

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019**

**Present**

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

**182 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillors D Lane and J Moore.

**183 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**184 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 February 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor I Henderson and seconded by Councillor D Weir that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

**185 Questions from Members of the Public**

Mrs Ogden reminded members regarding the absence of the ‘slow’ markings on the roads at Finwood Road towards the canal bridge and Dicks Lane following the surface dressing.

A member of the public raised concern regarding speeding vehicles in Lowsonford, particularly on Lapworth Street.

Mrs B Wilson thanked the Chairman for representing the Parish Council at the recent public meeting regarding the proposal for the development of 6 new Almshouses.

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

Councillor S Gallagher reported the District Council was now in ‘Purdah’ due to the forthcoming elections and she encouraged members of the public to consider standing as a District Councillor.

Councillor S Gallagher notified members that she would not be standing for election on 2 May 2019. The Chairman raised a formal vote of thanks for the sterling work and support, which Councillor Gallagher had given to the Parish and its residents for many years.

**187 Report from County Councillor**

Councillor J Cooke attended the meeting and read his report, which is appended to these minutes.

**188 Planning Matters**

The following planning matters were considered and reported.

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Application Details</b>	<b>Comments required by</b>	<b>PC Comment</b>	<b>WDC Comment</b>
W18/1393	Lowsonford Barn, Lapworth Street, Bushwood Change of use of B1 (a) Office building to C3 Residential	17/01/19	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	25/02/19	Object	
W19/0165	Hennessey House, Old Warwick Road	6/03/19	Object	Withdrawn

	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			
W19/0182	The Rising, Old Warwick Road Resubmission of W/18/1226: Erection of two storey 5 bedroomed house.	28/03/19	Object	
W19/0185	Old Beams, Lapworth Street Excavation of ground to lower level by approx. 2.30 metres. Erection of a detached garage. New access and dropped kerb. This application is for part-retrospective works	4/04/19	Object	
W19/0230	The Old Farm, Quarry Lane, Rowington Demolition of existing corrugated metal barn and redevelopment of the site to provide a 3-bedroom dwelling house	5/04/19		
W19/0275	Sanbrook Farm, Narrow Lane, High Cross Erection of a two-storey side extension	8/4/19		
W19/0350	Manor Lane, Pinley Green Change of use of a building to create a three-bedroom dwelling	5/04/19		

**W19/0182 - The Rising, Old Warwick Road, Resubmission of W/18/1226: Erection of two storey 5 bedroomed house.**

The Parish Council objects to the proposed development on the following grounds:

1. Adverse impact on the character and appearance of the area as described in the Rowington Parish Design Statement published in December 2017 one of the much-valued characteristics of the Rowington Green area is widely spaced houses with significant areas of garden surrounding the dwelling. An aerial view clearly demonstrates this point. The proposed development destroys the balance and symmetry of the properties along the Old Warwick Road and will compromise the established, open pattern of development. It seeks to apply urban design criteria in a rural setting.

2. Highway safety - Contrary to the assertions in the planning application, there have been a number of serious road traffic accidents in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development. For example, on 19 March 2018 there was a three vehicle RTA near the junction with Finwood Road which resulted in Old Warwick Road being closed for a number of hours. The proposed development, with direct egress onto Old Warwick Road, fails to demonstrate that it does not cause harm to highway safety.

Additionally, there is a bus stop at this location and highway issues relating to visibility are of concern. If this was to receive planning consent from the LPA, then contractor's vehicles would cause major problems at the location.

3. Plot Coverage and Overdevelopment - The proposed development is too large for the proposed site. The site is long and narrow and the proposed development, which occupies almost the entire width of the site, is inappropriate and unbalanced. It is introducing a level of planning density that is completely inappropriate for a rural community. It is out of keeping with the local area.

**W19/0185 - Old Beams, Lapworth Street, Excavation of ground to lower level by approx. 2.30 metres. Erection of a detached garage. New access and dropped kerb. This application is for part-retrospective works**

The Parish Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

1. The groundworks already completed are excessive and are far greater than what is needed for a 3-bay timber framed garage. This suggests that the real intention is to build something much larger.

2. Considerable damage has already occurred due to excessive groundworks, including the destruction of ancient hedgerows.
3. The site is directly opposite the Fleur de Lys and the proposed development is out of keeping with the village landscape and is an eyesore.

Enforcement action should be taken to reinstate the excavated area which has occurred without consent. If approval is granted, Permitted Development Rights should be removed to limit any further development.

#### 189 Parish Website

There were no matters to report.

#### 190 Playing Field

- a) Outstanding reports  
Cllr D Weir – 3 March 2019
- b) Encroachment of Residential Gardens  
The Chairman was resolving the matter of encroachment on to the playing field and meeting with a resident. An email had been received confirming remedial action would be taken.
- c) Future Inspection Dates

31 March	J Moore
14 April	M North

#### 191 Reports from Village Halls

##### Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that the Committee continued to raise funds for the refurbishment of the hall. The AGM was to take place on 16 April 2019 at 7.30pm and the Annual Hog Roast on 23 June 2019.

