

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2019**

**Present**

Councillor I Henderson – In the Chair  
Councillor J Coles  
Councillor D Lane  
Councillor J Moore  
Councillor M North  
Councillor D Weir  
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall  
8 members of the public for all or part of the meeting

**200 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of District Councillor S Gallagher and County Councillor J Cooke.

**201 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor J Coles declared a Declaration of Interest relating to the request for funding from Lowsonford Village Hall and took no part in the discussion or voting of this item.

**202 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2019**

Councillor D Weir asked for this item to be discussed in a Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

**203 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.

There had been a number of incidents where speeding vehicles and cyclists had nearly collided and the Clerk was asked to take up the matter with the County Council and asked for a timetable for the re-painting of the road markings and request additional signage to encourage road users to take extra care on this dangerous piece of the highway.

Mr J Greenaway asked for an item regarding protection of the allotments to be added to the next agenda.

**204 Report from County Councillor**

In the absence of Councillor J Cooke, the Clerk read his report, which is also appended to these minutes.

**205 Planning Matters**

Councillor D Lane asked the Clerk if hyperlinks to planning applications could be added to the Parish Councils website and the Clerk agreed to look into this.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the District Council's Planning Committee in relation W19/0130, Campsite at Mousley House Farm. The Parish Council had objected to the application, but the Planning Committee granted permission.

Members of the Parish Council were disappointed in the decision and its process and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact the LPA to express the Parish Councils concerns regarding both the procedure and the decision made by the LPA.

The following planning matters were 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	Granted
W19/0130	Campsite, Mousley House Farm, Case Lane, Rowington Proposed variation of condition 1 of permission W/15/1925	25/02/19	Object	Granted

	(approved for: change of use from grazing land to camping site) to increase the number of pitches from 23 to 48			
W19/0182	The Rising, Old Warwick Road Resubmission of W/18/1226: Erection of two storey 5 bed roomed 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	No objection	
W19/0275	Sanbrook Farm, Narrow Lane, High Cross Erection of a two storey side extension	8/4/19	No objection	
W19/0350	Manor Lane, Pinley Green Change of use of a building to create a three bedroom dwelling	5/04/19	No objection	

The following planning matters were considered and decided:

W19/0285	Durham Ox, 111 Shrewley Common Retrospective planning permission for the creation of a seating area and associated works to the front of the Durham Ox public house	23/04/19	Outside of the Parish Boundary	
W19/0426LB	The Old Farm, Quarry Lane, Rowington Variation of condition 3 (Large Scale Details) of planning permission W/10/1548 to be amended to be in accordance with the details submitted with this application in lieu of the previously imposed pre-commencement condition	26/04/19	No objection	
W19/0427	The Old Farm Quarry Lane, Rowington Variation of condition 3 (Large Scale Details) of planning permission W/10/1548 to be amended to be in accordance with the details submitted with this application in lieu of the previously imposed pre-commencement condition	26/04/19	No objection	
W19/0510	Middle Rookery Farm, Rookery Lane, Lowsonford Proposed agricultural building	23/04/19	No objection	

#### 206 Parish Website

There were no matters to report.

#### 207 Playing Field

- a) Outstanding reports  
None

b) Encroachment of Residential Gardens

The Chairman confirmed that the matter of encroachment on to the playing field had now been resolved and the fence had been reinstated to the original boundary. The Chairman agreed to thank the resident for the prompt action and co-operation.

c) Future Inspection Dates

14 April – Cllr M North

28 April – Cllr D Lane

12 May – Cllr I Henderson

**208 Reports from Village Halls**

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that fund raising continued and there were three events planned for the year. There was a hog roast scheduled for 23 June and the AGM was to be held on 16 April 2019.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that two bookings had been cancelled.

**209 Rural Crime Initiative**

The Chairman reported that the recent voting for policing priorities had resulting in speed checks in Chadwick End as a higher priority than burglary patrols in Lapworth and Rowington. This highlights the need for as many residents as possible to vote for policing priorities.

Additionally, following a recent comparison in crime statistics, there was a decrease in figures, which was encouraging.

Councillor D Lane suggested inviting Caron Moss, Civilian Investigator for the Police Authority to a future Parish Council meeting.

**210 Parish Activities**

Rowington Village Hall – Sunday 12 May Noon – 4pm – Jan Taylor’s Memorial Art Exhibition

Lowsonford Village Hall – Wednesday 15 May 10.30am to 12 noon – Coffee Morning in aid of Parkinson’s UK

**211 Highways, Footpaths & Transport**

None to report.

**212 Meeting & Days attended & forthcoming**

26 March 2019 – WALC Introduction to VAT Clerk & Cllr I Henderson attended

**213 Correspondence**

Canal Conservation Area – Email from Cllr S Gallagher

**214 Finance**

**a) Paid during the month:**

None

**b) To be paid:**

Clerks Salary	£716.02
HMRC	£66.86

**c) Received:**

None

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

**d) Year End Accounts 31 March 2019**

The Clerk had circulated the Year End Accounts to members ahead of the meeting and it was agreed to submit these to the Internal Auditor.

