

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2019**

Present

Councillor I Henderson – Chairman
Councillor J Coles
Councillor M Daw
Councillor D Lane
Councillor J Moore
Councillor B Sandford
Councillor D Weir
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
10 members of the public for all or part the meeting

86. Apologies

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

87. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

88. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2019

It was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor D Weir that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2019, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record.

89. Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs B Wilson was pleased to convey that there had been works to the footway on Old Warwick Road by way of clearance of vegetation and improvements to the uneven surface, which had been carried out by the Highway Authority.

The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk for arranging for the restoration and reinstatement of the milestone on Old Warwick Road.

Mrs F Ogden reported that some of the hedges had been cut back on Finwood Road, and it was assumed that the areas left uncut were the responsibility of landowners.

90. Report from County Councillor – Councillor J Cooke

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

91. Report from District Councillor – Councillor G Illingworth

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

92. Planning Matters

a) The following planning matters were reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Comment	WDC Comment
W19/1264	St Anne's Close, Mill Lane, Rowington Proposed erection of one detached dwelling	2/10/19	No objection	
W19/1289	Old Vicarage, Old Warwick Road, Rowington, Proposed erection of single storey side extension	17/09/19	No objection	
W19/1461 & W19/1462LB	Middle Rookery Farm, Rookery Alterations to main house and associated landscape to include; Relocation of oil tank, Relocation of	4/10/19	No objection	

	front drive entrance gate, Enlargement of stable doors to storage building, New gate into existing paddock, Reconfiguration of existing master bedroom layout, Enlargement of master bedroom windows, Demolition and re-construction of existing utility room			
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b) The following planning matters were considered and decided:

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Comment	WDC Comment
W19/1224	Meadow Croft, High Cross Lane, Rowington Proposal for a new agricultural storage building, fencing and hard surfacing	11/10/19	No Objection	
W19/1258	Foxbrook Cottage, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Replacement of existing stables	23/10/19	No Objection	
W19/1306 & 1306LB	Finwood Hill Farm, Mill Lane, Rowington Erection of 2 storey side extension	23/10/19	Objection	
W19/1390	Land north west of Pinley Green Equestrian Enterprise proposing the change of use of part of an agricultural building to equestrian, part of the holding for the keeping of horses, part of the land to the stationary of a log cabin for a temporary period of three years, and the erection of additional stables, an outdoor arena and horse walker	11/10/19	No objection	

W19/1224 – Meadow Croft

The Parish Council raised no objection to the application but requested that if consent is granted that the LPA restrict any future development of this site. The Parish Council had received a number of representations about this from members of the public.

W19/1306 & 1306LB

The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that the design is inappropriate for a Grade II listed building and requested that the LPA refer the application to the Conservation Committee.

W19/1390 – Land West of Pinley Green

The Parish Council does not object to the application, but requests that the LPA satisfy itself that the three-bedroom log cabin is necessary for the proposed use. If consent is granted, then the Parish Council suggests that a condition of approval, is that the consent is limited to equestrian use. Members also agreed to ask the LPA that consideration is given to the creation of passing places on the single track in order to prevent damage to roadside verges.

The above decisions were proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor M Daw.

c) Potential Enforcement Matters

Land on Preston Road, Lawsonford

The Clerk reported that a planning contravention notice has now been served on each of the landowners, which is to be completed by them and returned within 21 days.

The LPA had advised that, the owners' agent, state that the land is being used for agriculture and the caravan ancillary to that. The answers on the completed PCN will then formally provide the facts of the alleged use and formal action will then be for Management to agree.

Ednam Meadow

Despite a number of emails to the LPA, no reply had been received and the Clerk agreed to follow this up with the LPA.

93. Playing Field

a) Outstanding reports

None

b) Future Inspection Dates

13 October – Councillor D Lane, 27 October – Councillor I Henderson, 10 November – Councillor D Weir, and 24 November Councillor J Coles.

94. Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor M Daw reported that October had been a busy month in terms of bookings and that the refurbishment works to the toilets was to take place on Monday 14 October 2019.

The Trustees were awaiting decisions regarding recent grant applications.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that the recent Simple Supper event had been a success.

95. Parish Activities

26 October 2019 – Bring & Buy Book Sale at Tom O the Wood from Noon until 5pm

96. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

The Clerk was asked to request an Engineers report from the County Council following the recent water leak which was understood to have resulted in damage to the canal bridge at Lowsonford Canal Bridge.

97 . Meeting & Days Attended & Forthcoming

Chairman attended Warwick Rural West Community Forum 19 September 2019

Chairman to attend the WALC AGM & Conference on 9 November 2019

98. Correspondence

Noted.

The Chairman and Clerk were requested to submit a request the Police & Crime Commissioner asking for a progress report regarding the shared services between Police Authorities as a follow up from the Public Meeting which was held on 8 February 2019.

99. Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid

Clerks Salary	£716.02
HMRC	£75.67
AMW Lawncare September	£146.10
WALC	£60.00
Mr P Ashwin for works to Milestone	£390.00
Poppy Appeal Wreath	£16.00
Midland Army Medical (AED Training)	£150.00
Clerk's Expenses Bull Guard & Stamps	£14.98 & 7.32

c) Received:

Precept Second Payment £10,215.00

Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved.

