

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

Present

Councillor I Henderson – Chairman
Councillor M Daw
Councillor D Lane
Councillor J Moore
Councillor D Weir
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
2 members of the public for all of the meeting

45. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillor J Coles, District Councillors R Hales & G Illingworth and County Councillor J Cooke.

46. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declaration of Interest.

47. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 June 2019

It was proposed by Councillor M Daw and seconded by Councillor D Lane that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

48. Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs J Caygill asked for an update regarding the field at Preston Road, Lowsonford where a static caravan had been situated and works to the entrance had taken place. It was reported that the LPA was monitoring the issue and the Clerk agreed to obtain an update from the LPA and provide an update.

49. Report from County Councillor – Councillor J Cooke

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

50. Report from District Councillor – Councillor G Illingworth

In the absence of Councillor G Illingworth, the Clerk reported that Councillor G Illingworth had so far this year, attended 33 such engagements, but unfortunately there were often clashes with other council events.

Councillor G Illingworth had chaired the first Council meeting in June 2019. There were conflicting motions on green issues from the Labour and Green groups, but a Liberal amendment supported by the Conservatives consolidated them with the result the amended motion passed unanimously. The result was much more realistic than some of the original ideas.

51. Planning Matters

a) The following planning matters were reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Comment	WDC Comment
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	
W19/0669	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	

W19/0669 Amended	Old Beams, Lapworth Street, Lowsonford 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. Proposed associated landscaping scheme (This application is for retrospective works and a resubmission of application ref: W/19/0185)	21/06/19	No Objection, subject to Conditions	
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b) The following planning matters were considered and decided:

W19/0713	The Old Farm, Quarry Lane, Rowington Listed Building Consent - Conversion of Barn and Outbuildings to Residential Accommodation (Re-submission of W/10/1566/LB)	12/07/19	No Objection	
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c) Potential Enforcement Matters

Land on Preston Road, Lowsonford

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

Ednam Meadow

The Clerk had raised a number of issues regarding recent activity at Ednam Meadow and was awaiting a reply from the Enforcement Officer at the LPA.

52. Playing Field

- a) Outstanding reports
Councillor J Moore – 23 June 2019
- b) Future Inspection Dates – Councillor D Lane – 21 July, Councillor I Henderson – 4 August, Councillor D Weir – 18 August & Councillor J Coles 1 September 2019.
- c) Revised Signage
The proposed new text was agreed by members and The Clerk was to proceed with the order following the quotation of £183.11.

53. Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

In the absence of Councillor J Coles, the Clerk reported that a total of £1829.20 was raised at the Lowsonford Village Hall Hog Roast, which took place on Sunday 23 June 2019.

Councillor J Coles passed on her thanks to all residents for their help in making this such a successful community occasion, and in particular, thanked Councillor J Cooke and Councillor I Henderson for their support.

Councillor M Daw reported that fund raising continued to assist in the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that the Committee had recently held it's AGM and it had been agreed to terminate the rubbish collection contract in order to make financial savings.

54. Parish Activities

- Cottage Farm, Pinley Green – Garden Party on 28 July from 2pm
- Fleur de Lys – Lowsonford & Rowington Village Show – Saturday 3 August at 2pm
- Rowington Village Hall -Mikron Theatre Saturday 18 August at 2pm

55. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

Councillor I Henderson suggested that future consideration should be made towards improvements to signage for public footpaths.

56. Meeting & Days Attended & Forthcoming

Planning Training WDC – Councillors M Daw & D Weir to attend on 18 July 2019

Code of Conduct Training WDC – Councillor I Henderson to attend on 24 July 2019

57. Correspondence

Noted.

58. Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary	£716.02
HMRC	£75.67
AMW Lawncare June	£116.88

c) Received:

None.

Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.

d) Request for Funding

Lowsonford Village Hall's Committee had submitted a request for £150.00 to cover the cost of Defibrator Training, which had been scheduled for 21 September 2019 for 12 people. It was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor I Henderson that the requested be granted.

59. VE Day – 8- 10 May 2020

Following the decision at the last meeting, that the Parish Council should recognise VE Day in May 2020, The Clerk had circulated ideas for the event and members agreed that she should seek support from other organisations and draft a programme of proposed events.