**e) Request for Funding from Lawsonford Village Hall**

Following an update on the refurbishment works at Lawsonford Village Hall and a brief presentation, Mr M Daw requested members to consider a grant for £1,500.

It was proposed by Councillor M North and seconded by Councillor D Lane that the Parish Council supports the refurbishment works and grants £1,500 to Lawsonford Village Hall.

**215 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.

**216 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Funding Due to the Parish Council

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council was due to receive £7,500 in April and a further £87,000 over the next eighteen months from CIL funds from the District Council. This would need to be spent within the next five years.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council should be in receipt of the Agreement within the next two weeks, which would be signed by the Clerk and Chairman before the CIL funds would be released.

Creation of additional Bank Account for CIL Funds

Discussion took place as to the necessity for an additional bank account for CIL monies and it was agreed to defer this until the May Parish Council Meeting.

**217 Future Meeting Dates**

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

**218 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2019 (Discussed in a Closed Session due to the nature of the Item)**

Following an amendment to the Confidential Item, it was proposed by Councillor I Henderson and seconded by Councillor D Weir that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2019, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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

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

**County Highways**

The National Highways and Transport network (NHT) survey, carried out independently by Ipsos MORI, covers key themes including highway maintenance, speed of repairs, street-lighting and cold weather gritting. With over 100,000 responses nationally it is a highly comprehensive and well-respected survey covering 105 local authorities. WCC takes part to review how the public view the Council's performance and the condition of its highways and associated assets. In this year's survey, Warwickshire has been named joint top-performing County Council for highway maintenance and, within that, the top-performing County Council for condition of roads and quality of repairs to roads.

Warwickshire was also in the top five for speed of repair to roads and pavements, dealing with potholes/damaged roads and the condition of road markings.

**New LED Street Lighting**

New LED street lights and the introduction of part-night lighting have delivered significant savings to Warwickshire County Council & Council tax payers in terms of electricity costs and electricity consumed.

Since 2014 the Council has embarked on a programme of replacing street lighting lanterns with LED lanterns. Those consuming the greatest electricity were targeted for replacement first.

A street lighting central management system has also been installed at a cost of £1.64m which allows the council to actively manage the operation of the street lights in terms of operating times, reaction to events and part-night lighting.

"The new street lighting we have introduced and continue to implement across the County is not only helping us to make financial savings, it is also environmentally sound," said Mark Ryder, Newly appointed Director (Communities)

**Kenilworth Horse Fair – Event not taking place in April**

Following rumours and comments regarding the Kenilworth Horse Fair, Warwick District Council's Chief Executive Chris Elliott has issued the following statement:

"We are aware of rumours circulating that the Kenilworth Horse Fair will be taking place at Thickthorn from 25 to 28 April. We would like to state categorically that the Trustees of the Thickthorn site for the horse fair have confirmed that they have not given permission for the event to take place and that no permission has been sought or given by Warwick District Council for the fair to take place on any other site in Kenilworth or the surrounding area.

**Rail Services Improvements in May**

Warwickshire will benefit from an improved rail service provision from May with an upgraded service in the Leamington to Nuneaton corridor.

On Mondays through to Saturdays the service between Leamington and Coventry and that between Coventry and Nuneaton will be linked to provide a new cross-Coventry through service.

This service will be introduced from 19 May and will have two-car trains, doubling the capacity of that supplied by single-car units at present.

For Kenilworth, a new Sunday service will also be introduced, on the shuttle service between Leamington and Coventry.

Warwick Parkway station unveils new cycle facilities

Chiltern Railways has doubled the cycle parking at Warwick Parkway station with funding from the Department for Transport and Warwickshire County Council.

The project has provided the station with new spaces after installing double deck racks to allow for projected growth. This significantly improves the cycle facilities at the station currently accessed by 6,500 cycle journeys a year.

As part of the investment, LED lighting and CCTV has also been added to maximise the security of the facility and deter cycle thieves. In addition, there is now a bike pump available to help promote cycling to the station.

**New Chief Fire Officer welcomed to Warwickshire**

Warwickshire County Council has, this week, welcomed its new Chief Fire Officer, Kieran Amos. Kieran formally took on the role succeeding Andy Hickmott who has retired after 30 years' service.

Kieran was formerly the Assistant Chief Fire Officer for West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and brings with him over 29 years' experience in a range of roles, from the then Surrey Fire Brigade, before rising through the ranks and being seconded into the New Dimension Programme, where he supported the development and roll-out of Fire and Rescue Services National Resilience capabilities. He was then seconded back as the national CBRN Detection, Identification and Monitoring (DIM) lead.