

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT**  
**ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 13 JUNE 2019**

**Present**

Councillor I Henderson – Chairman  
Councillor J Coles  
Councillor M Daw  
Councillor D Lane  
County Councillor J Cooke for part of meeting  
District Councillor G Illingworth

Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall

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

**25. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillors J Moore & D Weir and District Councillor R Hales.

**26. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declaration of Interest.

**27. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 May 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor M Daw and seconded by Councillor J Coles that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2019, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

**28. Questions from Members of the Public**

Mr P Jinks gave an overview of his amended planning application (W19/0669) on land at Old Beams, Lawsonford and asked members for their support.

The Chairman explained that Mr Jinks' comments would be taken into account when consideration of this application was made.

**29. Report from County Councillor – Councillor J Cooke**

Councillor J Cooke reported that at the Full Council Meeting on 21 May 2019. Councillor Nicola Davies was appointed Chairman and Councillor Alan Cockburn was appointed Vice Chairman. Councillor David Reilly had resigned as Portfolio Holder for Environment, Heritage & Culture and been replaced by Councillor Heather Timms.

**Speeding on Warwick Road Lapworth at area around "The Boot"**

Following on from correspondence from a resident, Councillor Cooke had been in touch with the Road Safety Team and correspondence between the resident and Lapworth Parish Council, and the provision of different types of signage has been suggested.

*" This is a difficult situation due to the Old Warwick Road being a B class road and the lack of street lighting meaning that any physical traffic calming features would not be possible. Clive Henderson from the Parish response below sums the situation up perfectly and the Police will not have the resources to enforce the speed limits unfortunately. It was confirmed that there hasn't been any recent injury road traffic collisions for the sections mentioned. He was, however, happy to re-visit this section of road to see if there are any minor schemes possible including measures such as gateway features, roundel markings, extra repeater signs which we can install on a non-street lit roads.*

**Warwickshire Switch & Save**

Councillor J Cooke also reported that in Warwickshire, the figure for registrants was 2,433, meaning that nearly 7,500 residents have registered to save money on their fuel bills since Warwickshire Switch and Save was launched.

In the most recent auction, over 75% could make a saving with the average saving being £179.54. Householders who signed up for the latest round of Switch and Save will have received their personal offers on 3 June 2019. Warwickshire County Council partnered with iChoosr, the UK's leading expert in collective energy switching, to secure highly competitive tariffs which are not available direct from the supplier or through price comparison sites.

**Can you help a young person in an emergency?**

Additionally, Councillor Cooke drew attention to Warwickshire County Council's fostering service, which is looking for foster carers to care for young people in a crisis.

Emergency duty carers are part of a dedicated team providing support and stability to young people at very short notice.

They provide emergency cover outside of office hours for children and young people who need a home for the night but are unable to stay with friends or relatives.

The young people in care can be any age from babies up to 18 years. At least one carer needs to be at home full time to support any placements made on an emergency basis and have no children under 18 years living at home.

Anyone interested in finding out more about fostering for Warwickshire, can visit: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

### 30. Report from District Councillor – Councillor G Illingworth

Councillor G Illingworth introduced himself as the Parish Council’s newly elected Parish Representative and explained that he would endeavour to support the Parish Council where possible, particularly with regards to planning matters.

### 31. Planning Matters

a) The following planning matters were reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Comment	WDC Comment
W19/0510	Middle Rookery Farm, Rookery Lane, Lowsonford Proposed agricultural building	23/04/19	No objection	Granted
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	Granted
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.	Granted
W19/0669	Old Beams, Lapworth Street Excavation of ground to lower ground level by approx. 2.40 metres (from highest ground level on slope) and a new dropped kerb to create new access off highways. (This application is for retrospective works and a resubmission of application ref: W/19/0185)	04/06/19	Object	

b) The following planning matters were considered and decided:

W19/0746	St Anne’s Close, Mill Lane, Rowington, Proposed erection of 2no. dwellings	17/06/19	Object	
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The Parish Council objects to this application which is in close proximity to the adjacent properties. This is overdevelopment of the site as not only does this development require the partial demolition of the existing property (already agreed to in W/19/0578), but it necessitates the shoehorning in of the two new properties such that they have a contrived irregular boundary partially defined by a two-storey house wall actually on the boundary contrary to the WDC Design Guide and leading to a terracing effect out of keeping with the street scene and the area generally.