60. Telephone Kiosks

The Clerk reported that she had instructed Freeman Electrical to proceed with the required electrical works to the two telephone kiosks at a cost of £676.56.

61. 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. The Chairman also suggested holding an extra meeting, whereby members of the public would be invited to make their own suggestions as to where the CIL funds could be concentrated within the parish.

The Clerk was to contact Lucy Marsden, the organiser of Lowsonford & Rowington Village Show, which was to take place on Saturday 3 August 2019, to ask if the Parish Council could distribute leaflets to encourage villagers to submit their ideas for the spending of CIL funds.

62. Rural Crime Initiative

The Chairman raised concern regarding recent Crime figures.

Councillor D Lane asked the Chairman to follow up the questions and observations made at the PCC meeting held earlier in the year with the Police & Crime Commissioner to ascertain if the promises which were made, had been implemented.

63. Items for the Next Agenda

None

64. Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 12 September 2019

Thursday 10 October 2019

Lowsonford Village Hall

Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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

Lapworth & West Kenilworth News July 2019 – Councillor J Cooke

Warwick Road Lapworth

In a recent report I noted that I had received representations about speeding at the “The Boot” end of Warwick Road, I asked at the last meeting for the view of the Parish Council about what measures they thought appropriate. In this vein I am meeting with Lee Williams who is the Principal road safety engineer at County Highways this week to consider what measures may be appropriate. I will report back when I have more information.

Warwick Road Chadwick End

Chadwick End Parish Council have written about speeding on Warwick Road in the WCC owned section of the road. They are requesting “pinch points” in the road. County Engineers confirms that as Chadwick End is located on an 'A' class road, traffic calming will not be feasible and the carriageway is already narrow for an HGV route, at the minimum 6m width. There could be issues with vehicle tracking, kerb strikes, noise pollution and traffic congestion if we were to create pinch points or priority flow build outs. I will also be taking advice on what other measures are feasible shortly.

Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire County Council has appointed health and wellbeing charity Compass to provide the County’s School Health and Wellbeing Service. This confidential school nursing service supports children and young people to be healthy and well, working in partnership with schools, parents, carers and other professionals. The service delivers preventative and universal public health programmes in schools across the county, as well as in youth centres, children’s centres, homes and elsewhere.

It also provides advice on a wide range of health topics from healthy eating; friendships and bullying; to parenting, fussy eating, anxiety and sleep.

The service is delivered by nurses and healthcare support workers and is freely available to all school-aged children and young people from 5 to 19 years old (up to 25 years old for people with special educational needs) and their families and carers.

More sex ed please, we’re British

Pupils from schools across Warwickshire attended a youth conference organised by Warwickshire County Council and partners called More sex ed please, we’re British.

The conference, which was held at Dunchurch Park Hotel and Conference Centre in Rugby, saw 96 year nine pupils from 16 Warwickshire schools taking part in five different workshops around relationships and sex education (RSE).

The event provided pupils with the chance to discuss topics including consent, the role of technology in RSE, what they would like to see taught in schools and misogyny in pop music.

Supplier of pig’s ears, trotters, snouts and tails to consumers and pet shops prosecuted for fraud and food hygiene and Animal Feed regulations

The owner of a North Warwickshire pet food supplier has been prosecuted for fraud and animal health offences. Ben Sweet owned and ran BS Pet Foods, Atherstone and later at Over Coppice Farm, Boulters Lane, Wood End. Trading Standards Officers were called to the trader’s premises in Atherstone after receiving reports that meat was being butchered illegally.

Officers discovered an appalling scene. Despite a turnover of over £100,000 per year, workers at the premise were cutting pigs ears and trotters in contaminated and unhygienic conditions. Raw and cooked pig products were being transported and stored together and employees were working without protective equipment or hand washing facilities. There wasn’t even any electricity. Trading Standards Officers ordered the business to stop moving pig products on or off the premise and to clean both the premise and the business’s vehicle. Four improvement notices were issued but the trader simply moved to new premises and began operating again in equally unhygienic conditions.

At Warwick Crown Court on Friday 21st June 2019, Ben James Sweet trading as BS Pet Foods pleaded guilty to a number of offences under the Fraud Act 2006, The Animal By-Products Regulations 2013, and the Animal Feed Hygiene Regulations 2015. He was handed an 18-month suspended prison sentence and ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work. Equipment used by the business was forfeited.