

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2019**

Present

Councillor I Henderson – Chairman
Councillor J Coles
Councillor D Lane
Councillor D Weir
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
Warwick District Councillor – Councillor G Illingworth
3 members of the public for all or part the meeting

65. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillors M Daw & J Moore, District Councillor R Hales and County Councillor J Cooke.

66. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

67. Co-Option of a Parish Councillor

Mr Ben Sandford expressed his interest in being co-opted as a member of the Parish Council and there being no objections, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor J Coles that Ben Sanford be Co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Councillor B Sandford was invited to sit with members and submitted his Declaration of Office to the Clerk.

68. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2019

It was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor D Weir that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

69. Questions from Members of the Public

Mr J Greenaway reported that he often emptied the bins on the Playing Field if they were close to being full and the Clerk agreed to supply Mr Greenaway with suitable biodegradable bags.

70. Report from County Councillor – Councillor J Cooke

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

71. Report from District Councillor – Councillor G Illingworth

Councillor G Illingworth reported that after a relatively slow start with much training for the new members, the Council is beginning to operate, and added that he, as Chairman of the District Council had the casting vote on decisions.

The Executive have taken the next steps on the leisure developments in Kenilworth and on the future of Newbold Comyn in Leamington, together with approving action to protect the Leper Hospital remains in Warwick and of course, the RUCIS grant for improvements to Lawsonford Village Hall.

The Planning Committee have just approved the new secondary school for Kenilworth.

Councillor Illingworth had attended a meeting of the Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee, where most concerns currently are with the changing routes Northbound.

As the Chairman of the Council, he had attended a number of events around the District, including visiting the Bowls England National Championships. The visiting teams appeared very pleased to visit this area and praised his welcome and facilities.

Additionally, Councillor Illingworth would be attending the Rowington Parish Council meeting on 14 November 2019 as Chairman of the District Council as part of his visits to all Town and Parish Councils.

72. Planning Matters

Councillor B Sandford declared a personal interest in application W19/0848 and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

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	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	Granted
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	Granted
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	Granted
W19/0848	4 Appletree Cottages Single storey extension to the west side of the cottage, together with a single storey extension to the north elevation	30/07/19	No objection	
W19/0872	The Old Farm, Haywood Lane, Mousley End, Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission reference W/10/1548 to include reference to amended plans	31/07/19	No objection	Granted
W19/1017	Cocks Close, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to a dwelling house (Class C3), and for Associated Operational Development	31/07/19	No objection	Withdrawn
W19/1093	Barn at, Mousley House Farm, Case Lane, Rowington Notification for Prior Approval under Class Q(a) and (b) of the GDPO for Proposed Change of Use of agricultural building to dwelling (Class C3)	26/07/19	No objection	Withdrawn
W19/1137	Lower Rookery, Rookery Lane, Lowsonford Erection of a subterranean extension to the rear of the property, the demolition of an existing garage block and the erection of replacement subterranean garage block to be contained within the existing landform	13/08/19	No objection	Granted

b) The following planning matters were considered and decided:

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Comment	WDC Comment
W19/0129	Old Vicarage, Old Warwick Road, Rowington, Proposed erection of single storey side extension.	17/09/19	No objection subject to the Planning Committee taking into account, the comments of the Conservation Committee	
W19/0848 Amended Version	4 Appletree Cottages Proposed erection of a first-floor front extension over existing single storey extension, first floor side extension over existing single storey side extension, single storey side extension and a new low wall	19/09/19	No objection – subject to the Planning Committee having regard to the Ecology Officers recommendations	

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 from the Enforcement Team.

Ednam Meadow

Councillor D Lane asked for an update regarding the issues raised at this location and the Clerk agreed to follow this up with the LPA.

73. Playing Field

a) Outstanding reports

None

b) Future Inspection Dates

15 September – Councillor J Moore, 29 September – Councillor M Daw, 13 October – Councillor D Lane & 27 October – Councillor I Henderson

74. Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported significant effort has gone into fundraising and gaining grants from a number of sources for the refurbishment programme, and that good progress has been made, but the Trustees are still currently a little short of the target. Final grant decisions are due shortly.

However, work begins with refurbishing the toilets at the Hall from 14th October 2019.

The Trustees were awaiting a decision from the Village Halls Improvement Grants and would like to thank everyone for their support.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that the Committee continued to monitor the revised refuse collection and that at present, expenditure exceeded income.

