

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
ON THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2020**

**Present**

Councillor I Henderson – Chairman  
Councillor J Coles  
Councillor M Daw  
Councillor A Pitt  
Councillor D Weir  
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall  
Warwick District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales  
1 member of the public

**Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic – this meeting was held via Zoom**

**307. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor B Sandford and County Councillor J Cooke.

**308. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor D Weir declared a non-pecuniary interest with regards to planning application W20/1497 and took no part in the discussion or voting of this item.

**309. Co-Option of a Parish Councillor**

Mrs Christine Doolan had expressed her interest in being co-opted as a member of the Parish Council and the Clerk had previously circulated a CV to members on behalf Mrs Doolan.

There being no objections, it was proposed by Councillor D Weir and seconded by Councillor J Coles that Christine Doolan be Co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Resolved unanimously.

The Clerk was requested to liaise with Councillor C Doolan to obtain her completed Declaration of Interest form.

**310. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 November 2020**

It was proposed by Councillor J Coles and seconded by Councillor A Pitt that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2020, having been previously circulated were agreed and will be signed as true record by the Chairman as soon as practicable.

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

There were no questions raised from members of the public.

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

The Clerk had previously circulated Councillor J Cooke's report, which is also appended to these minutes.

**313. Report from District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales**

The Clerk had previously circulated the District Council report, which is also appended to these minutes.

**314. Planning Matters**

a) The following planning matters were reported.

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Application Details</b>	<b>Comments required by</b>	<b>PC Decision</b>	<b>WDC Decision</b>
W19/1746	Field at Haywood Lane and junction with Case Lane, Mousley End, Rowington Application for a new access track accessed of Haywood Lane, provision of temporary mobile proprietary cattle shed, feed store and farm equipment store, installation of post and rail fencing and field gate	04/12/19	No objection	
W20/0668	Old Beams, Lapworth Street, Bushwood Erection of new dwelling and detached garage	04/06/20	Object	Granted
W20/1810	The Lyons Farmhouse, Rowington Green	21/10/20	NA	Withdrawn

	Application for outline planning permission for the erection of 3 detached dwellings			
W20/1487	Shepherds Fold, Finwood Road, Rowington Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding; reduction in size of an existing quadruple garage building; conversion of former barn and stables to single dwelling together with replacement lean-to link and other associated works	26/10/20	No objection	Refused
W20/1389	The Holt, Lapworth Street, Bushwood Proposed erection of aluminium-framed glass conservatory and blocking up of bathroom window	06/11/20	No objection	

b) The following planning matters were considered and decided:

W20/1613 & 1614LB - Finwood Hill Farm, Mill Lane, Rowington

Application for Listed Building Consent for the conversion of rural building into a residential dwelling.

Members raised no objection to the application and agreed that the LPA should make the decision concerning this application.

W20/1292 - 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)

Members decided to make no representation concerning this application.

W20/1497 - 4 Appletree Cottages, Old Warwick Road

Demolition of detached garage and erection of a first floor front extension and a first floor side extension

This application was on behalf of a Parish Councillor who was not present at the meeting.

Members decided to make no representation concerning this application.

**315. Playing Field**

a) Outstanding Reports – None

b) Future Inspection Dates – 20 December 2020 - Councillor J Moore.

c) Proposed Gate at the Play Area

The Clerk had contacted the landowners of the adjacent field at the Play Area, and they expressed that they did not support a proposal to install a gate between the play area and their land.

**316. Reports from Village Halls**

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor M Daw reported that the Village Hall was still closed due to Covid- 19 and it was not expected to re-open before 2021. Councillor M Daw also gave his thanks to Councillor R Hales for his support with regards to the recent application for grant funding.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that the Village Hall remained closed due to Covid-19 and it was not expected to re-open before 2021. An application for funding had been made and the outcome was still to be received.

**317. Highways, Footpaths & Transport**

Canal Bridge 41 – Lowsonford

Following the recent temporary weight limit and signage, the Clerk had received an enquiry as to the correctness of the signage situated at Lye Green Road & Holywell Lane from a member of the public, who believed it was wrongly positioned. The Clerk had therefore taken this up with the County Council and the matter was being addressed.

Speeding – Old Warwick Road, Rowington

The Clerk had circulated the results of a speed survey on Old Warwick Road at various points and the results indicated that the average speeds were in fact in line with the speed limit set on that road.

**318. Meetings & Training Days Attended & Forthcoming**

None to report.

**319. Parish Activities**

There were none to report.

**320. Correspondence**

Noted.

**321. Finance**

**a) Paid during the month:**

None

**b) To be paid:**

Clerks Salary (including back pay)	£874.65
HMRC	£164.15
AMW Lawncare	£43.51
PK Littlejohn External Audit	£360.00
PCC	£900.00
Parish on-Line Digital Mapping	£81.00

**c) Received:**

None

Resolved unanimously.

**322. Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday 14 January 2021

**323. Items for the Next Agenda**

None of Note.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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

## Report from County Councillor J Cooke

Kenilworth Library is undergoing a makeover, which will give it a fresh, bright look for 2021, Warwickshire Libraries have announced. The library will have a complete refurbishment with a new layout, new furnishing, shelving and carpet to give it a fresh look, and it will be completely redecorated with many improvements. Reorganising the layout will make the best use of the space available.

The last time Kenilworth Library had a major refurbishment was in 2005.

