

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2019**

Present

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

162 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillors J Coles & M North and County Councillor J Cooke.

163 Changes to the Published Agenda

Changes to the published agenda were made under Finance, Planning and Correspondence.

164 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

165 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2019

It was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor J Moore that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2019, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

166 Questions from Members of the Public

None.

167 Report from Warwick District Councillor S Gallagher

Councillor S Gallagher reported that The Spa Centre had had its most successful pantomime ever, with 24,234 people attending which was an increase of 6% on last year and the profit went up by 16% to £95,942, and £11,000 was raised by bucket shaking for Zoe's place, a hospice for children in Coventry.

The headquarters move has now been put on hold until July 2019 at the earliest.

It was also reported that the bandstand has at last returned to the Pump Room Gardens and a special event is being organised for Friday 15 March 2019 from 1pm-2.30pm, with a talk by the people who restored it and a brass band will play in the bandstand.

Councillor Gallagher thanked everyone who attend the Crime meeting that was held on Friday 8 February 2019 and confirmed that she had forwarded the minutes to the Clerk.

Councillor D Lane proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Gallagher for arranging the Crime meeting on 8 February 2019.

168 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.

169 Presentation by Rowington Almshouse Charity

The Chairman welcomed three of the Trustees from the Rowington Almshouse Charity (RAC).

The Chairman emphasised that no planning application has been made so far and that the aim of the presentation was explain the proposals in advance of an application being made.

Dr M Wade explained proposal to build 4 one-bedroom dwellings and 2 two-bedroom dwellings on land off Queens Drive, Rowington. A number of options were possible, and an important consideration was retaining as much of the existing allotments as possible.

The Planning Authority had confirmed that non-commercial development comprising of only affordable housing may meet the exceptional case criteria, which can be considered for building on Green Belt land. A Public Meeting was planned for 22 February 2019 at Rowington Village Hall. It was envisaged that a formal planning application would be made sometime after this meeting. It is only at that point that the Parish Council could consider the proposal.

A number of comments were made from members of the public that were supportive of retaining the existing allotments. There was also the suggestion that a small number of units could be built within the existing in-fill area, which would simplify planning permission.

170 Planning Matters

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

Application Number	Application Details	PC Comment	WDC Comment
W18/2089	Roseland Cottage, Rowington Green Erection of two storey side extension	No objection	Granted 01/02/19
W18/1393	Lowsonford Barn, Lapworth Street, Bushwood Change of use of B1 (a) Office building to C3 Residential	No objection	Granted 07/02/19
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	No objection	Granted 6/2/19
W18/1393	Lowsonford Barn, Lapworth Street, Bushwood Change of use of B1 (a) Office building to C3 Residential	No objection	
W19/0130	Campsite, Mousley House Farm, Case Lane, Rowington Proposed variation of condition 1 of permission W/15/1925 (approved for: change of use from grazing land to camping site) to increase the number of pitches from 23 to 48	Object	
W19/0165	Hennessey House, Old Warwick Road Erection of single - storey rear extension (29% increase of original floor space), porch canopy to front, installation of Air Source Heat Pump and Log Burner	Object	

W19/0130 - Campsite, Mousley House Farm, Case Lane, Rowington

The Parish Council has previously requested that the number of pitches be limited to 23 under Application Number: W/15/1925.

The Parish Council objects to the proposed increase in pitches from 23 to 48 as it is considered that the increase in traffic volume on this narrow lane will cause highway issues with so many vehicles accessing and egressing the site on a daily basis, particularly at peak season.

Case Lane is a single-track road between the camp site and Quarry Lane and suffers from regular damage from vehicles, particularly to verges. There are no passing places and is quite unsuitable for the volume of traffic now proposed.

W19/0165 - Hennessey House, Old Warwick Road

The Parish Council objected to the previous application (W/18/0496) on the grounds that it is out of keeping with the area and not aesthetically pleasing. Therefore, the Parish Council repeats its previous objection to this additional application. Particularly given that it so soon after approval of the previous application, and it would appear to be an abuse of the planning process.

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 owners were to submit an additional application to cover the works.

Old Beams, Lapworth Street, Lawsonford

The Clerk had contacted the Planning Authority to ascertain as to whether the current works taking place were in fact, within the agreed conditions and the Case Officer confirmed that the developers were to submit a planning application following a site survey.

171 Parish Website

There were no matters to report.

172 Playing Field

a) Outstanding reports
None

b) Encroachment of Residential Gardens

The Clerk had contacted a resident who had inadvertently encroached onto the playing field by way of the installation of a replacement fence. The resident had agreed to reinstate the fence back to the original fence line.

c) Future Inspection Dates

17 February	I Henderson
3 March	D Weir
17 March	J Coles

173 Reports from Village Halls

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that there had been a reasonable two months of bookings at the Village Hall and that the Christmas fundraiser had been successful.

Mr I Wilson, the Treasurer was at the meeting and explained that there was likely to be a deficit due to overheads at the hall.