75. Parish Activities

18 September 2019 – Coffee Morning in aid of Parkinson’s UK at Lowsonford Village Hall at 10.30am

21 September 2019 – Simple Supper & Bar at Rowington Village Hall at 7.30pm
28 September 2019 – All Sorts Sale at Rowington Village Hall at 2.00pm
2 October 2019 – Film, Coffee & Chat at Rowington Village Hall at 10am
26 October 2019 – Bring & Buy Book Sale at Tom O the Wood from Noon until 5pm

76. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

Councillor J Coles raised concerns following a recent serious water leak at the Lowsonford Canal Bridge, where it was understood that water had been running for some five days and Councillor J Coles asked the Clerk to raise this with the Canal & River Trust, the County Council Bridge Team and to request an update from Severn Trent.

77 . Meeting & Days Attended & Forthcoming

Planning Training WDC – Councillors M Daw & D Lane attended on 18 July 2019
Code of Conduct Training WDC – Councillor I Henderson attended on 24 July 2019

78. Correspondence

Noted.

79. Finance

a) Paid during the month:

Freeman Electrical	£563.80
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b) To be paid;

Clerks Salary	£716.02
HMRC	£75.67
AMW Lawncare July	£277.27
AMW Lawncare August	£233.76
MI Business Services Webhosting	£78.00
Cardiac Science	£91.14
Mr I Wilson Internal Audit Fee	£225.00
PK Littlejohn External Audit Fee	£240.00

c) Received:

None.

Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.

80. External Audit

The Clerk reported that the External Audit had been returned from PKF Littlejohn and that the Auditor had raised a minor issue regarding the completion of the Precept and Grant figures being combined, which was corrected. The report was unqualified.

81. VE Day – 8- 10 May 2020

The Clerk had invited local organisations to join a Working Group to celebrate this event, but response so far has been limited.

82. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Chairman reminded members of the Public Meeting which was to take place on 3 October 2019 at 7.00pm at Rowington Village Hall, where residents would be invited to make suggestions for the spending of the CIL funds, and he had delivered over 200 letters to local households to publicise the meeting.

83. Rural Crime Initiative

The Chairman reported that there had been relatively low crime activity of late in the area. Following the recently installed ANPR in Claverdon, the village had seen no crime for eight months.

84. Items for the Next Agenda

None

85. Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 10 October 2019
Thursday 14 November 2019

Rowington Village Hall
Lowsonford Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

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

Lapworth & West Kenilworth News September 2019 – Councillor J Cooke

Warwick Road Lapworth Speeding Near Boot Public House

Following my meeting with the Highways engineer I have agreed to fund the scheme costing £10,000 which I sent to Lapworth Parish council which includes a gate with signage plus advance road markings. On top of this the gentlemen who made the original complaint would still like to have a large flashing sign to which he offered to make a contribution, but highways again will not approve this in that location.

School Lay-by Station Lane Lapworth

I have agreed to a request to fund a sign in the lay-by the School to prevent people parking. The Senior Officer responsible for safer routes to school will not agree to double yellow lines near the school. I have sent her reasoning to Lapworth Parish Council.

Leamington Trader Sold Counterfeit and Electrically Unsafe Products Online

A Leamington Spa trader who sold fake and electrically unsafe products online has been sentenced to 12 months in prison suspended for two years, ordered to do 280 hours of unpaid work, and has been disqualified from acting as a company director or otherwise in the management of a company for five years.

Sentencing took place at Warwick Crown Court last month. Mr Bhupinder Sandhu (aged 34 of Moorhill Road, Whitnash), sole Director of Partek Trade Ltd had previously pleaded guilty to five charges under the Trademarks Act 1994. He also admitted two offences of having in his possession for supply equipment which breached electrical safety regulations.

Sweep for Chimney Fire Safety Week

With autumn on the way, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) are reminding residents to have their chimney swept by a registered chimney sweep this Chimney Fire Safety Week (2 – 8 September). There are a number of steps homeowners can take to prevent and protect their property from fire, and getting your chimney swept is just as important as checking your smoke alarm. Last year, WFRS attended 50 chimney fires across the county and they've already attended 26 so far this year, so it is important not to become a statistic by taking the necessary steps to prevent and protect your property.

Some of the most common causes of chimney fires are infrequent sweeping and cleaning, burning unseasoned wet wood and overnight burning. To keep your wood burning stove safe and to make the most of it, ensure you are using quality woodfuel, maintain your appliance and chimney regularly and check you are using your appliance in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.