#### 192 Parish Activities

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

#### 193 Highways, Footpaths & Transport

None to report.

#### 194 Meeting & Days attended & forthcoming

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Information Sharing:  
20 February 2019 from 6pm to 8pm Jubilee House, Kenilworth – Clerk attended  
27 February 2019 from 6pm to 8pm - The Court House, Warwick - Councillor I Henderson attended  
2 March 2019 – NALC Legal Team Updates – Councillor I Henderson attended  
12 March - Cllr I Henderson attended a Meeting with WDC planners  
7 March 2019 - Cllr I Henderson attended Warwick Area West Forum  
26 March 2016 – WALC Introduction to VAT Clerk & Cllr I Henderson to attend

#### 195 Correspondence

- a) WDC – Area Boundary Maps  
b) Email from Cllr S Gallagher

#### 196 Finance

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

None

##### b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary	£719.38
HMRC	£74.66
WALC	£30.00
Lowsonford Village Hall	£90.00

##### c) Received:

VAT Refund	£1066.79
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**Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.**

**197 Spending Program 2019**

The Chairman reminded members of the Spending Program to be put in place and invited suggestions from both members of the Parish Council and members of the public to make suggestions for future spending, particularly as the Parish Council would be in receipt of funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

**198 Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday 11 April 2019	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 18 April 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 9 May 2019 – Annual Meeting	Lowsonford Village Hall

**199 Confidential Item**

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press were excluded from the meeting for this item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual, information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person

The Parish Clerk sought permission under the terms of her contract of employment for her to take additional employment and members agreed in principle to this, subject to clarification in writing from the WDC Monitoring Officer and to the Clerk agreeing to a protocol document that will be prepared following the receipt of the advice requested..

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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

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

### Health & Wellbeing

A Warwickshire County Council debate on the value of integrating public services to improve health and wellbeing received positive support at Full Council.

The special council meeting discussed the motion *this council believes that an integrated care system focused on communities is the right way forward for the health and wellbeing of citizens in Warwickshire.*

There were eight key speakers at the debate, including representatives from the Coventry and Warwickshire STP, CCGs and local hospices, and also members of the public and advocacy groups such as Healthwatch. All were in agreement about the positive effects of an integrated health and wellbeing system, and the need for transparency, accountability, and to fully engage partners, communities and patients in the move towards a more integrated system.

The motion was agreed along with an amendment to ensure sufficient and sustainable funding is available.

### The Appeal of Meals on Wheels

The service, which is delivered in Warwickshire by Apetito, provides hot meals directly to people's homes up to seven days a week, 365 days a year. The meals are tasty and nutritious, and the home-delivery system means that Warwickshire's vulnerable residents are able to maintain independence in their own home for longer.

### Skills Conference will reveal skills forecast for Warwickshire

More than 60 per cent of new jobs will require qualifications at degree-level and 87 delegates have already signed up to Warwickshire County Council's popular annual Skills Conference taking place at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, on Wednesday 6 March.

In a keynote speech, Warwickshire County Council's head of Economy & Skills, Dave Ayton-Hill will deliver the latest local labour market forecasts compiled from new research undertaken by the county council.

The research underlines how workplaces, and the skills required within them, are changing rapidly in all sectors. During the coming years it is forecast that more than 60 per cent of new jobs to be created will require qualifications at degree-level – and 17 per cent at doctorate level.

The annual Skills Conference has become a highly-regarded event in the county's business calendar as it brings together a broad range of businesses and education-providers.

### Warwickshire Car Dealers Discovered Selling Dangerous and Unroadworthy Vehicles

An operation to target the sellers of dangerous and unroadworthy vehicles and protect road users, carried out by Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service, found that almost 19% of the garages visited had unroadworthy cars for sale on their forecourt.

Trading Standards Officers made unannounced visits to 16 garages located across all five districts and boroughs and chosen using consumer complaint data.

A vehicle expert was employed to carry out a thorough examination of 31 cars, of which five were found to have so many faults that they were deemed to be dangerous and unroadworthy. Faults identified included damaged brakes, illegal tyres, seatbelt mounting corrosion and steering and suspension faults.

All garage owners were advised of their responsibilities and further enforcement action will be undertaken in the future.

Warwickshire Trading Standards receives more consumer complaints about cars than about anything else. These unroadworthy vehicle checks form part of a rolling programme of mystery shopper exercises that have led to a number of successful prosecutions including last year, when a garage was fined and ordered to pay costs of over £9000 after selling an unroadworthy vehicle it described as 'in good condition' and 'drives very well without faults'.