100. Request for Funding – Rowington PCC

The Clerk circulated details of a request for funding from the PCC towards the upkeep of the pathways at St Laurence Churchyard & St Luke’s Churchyard of £900, which was to be spilt by £750 & £150 respectively.

It was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor J Coles that £900 be granted to the PCC.

101. VE Day – 8- 10 May 2020

No further interest had been received regarding the recent invitation to local organisations to join a Working Group to celebrate this event. The Rowington & Lapworth Branch of the Royal British Legion is organising a wartime lunch at Rowington Village Hall on 8 May 2020.

102. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The Clerk had circulated notes of the Public Meeting which was held on 3 October 2019 at 7.00pm at Rowington Village Hall.

The Chairman circulated a suggested list of principles, which could be utilised as tool to ensure that the Parish Council operates in an open and transparent manner when making decisions and spending the funds from the CIL.

Following an addition to those suggested principles, it was proposed by Councillor D Lane and seconded by Councillor J Coles that those Principles be adopted by the Parish Council as set out hereunder:

1. Project proposals must identify a project champion who will drive the project forward
2. The need for accountability and transparency in decision making including publication of applications
3. The Parish Council will operate primarily in an oversight and governance role
4. Clear implementation timetable and budgets as part of the application
5. Regular monitoring of progress and reporting
6. An assessment of the benefit to the community
7. Priority to be given to projects that benefit a large number of residents or are a capital asset for the Parish
8. The Parish Council will probably not support projects where alternative sources of funding are readily available
9. The need to maintain parity between the different parts of the Parish
10. The Parish Council will operate under Statutory Provisions and will not approve projects that are not supported by the CIL Team at Warwick District Council.

Councillor D Lane proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his commitment, sterling work and research with regards to the Community Infrastructure Levy.

103. Rural Crime Initiative

The Chairman reported that there had been a recent burglary in Shrewley and a number of staff changes had taken place within the local Police team.

104. Items for the Next Agenda

To consider financial support for The Ferncumbe News

105. Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 14 November 2019	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 12 December 2019	Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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

Report from County Councillor J Cooke

Works at Warwick's Northgate

Warwickshire County Council has officially opened the new and improved Northgate junction, the latest in a series of improvements that is transforming Warwick Town Centre for residents, commuters and visitors. The completed works are part of a major scheme, in and around Warwick, aimed at improving traffic flow and air quality, and have enhanced a key gateway into the town, making it more attractive for those working or visiting the town as well as for those considering setting up a business.

Since opening, congestion around Cape Road, Priory Road and The Butts has reduced, which is resulting in improved commuter journey times plus reduced stationary traffic with its associated air pollution. For pedestrians, safer, wider pathways and improved access is set to encourage walking as a safe means of getting around Warwick.

Make your voice heard over the future of Warwickshire

Warwickshire County Council is developing a new plan to take the county through to 2025 and it wants residents to help make Warwickshire the best it can be.

There are two ways members of the public can give their views about the plan. Roadshows will be taking place across the county in the coming weeks and there is also a questionnaire which is now available online.

Warwickshire is brimming with opportunities, but, as with many other local authorities, reduced council funding means the council now faces some significant challenges.

The online questionnaire, which will be open until midnight on Sunday 20 October 2019 can be completed online at:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask

Stanks Island Works Progress

Works are continuing and so far, the traffic flow at peak times is flowing better than expected. The main delays seem to be caused by the smaller subsets of traffic lights leading to the roundabout on the turn to the Woodloes. Let's hope this promising start is maintained through to the expected completion date of May 2020!

Get online with Warwickshire County Council

Next week as part of Get Online Week 2019 Leamington College and libraries across Warwickshire will be encouraging people to find out how getting online can change their lives. Online safety sessions will be run by Warwickshire County Council Cyber Safety Officers as drop ins for the public in eight libraries across the county. Nearest sessions are on Tuesday 15 October – Leamington library, 9.30am-11.30am. Warwick library, 12noon-2pm. According to Good Things Foundation, the social change charity behind Get Online Week, 5.3 million people have never been online in the UK and there are 11.9 million people who do not have the essential digital skills to navigate life and work.

HS2 Works

If you have any complaints or queries relating to HS2 their free helpline is 08081 434 434. Please call here first before contacting WCC, you can also email any enquires to hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

Report from District Councillor G Illingworth

The Executive have dealt with a number of routine matters including the setting of Fees and Charges, which is an important input into the Budget for next year.

There have been some changes reflecting new or different legislation and a modest increase in some fees. The proposals will now go forward to Council.

They have also approved a Consultation on a Canalside Development Plan Draft Document (DPD). This document was referred to in the Local Plan, but in the context of the urban areas.

The proposals cover all canals in the District. I have made the point that the differing requirements of urban and rural areas must be reflected. I suggest it essential that the Parish Council responds to this consultation and encourages others to do so when the consultation starts although the Draft is available among the Executive Agenda papers for 3rd October 2019.

To mark 100 years of Council Housing, the Council held an event in Warwick last week. 100 long-standing tenants were invited, and I attended as Chairman.