174 Rural Crime Initiative

The Chairman thanked Councillor Gallagher for organising the successful and well attended Crime meeting held on 8 February 2019.

The Chairman also reported that he had asked Inspector D Kettle to submit quarterly reports to the Parish Council and to provide the contact details of a named member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Councillor D Lane paid thanks to the Chairman for his persistence in liaising with the Police Authority and the Chairman expressed his wish to pursue the installation of ANPR and additional Rural Policing.

175 Parish Activities

- 1 March at 2pm – Women’s World Day of Prayer at Honiley Church
- 2 March from 8am – 10am – Ferncumbe Ladies Charity Breakfast at Hatton Village Hall
- 9th March at 7.30pm Supper & Speaker Night at Rowington Village Hall
- 22 March in the evening Daffodil Show at Rowington Village Hall
- 30 March from noon until 5pm – Bring & Buy Book Sale at Tom ‘O the Wood

176 Highways, Footpaths & Transport

There had been recent complaints with regards to the highway conditions near the development at Kingswood Place and the developers confirmed that they were monitoring the debris on the road and addressing the matter accordingly.

177 Meeting & Days attended & forthcoming

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

178 Correspondence

a) WALC – Social Prescribing Workshop

b) WALC Area Committee Invitation – 26 February 2019

c) AMW Lawn Care – 2019 Contract

It was agreed unanimously to employ the services of AMW Lawn Care for the 2019 season.

179 Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary	£719.38
HMRC	£74.66
AMW Lawn Care	£144.00
Bournville Village Trust Allotment Rent	£229.00
MI Business Services (Web Hosting)	£150.00
WALC	£30.00

c) Received:

None

Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.

180 Spending Program 2019

Councillor D Lane requested for a Spending Program to be put in place and the Chairman invited suggestions from both members of the Parish Council and members of the public.

One suggestion was for ‘Slow signs’ on or near the bend at the Church on Old Warwick Road.

181 Future Meeting Dates

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

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

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

Budget

At the Budget Meeting the Council decided to raise their element of Council Tax by 5%. This includes 2% for the Adult Social Care precept.

Finance Portfolio Holder Cllr Peter Butlin listed a number of areas of extra investment including putting £6.8m into children's social care services plus £7.3m to protect the elderly and vulnerable and steering £500,000 into the public transport budget to help rural communities.

Around £12.5m will be put into the capital investment fund to cover items ranging from road safety measures and cycle routes.

Cllr Butlin said, "All that I have laid out in this budget is possible without materially depleting our reserves."

Policing Budget

The Police & Crime Commissioner Philip Secombe will increase the Police Precept (the portion of local Council Tax which pays for policing) by 11.77% from April, which equates to around £2 per month for an average Band 'D' property.

Tree Maintenance

In WCC budget, it was agreed last that an extra £75k pa was included for investment to maintain the tree stock on streets across Warwickshire including addressing maintenance backlogs, accelerating cyclical maintenance and, where necessary, tree replanting.

Health improvements noted in Warwickshire since 2014

Since 2014, when Warwickshire County Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy was launched, significant improvements have been recorded in a number of areas.

Generally, health in Warwickshire is good compared with the England average and has improved over the lifetime of the 2014/18 strategy. People live longer on average, with fewer children living in low income families; more young people achieve GCSEs and are in education, employment or training; fewer young people are entering the criminal justice system; and there are fewer teenage conceptions. More people are keeping physically active, fewer people are smoking, and delays during transfers of care have reduced. More people find it easier to find information about support, and feel they have control over their lives.

These achievements fulfil key areas of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which focuses on prevention, early intervention and self-care, to help people stay healthier for longer while targeting the areas that need the most support.

The strategy has now been refreshed to 2020, reflecting the vital progress that has been made so far and acknowledging the improvements still to be made.

Councillor Les Caborn, Warwickshire County Council's cabinet member for health and social care, said: "Good physical and mental wellbeing are vital, allowing each of us to reach our full potential, and make a positive contribution to our community. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy recognises the achievements made since 2014, but also highlights what more needs to be done to improve the health and wellbeing of all our residents, reduce inequalities, build resilience in our communities and integrate our services."

New service to bring more flexibility to Warwickshire patients

Warwickshire County Council supports a move by GP surgeries across Warwickshire to extend opening hours through a service called GP+ which will benefit local people, especially unpaid carers.

GP+ was introduced in September 2018 and selected GP surgeries now offer additional face to face and telephone appointments on weekday evenings (6.30pm-9pm/9.30pm) and at weekends (opening hours vary for different venues). Appointments with GPs, nurses, nurse practitioners and clinical pharmacists are all available.

Although the extended hours are only offered at some practices, you don't need to be registered to these practices to access GP+. All patients registered with a Warwickshire GP are able to book appointments with the GP+ service via their usual practice, and staff from 111 and A&E will also be able to make extended access appointments for those who need them. This includes children aged 0-16 who require an appointment outside of school hours.