

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD AT LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL  
ON THURSDAY 29 JULY 2021 AT 7.30PM**

**Present**

Councillor I Henderson  
Councillor J Coles  
Councillor C Doolan  
Councillor A Pitt  
Councillor B Sandford  
Councillor D Weir

Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall  
Warwick District Councillor G Illingworth

4 members of the public

**22. Apologies**

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

**23. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**24. Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 May 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor B Sandford and seconded by Councillor C Doolan that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2021, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record by the Chairman.

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

No matters were raised.

**26. 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.

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

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

**28. 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> |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| W20/1888                  | The Lyons Farmhouse, Rowington Green<br>Outline planning application for a residential development of 2 dwellings  | 13/04/21                    | Object             | Refused             |
| W20/1996                  | Weavers Cottage, High Cross Lane, Rowington<br>Proposed replacement three bay garage and store with studio over  | 28/04/21                    | Object             | Withdrawn           |
| W20/2002                  | Weavers Cottage, High Cross Lane, Rowington<br>Proposed stables, hay barn and menage   | 30/03/21                    | No representation  | Granted             |
| W21/0037                  | Ednam Meadow, The Cumsey, Pinley<br>Demolition of existing residential dwelling and replacement with new 2 storey dwelling along with the removal of an existing container | 23/06/21                    | No objection       |                     |
| W21/0073 & 0074LB         | Oldfield Farm, Old Warwick Road, Rowington<br>Proposed demolition and replacement of 3no. porches  | 17/05/21                    | No representation  |                     |
| W21/0131                  | 1 Woodlands Cottage, Mill Lane, Rowington  | 17/05/21                    | No representation  | Withdrawn           |

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|          | Proposed refurbishment of existing dwelling, two storey side and single storey rear extensions, new detached garage, and associated internal and external works  |          |                   |           |
| W21/0470 | The Old Farm, Quarry Lane, Rowington<br>Application for Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b) for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated external alterations      | 14/04/21 | No representation | Withdrawn |
| W21/0761 | Poundley End, Rookery Lane, Lowsonford<br>Application for Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b) for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated external alterations    | 28/05/21 | No objection      | Refused   |
| W21/0921 | Old Beams, Lapworth Street, Bushwood, Lowsonford<br>Variation of condition 2 of planning permission W/20/0668 -(Erection of new dwelling) to increase the height of dwelling by 600mm with associated reduction in ground level of 900mm | 26/07/21 | Object            |           |
| W21/1079 | The Old Farm, Quarry Lane, Rowington<br>Change of use from dis-used agricultural barn to ancillary domestic outbuilding for leisure uses   | 27/07/21 | No representation |           |

b) The following planning applications were considered and decided:

21/0019/FUL - Wyken Field, High Cross Lane - Outline planning permission for the erection of a replacement dwelling. The Parish Council objected to the application and agreed that should the LPA grant permission, then the replacement dwelling should be no larger than the existing dwelling in relation to the Green Belt Policy on replacement dwellings.

21/0629/FUL - Hill Top, Nunhold Road, Pinley Green - Proposed loft conversion including erection of roof dormer to front and rear elevations.

The Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds of scale and the proposal being out of keeping in the area.

21/0927/FUL - Land Adjacent to The Manor, Old Warwick Road - Erection of new dwelling and associated works including new pedestrian and vehicular access onto Old Warwick Road.

The Parish Council agreed to object to the application. The growth village boundary is clearly defined by the Warwick canal and the proposed access is 100m from the canal bridge. The gap between Grafton Fields and Manor House is significant and not infill. The officers' comments in the pre app specifically refer to maintaining openness and separation, something which should not be a consideration for infill development. It is a new dwelling in a field. It is believed that for this site to come forward, that very special circumstances would need to be demonstrated and they have not been. It was also suggested that the Conservation Area Committee should be consulted.

21/0695/FUL – High Cross Mews, High Cross Lane - Erection of proposed single storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory.

The Parish Council supported the application.

#### Appeals

The Threshing Barn, Finwood Road, Rowington, Warwick, CV35 7DL Proposed development: Erection of extension to outbuilding

Appeal reference number: APP/T3725/D/21/3268744 Appeal Start Date: 31/03/2021

Appeal Dismissed – 24 May 2021

4 Appletree Cottages, Old Warwick Road, Rowington

Proposed development: Demolition of detached garage and erection of a first floor rear extension and a first floor side extension.

