its proposals so that the impact of the proposals on the local communities affected and any steps to mitigate such impact can be further considered by Stagecoach in dialogue with the Council.

The Council will also investigate ways of making it easier for alternative providers to tender for existing bus services which are under threat.

HS2 Second Phase

Plans published for the second phase of HS2 remain fundamentally lacking in sufficient mitigation for affected communities, according to Warwickshire County Council.

An appraisal of the HS2 Working Draft Environmental Statement (WDES) undertaken by the county council has identified a number of deficiencies in the plans for the Phase 2b route from Birmingham to Leeds.

The local authority's response to the WDES consultation highlights the drastic impact on the operation of two North Warwickshire country parks, rural villages and strategic road junctions in the scheme outlined by the promoter, HS2 Ltd. The county council's chief concern is that at this stage of development HS2 Ltd.'s plans still require vast improvements across a number of key areas – particularly in highway redesigns, the inappropriate designation of local roads for lorry use, impacts on vital facilities serving communities, and the treatment of essential service provision.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has been judged as good in two out of the three areas reviewed following an inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) in July 2018.

The inspection focused on three main areas; how effective and how efficient the fire and rescue service are and how well the fire and rescue service look after its people.

Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service is Good!

The report, which was published at the end of December, acknowledged that Warwickshire's overall efficiency and effectiveness is good. This means that the service assesses the full range of foreseeable fire and rescue risks its community faces, prevents fires well, and responds promptly to emergencies, with the right skills and equipment to deal with the incident effectively.

The report also noted that:

- The service takes its responsibility for staff wellbeing seriously, shows a willingness to learn and improve and has a good internal culture
- The role of the Arson Reduction Officer, and close working with the police is a particularly successful element of the county's community safety strategy
- The service conducts regular and efficient checks on local businesses to make sure they meet fire regulations.
- The service works well with several other local authority agencies.

The service's incident recording system, Fire Crest was cited as an example of best practice and was considered a good use of technology by the inspection team.