The current 'Click and Collect' and 'Staff Select' library services are continuing to operate, with pre-ordered books being available to collect from the exhibition room at the back of the library, facing the Square West car park.

Pre-ordered book collections can be made from the exhibition room between the hours of 9.30am – 5pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 10.30am – 5pm on Wednesday; and 9.30am – 1pm on Saturday.

### Covid Vaccinations

WCC has recently written concerning Delivering the large scale Covid vaccination programme which is primarily the responsibility of Primary Care Networks (GP practice networks). In our District there are two networks, one covering Warwick, Kenilworth and surrounding areas and one covering Leamington and surrounding areas. As has been announced nationally, the local Primary Care Networks are working towards being ready to start delivering vaccinations from beginning of December.

However, as only one vaccine has been approved by the regulator, the Primary Care Networks do not yet know exactly when vaccines will start being supplied and in what quantities, so there remains a degree of uncertainty.

The Warwick/Kenilworth PCN has identified a site which can operate from December through to April. They will be making further announcements about this shortly. WCC will be working with the PCN on a community transport scheme to enable access to the site for those without a car.

### #Donttakeithome new campaign launches

A new campaign aimed at Warwickshire's younger residents has launched.

The campaign #Donttakeithome comes following a consistent trend in data which shows an increase in positive cases in young people aged 20 - 29. This then increases the risk of them taking the virus home and passing it onto anyone else they live with. With this in mind, WCC asked several Warwickshire bloggers and young people to give us their thoughts on what the Covid experience has been like for them and what actions they are taking to keep themselves, their families and their friends safe.

The campaign is also being supported by the NHS, local sports teams and the University of Warwick which is facilitating the Government's programme to rollout mass testing from the end of November, to ensure that their students are ready to go home for the Christmas break.

The campaign is being rolled out county-wide and can be supported by the #Donttakeithome. The main messages of which include:

Wearing a face covering in public places and on public transport

Washing your hands regularly, especially when returning home

Keeping a social distance from those you do not live with

Sticking to the current rules around how many people you can mix with and in which settings

For more information on the latest guidance and support, visit <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/information-coronavirus>

### Share your views on Warwickshire's Health & Wellbeing Strategy

People who live and work in Warwickshire are invited to share their views on the county's priorities to tackle health inequality and improve the overall health and wellbeing of residents.

Health and wellbeing partners across Warwickshire work together to improve access to services and health outcomes for local people and need people's views on the approach they take to do this. This approach is outlined in the county's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the five-year period 2020-2025 has been drafted and is currently open to public consultation so people can comment on the priorities and the approach it recommends. The public consultation is live at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask) until 5 January 2021. The final strategy which will incorporate consultation feedback will be published in Spring 2021.

### New Digital Showcase – The Fight for Women’s Rights in Warwickshire

Women’s history in Warwickshire has been documented in a new digital showcase, following an exciting and innovative collaboration between Warwickshire Libraries, Heritage and Culture Warwickshire and the County Record Office. Taking inspiration from 'Unfinished Business: the fight for women's rights', an exhibition currently showing at the British Library, the project has been adapted from a physical exhibition to become a digital showcase.

Through a partnership with the Living Knowledge Network, Warwickshire Libraries are thrilled to have been involved with the project and have launched a brand new [webpage](https://library.warwickshire.gov.uk) (visit <https://library.warwickshire.gov.uk> and click on ‘Unfinished Business’) that highlights the history of women in Warwickshire who fought for recognition and for women’s rights.

### Stanks Island & Birmingham Road Improvement work

Warwickshire County Council has announced the opening of the improvement works to help ease traffic congestion around Stanks Island and Birmingham Road during peak periods.

The scheme was designed to improve traffic circulation during peak periods, address traffic queues on the A46 slip roads and prepare for future predicted traffic increases. Air quality will be improved with the reduction in stationery traffic while allocation for greener travel has been made with pedestrian and cycling facilities being provided at various points throughout the works. Traffic control signals that can detect vehicles and adjust their settings to respond to fluctuations in traffic have been installed to minimise queuing and help improve traffic flow. Shared pedestrian and cycling facilities have been provided to create better links between the town centre, residential and business areas, towards Budbrooke, Hatton and the rail station.

### **Report from District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales**

Wards in the North of the County are now the hot spots for Covid cases and locally the numbers have been falling. However, the whole County has been treated as one and put in Tier 3. The Leaders of Warwick and Stratford Districts have written to object because of the economic effects, particularly on the hospitality industry.

Working with the NHS, the Councils are planning for mass vaccination centres when the opportunity arises. Locations have not yet been made public.

Various financial Covid support schemes are still available and detailed on the WDC website.

Work continues on setting the District Budget for next year and WDC face the continuing loss of income in areas such as car parks and business rates and likely cost rises in other areas.

Councillor Illingworth recently attended a virtual Birmingham Airport Consultative Committee. Clearly the Airport and airline Industry have been badly affected with only a very small fraction of the usual passengers being carried. There are significant redundancies in many areas including particularly among passenger facing staff although key people such as Air Traffic Controllers are being retained to ensure the continued operation and future recovery of the airport.

Councillor R Hales reported that WDC is working through the Warwick District Council budget for 2021, and is proposing to take £7m out of Reserves in order to balance the budget in 2021, and also distributing a range of grants to business and village halls who have been ordered to shut. WDC has so far paid nearly £2m to these across the district, including Lowsonford Village Hall.

It was hoped that Warwickshire will come out of Tier 2 on the 16 December.