Additionally, the overdevelopment is further compounded by the failure to provide adequate parking in accordance with the WDC SPD on Parking which requires 3 spaces for a 4-bedroom house. The drawings show one car in the garage and this is not acceptable according to paragraph 2.18 of the SPD. The Parish Council would not support any reduction in parking provision because of the rural location.

c) Potential Enforcement Matters

Land on Preston Road, Lowsonford

The Chairman reported that the LPA was aware of the activities on this land and were awaiting a further update.

**32. Playing Field**

a) Outstanding reports

None

b) Future Inspection Dates – 23 June Councillor J Moore & 7 July Councillor M Daw.

c) Revised Signage

Councillor D Lane suggested renewing the three signs at the Playing Field and it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate details of the revised text for new signs.

**33. Reports from Village Halls**

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that the hog roast would take place on Sunday 23 June 2019 and tickets were available from herself. Councillor M Daw updated members on the refurbishment work and current grant applications which had been submitted to the National Lottery, and Warwick District Council.

**34. Parish Activities**

Rowington Parish Summer Festival at St Laurence – 18 June from noon, 20 June from 10am to 4pm & 22 June from 11am to 3pm. Picnic in the Churchyard at 3pm on Sunday 23 June.

Summer Festival Quiz – at Rowington Club on 19 June at 7.30pm

Bring & Buy Book Sale at Tom O' The Wood – Saturday 6 July noon until 5pm

Rowington Village Hall -Mikron Theatre Sunday 18 August at 2pm

Rowington Parish Old Folks Party Fund – Over 65's Lunch at Henley Golf Club – 10 July

Lowsonford Village hall – Hog Roast from 12 noon on Sunday 23 June

**35. Highways, Footpaths & Transport**

A resident reported their concern with regards to an issue with a possible water or sewage leak in Lapworth Street and the Clerk was asked to notify Severn Trent or the Environment Agency.

**36. Meeting & Days Attended & Forthcoming**

None

**37. Correspondence**

It was agreed that the Parish Council should recognise the VE Day from 8 to 10 May 2020 and the Clerk was asked to contact the Royal British Legion to ascertain what activities the RBL may have planned. It was also agreed that Rowington Records should be approached with a view to arranging an exhibition highlighting 'Rowington at War'.

**38. Finance**

**a) Paid during the month:**

None

**b) To be paid:**

Clerks Salary	£716.02
HMRC	£75.67
AMW Lawncare April	£233.76
AMW Lawncare May	£335.71

**c) Received:**

WDC CIL fund initial payment	£7,500
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**Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.**

**39. Jane Ryland Charity**

The Clerk reported that the Jane Ryland Charity has 5 trustees, two of whom are appointed by the Parish Council. Mr Brian Taylor is one of the Parish Councils appointees and his four-year term was due to expire on 3rd August 2019.

Mr Taylor wished to continue as a Trustee and it was proposed by The Chairman and seconded by Councillor J Coles that Mr Taylor continue as the Parish Councils appointee.

**40. Telephone Kiosks**

The Clerk had invited quotations for works required to the two telephone kiosks to bring the electricity supply up to date and install low wattage lighting, together with a provision of power for other services in the future, such as an AED device. The works would also address a potential safety issue. The work was agreed in principle subject to the receipt of a satisfactory quotation.

**41. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

The Chairman welcomed suggestions for the spending of the CIL funds and it was agreed that a schedule of those suggestions should be circulated. It was also agreed that consideration should be made towards Conservation and improvements to pathways.

**42. Rural Crime Initiative**

The Chairman raised concern regarding the May 2019 Crime figures which did not appear to include two serious attempted burglaries. The Clerk was asked to raise this matter with the Police Authority.

**43. Items for the Next Agenda**

VE Day May 2020.

**44. Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday 11 July 2019	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 8 August 2019 (Provisional)	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 12 September 2019	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 10 October 2019	Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

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