

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 9 MAY 2019**

Present

Councillor I Henderson

Councillor J Coles

Councillor M Daw

Councillor J Moore

Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall

8 members of the public for all or part of the meeting

1. Election of Chairman

Councillor I Henderson asked for nominations for the role of Chairman for the ensuing year and it was proposed by Councillor J Coles and seconded by Councillor J Moore that Councillor I Henderson be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor I Henderson accepted the nomination and subsequently signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of District Councillor R Hales and County Councillor J Cooke.

3. Election of a Vice-Chairman

There were no nominations for a Vice-Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declaration of Interest.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Forms & Acceptance of Office Forms

Following the Parish Council Elections held on 2 May 2019 those members present gave their completed forms to the Clerk and it was agreed that the Clerk would obtain completed the forms from Councillor D Weir outside of the meeting.

6. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

David Lane was unable to attend the meeting but had requested members to consider him becoming a Parish Councillor.

It was proposed by Councillor J Coles and seconded by Councillor J Moore that David Lane be co-opted to the Parish Council.

The Clerk agreed to arrange for the completion of his Declaration of Pecuniary Interest Form and Acceptance of Office Form.

7. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2019

It was proposed by Councillor J Moore and seconded by Councillor J Coles that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2019, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

8. Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs Ogden was pleased to report that the 'slow' markings on the roads at Finwood Road towards the canal bridge and Dicks Lane had now been reinstated following the surface dressing.

9. Presentation by Rowington Allotments Association

Mr John Greenaway asked the Parish Council to make consideration for the future security of the allotments. The allotments were considered to be a valued asset in the community and allotments holders had expressed their concerns for the safe keeping of the land. Mr Greenaway asked members if the Parish Council would consider an increased length of tenure for allotment holders' licences or explore the possibility of purchasing the land from Bournville Village Trust, the current landowners.

10. Report from County Councillor

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

11. Planning Matters

a) The following planning matters were reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Comment	WDC Comment
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	Withdrawn
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	Withdrawn
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	Refused
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	
W19/0578	St Anne's Close, Mill Lane Proposed erection of a two-storey front extension, new air source unit on the east side of the dwelling and installation of a below ground gas tank	09/05/19	No objection	

b) The following planning matters were considered and decided:

W19/0134	Finwood Green Farm, Mill Lane Change of use of 2no. stables to 2no. holiday lets with associated external alterations	15/05/19	No objection	
W19/0182	The Rising, Old Warwick Road Resubmission of W/18/1226: Erection of two storey 5 bedroomed house.	28/03/19 Resubmission Date 15/05/19	Object - contrary to PDS. Impacts on openness.	

c) Potential Enforcement Matters

Old Beams, Lapworth Street, Lawsonford

The Clerk was asked to press the Planning Authority for an update on the land and suggest a site visit, following the withdrawal of the last planning application. The site is considered to be unsightly on this picturesque road, opposite the popular Fleur de Leys PH. The Parish Council requests that enforcement action be considered in order to reinstate the previous land profile.

Daffodil Meadow, Preston Road, Lawsonford

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by a number of residents following the six tents and caravans that had been pitched on this site over the Easter weekend. Although these were no longer in place, a large static caravan was now on the land. The LPA was aware of the situation and an Officer was to make a site visit on 17 May 2019 and notify all parties who had expressed concern.

12. Playing Field

a) Outstanding reports

None

b) Future Inspection Dates

12 May – Cllr I Henderson

26 May – Cllr D Weir

9 June – Cllr J Coles

13. Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that the hog roast would take place on 23 June 2019 and tickets were available from herself.

Councillor M Daw updated members on the refurbishment work and current grant applications.

14. 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

15. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

None to report.

16. Meeting & Days attended & forthcoming

None

17. Correspondence

Noted

18. Finance

a) Paid during the month:

Lowsonford Village Hall Grant Payment £1500

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary £716.02

HMRC £83.47

AMW Lawncare £218.83

Rowington Village Hall Room Hire £175.00

Clerks Expenses (Software £59.99 & APM refreshments £38.55) £98.54

Zurich Municipal Insurance Renewal £690.40

Eon – Telephone Kiosk £148.80

WALC Subscription £331.00

c) Received:

Precept £10,215.00

Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.

19. Annual Governance Statement

Following a review of each of the items within the Annual Governance Statement, it was agreed unanimously that the Annual Governance Statement, be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and submitted to the External Auditor. No objections were recorded.

20. Accounting Statements

Following the Clerks report and circulation of the Accounting Statements, it was agreed that the Statements be signed by the Chairman and Clerk and submitted to the External Auditor. No objections were recorded

21. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Clerk had circulated the proposed Agreement from the District Council relating to the first payment of £7,500 from the CIL fund. It was proposed by Councillor J Coles and seconded by Councillor J Moore that the Chairman makes arrangements with the District Council to sign the Agreement and to open a new bank account in order to segregate CIL payments.

22. Rural Crime Initiative

The Chairman reported that recent crime figures had shown an improvement and he gave an update on the current Officers of the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Warwick Rural West.

23. Items for the Next Agenda

None

24. Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 13 June 2019	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 11 July 2019	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 8 August 2019 (Provisional)	Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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

Lapworth & West Kenilworth News May 2019 – Councillor J Cooke

Kenilworth Horse Fair

It is confirmed that the Horse Fair has permanently relocated to Nottingham.

Change of WCC Chairman

I will be stepping down as Chairman on May 21st to be replaced by Nicola Davies from Leamington Spa.

Alan Cockburn from Kenilworth will be the new Vice Chairman.

District Council Elections

John Cooke, Richard Hales, & George Illingworth were elected to represent the new District Ward of Kenilworth Abbey & Arden which differs from the County Council Division as it now includes Shrewley.

Local community and voluntary organisations are encouraged to apply for Councillor Grants

The Councillors' Grant Fund provides each of Warwickshire County Council's 57 Councillors with an allocated fund of £6000 to support small-scale projects within their division that can demonstrate support for the following outcomes:

- Warwickshire's communities and individuals are supported to be safe, healthy and independent
- Warwickshire's economy is vibrant and supported by the right jobs, training, skills and infrastructure

All applications should aim to address local issues and improve the health and wellbeing of people living in Warwickshire.

Any organisations or groups wishing to apply for Councillor Grant Funding can do so using the new online system and the deadline for applications for the first round of funding is 5pm on Friday 7 June 2019.

The online application process is accessible here:

<https://docs.google.com/a/warwickshire.gov.uk/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMfdIfyqpZZvzHRMNecbGgYxpzJmcaMrrSWuhLquVYoN-hpg/closedform>

Trading standards warning over unsafe Turkish table lamps

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning the public about unsafe Turkish Swan Neck Table Lamps sold at Stratford Market (Waterside, Stratford-Upon-Avon) and sold online between September 2018 and December 2018.

Officers sampled a Swan Neck Table Lamp Size 2 from a Warwickshire based importer and retailer as part of a joint sampling project with the newly created Office of Product Safety and Standards (OPSS). The product failed the electrical safety standards in several areas.

All the unsafe lamps have been quarantined by the seller (Istanbul Bazaar Ltd) and a recall can be found on their website at www.grandbazaaruk.co.uk/collections/table-lamps