

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON THURSDAY 8 APRIL 2021**

Present

Councillor I Henderson – Chairman

Councillor J Coles

Councillor C Doolan

Councillor A Pitt

Councillor B Sandford

Councillor D Weir

Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall

Warwick District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales

County Councillor J Cooke

6 members of the public

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

374. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Daw.

375. Declarations of Interest

A Declaration of interest was received from Councillor D Weir in relation to CIL funding for Rowington Village Hall.

Councillor D Weir also requested a dispensation with regards to the CIL funding request at Rowington Village Hall, and this was granted by the Clerk.

376. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2021

It was proposed by Councillor J Coles and seconded by Councillor C Doolan that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021, having been previously circulated were agreed and will be signed as true record by the Chairman as soon as practicable.

377. Questions from Members of the Public

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

378. Report from County Councillor – Councillor J Cooke

Councillor J Cooke read his report, which is also appended to these minutes.

379. Report from District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales

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

380. Planning Matters

a) The following planning matters were reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Decision	WDC Decision
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	
W20/1526	Barn at Rear of Little Manor Farm, Manor Lane, Pinley Green Alteration and conversion of existing stable and barn to three bedroom dwelling	23/11/20	No objection	Granted
W20/1944	High Acres, Nunhold Road, Pinley Erection of stable	03/03/21	No objection	Granted
W20/2002	Weavers Cottage, High Cross Lane, Rowington Proposed stables, hay barn and menage	30/03/21	No representation	

387. CIL Funding

The Chairman reminded members with regards to the guidelines of spending CIL funding and that all quotations should be submitted to the Clerk. Three quotations were required for each project. Any spending would be made via the Parish Council and not directly to any organisations acting as a project champion.

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; and
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.

Potential Projects

1. Wildflower proposal (with the possibility of incorporating 3 below)
2. Rowington Village Hall audio visual installation
3. Playing Field - Outdoor Gym equipment, drainage at the playing field, fencing of the childrens’ play equipment
4. Village signs and map boards
5. Defibrillators in former telephone boxes
6. Wooden benches at suitable sites e.g., Pinley Green

It was noted that certain covenants had come to light in relation to any improvements to the Playing Field, which potentially meant that certain ideas would not be able to be pursued. Information was being sought from the Land Registry and a request along with a cheque had been sent for £14.00 in order to obtain documents.

Councillor D Weir requested permission to progress a potential project for village signs, maps and Coat of Arms signage. Members agreed to this potential project being progressed to receipt of quotations stage.

388. Future Meeting Dates

- 22 April 2021 – Annual Parish Meeting
- 13 May 2021 – Annual Meeting

389. Items for the Next Agenda

None of note.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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

Report from County Councillor J Cooke

Caution urged as Lockdown Restrictions Ease

WCC and Warwickshire Police are urging residents to remain cautious and continue to do the right thing for Warwickshire. This means only meeting outdoors (including in private gardens) either in a group of six or two households, maintaining a 2m distance from others outside of your home or support bubble, wearing a face and covering washing hands regularly.

Outdoor sports and leisure activities such as golf courses, football pitches, tennis courts and outdoor swimming pools have now also reopened and organised outdoor team sports can take place.

Although some rules have changed, many restrictions still remain in place. Residents must not socialise indoors with anyone they do not live with unless they are part of a support bubble. The community are also encouraged to minimise the number of journeys made to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. The advice remains the same to get a test and follow the stay-at-home guidance if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

Families urged to test twice weekly as Covid 19 cases rise in North Warwickshire

Cases have been rising in North Warwickshire over the last week, with neighbouring towns also seeing rises in rates of transmission. Families of school-aged children are being urged to get tests for COVID-19 as cases have risen steeply in and around the area in the last week.

Public Health officers are urging local communities to get regularly tested and help to avoid transmission by identifying cases with no symptoms. People can book a community test online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/covidtesting. Test kits for school age children and their household can be ordered online at www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests.

Residents struggling with energy bills can get help

The council's Local Welfare Scheme is offering a one-off payment to families and households finding it difficult to pay for fuel. Applications for the payment, in the form of a voucher, must be made by 16 April 2021.

Families and households in Warwickshire can apply whether they use pre-payment meters, pay by direct debit or on receipt of an energy bill if they can evidence eligibility through the impact of COVID-19 on their income.

To apply please call 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182 to speak to an advisor in confidence. More information about the Local Welfare Scheme is online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

WCC commissions new online mental health support for children and young people

Warwickshire County Council has commissioned Kooth, a free, safe and anonymous digital counselling and support service for children and young people.

Kooth is a safe and confidential way for young people to access emotional wellbeing and early intervention mental health support. The service will be available to all young people across Warwickshire aged 11-25 years from 29 March.

Kooth.com is an award winning and innovative online mental health and wellbeing support service, accredited by the *British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP)*, which will support and complement the existing offer operated by Rise - a family of NHS-led services providing emotional wellbeing & mental health services for young people across the county. Rise already provide a well-established 24/7 telephone service providing crisis support to young people across Warwickshire. Kooth will deliver digital self-help resources and online counselling to further extend the local offer.

Fully trained and qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners are available from midday to 10pm, and from 6pm to 10pm at weekends, 365 days a year to provide a much needed out-of-hours service for emotional support in an accessible way. Sessions can be booked in advance or they can drop in for one-to-one instant text-based chats.

Children and young people invited to help shape Warwickshire

Children and young people across Warwickshire are being asked to help shape the county as part of a new initiative which aims to make it the best place it can be to grow up in.

Warwickshire County Council has launched a [survey](#) to capture the views and opinions of young people as part of its Child Friendly Warwickshire programme.

Child Friendly Warwickshire aims to work with children and young people as well as businesses, community groups and council services. The plan is designed to enrich the county as a place that is safe, stable and full of opportunity for young people with access to good health, education and other services.

All views shared in the survey will help understanding of what the initiative could look and feel like and will inform the council's work with the wider community to deliver it.

https://warwickshire.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cU68aDJQvRRI4xv

Report from District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales

Possibly because of the imminent County Council Elections there seems little to report this month.

Although the Polling Stations have to be Covid-safe and in some urban areas this has needed venue changes, in this area the normal Village Hall Polling Stations will be open.

In the absence of extended legislation we are considering how to run real Council meetings again. In some applications Teams and Zoom have proved very useful and may well continue.

Work continues to support businesses emerging from Covid restrictions including financial support, licensing and other measures.

Work has started on a joint Local Plan with Stratford and there will soon be a search for possible development sites as an early input.