Appeal reference number: APP/T3725/D/21/3273387

Appeal Start Date: 25/05/2021

## 29. Playing Field

a) Outstanding Reports – None

b) Future Inspection Dates – Councillor I Henderson, 25 July, Councillor D Weir, 8 August & Councillor J Coles, 22 August

## 30. Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

In the absence of Councillor M Daw, the Clerk reported that apart from the local elections in May, the Hall had been closed from March last year until 19th July 2021. This meeting is the first public event.

The hall is financially in a strong position thanks to the support of WDC during the pandemic. Thanks to Councillor Hales again for his advice and support.

The Trustees have completed a Covid risk assessment and a checklist in order to re-open and both documents are on the noticeboard at the rear of the hall. There are also revised conditions of hire that are being sent to every hirer.

The Helen Darby Room refurbishment is nearing completion after the installation of another wheelchair friendly entrance/exit, a new heater and a re-plaster. The carpet will be laid shortly and redecoration next week.

The Hall has received some free bird boxes from RSPB, and these have been erected on the trees and walls of the hall.

Unfortunately, 2 Trustees are going to resign shortly, but it was understood that two new Trustees have been found and will be appointed soon.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that the Village Hall re-opened on 19 July 2021. The hall would be decorated in September. A social event was proposed for December 2021.

## 31. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

Councillor J Coles asked if the Clerk could obtain a copy of the proposed route for the Cycling Event as she raised concern for the safety of cyclists, particularly in Lowsonford.

## 32. Meetings & Training Days Attended & Forthcoming

Councillor C Doolan is to attend the e-learning course for Planning Applications.

## 33. Correspondence

WALC Newsletters - noted

Request to use the Telephone Kiosk in Lowsonford as a Book Exchange – this was deferred until a decision is made regarding the proposed defibrillator.

The Guide to the 2023 Review of Parliamentary boundaries – noted

## 34. Finance

### a) Paid during the month:

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| Clerks Salary June | £660.04 |
| HMRC June          | £182.79 |

### b) To be paid:

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| Clerks Salary         | £660.04 |
| HMRC                  | £182.79 |
| AMW Lawn Care         | £233.76 |
| Water Plus Allotments | £63.89  |
| Passion First Aid     | £283.14 |

### c) Received:

None

Resolved unanimously.

**35. CIL Funding**

a) Defibrillators in telephone kiosks at Pinley & Lowsonford

Members discussed the proposal for the installation of defibrillators in telephone kiosks at Pinley & Lowsonford, and considered the installation of a third defibrillator at either The Almshouses or in the vicinity of St Laurence Church.

It was proposed by Councillor B Sandford and seconded by Councillor A Pitt that the Clerk should seek quotations for the installation of defibrillators in telephone kiosks at Pinley & Lowsonford.

The Clerk agreed to investigate the third proposal to install a defibrillator in the vicinity of St Laurence Church, St Laurence Close or The Almshouses, as this would be dependent upon the supply of electricity and subject to listed building regulations.

b) Playing Field – Proposed Improvements

Councillor B Sandford circulated four proposals including quotations for the proposed improvements to the Playing Field, Play area improvements, outdoor adult gym equipment, community orchard space and wildflower planting for biodiversity

Members thanked Councillor Sandford for his work, but the proposals could not be progressed as no response had been received from the Land Registry in relation to the Covenants on the land.

**36. Rowington Almshouse Charity**

The Clerk reported that Rowington Almshouses Charity requested the Parish Council to consider the nomination of Anne Pitt as a Trustee of the charity and there being no objections, it was agreed unanimously.

**37. Parish Events**

Village Show – Saturday 7 August

Members agreed to hold a stall at the event to generate local interest and seek to invite local people to join the Parish Council.

**38. Future Meeting Dates**

9 September 2021 at Lowsonford Village Hall

14 October 2021 at Rowington Village Hall

**39. Items for the Next Agenda & Observations from Parish Councillors**

There being no further business the meeting 8.30pm.

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

## Report from County Councillor J Cooke

### Warwickshire welcomes SEND Local Area Inspection

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will be visiting Warwickshire County Council and Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group next week to carry out their SEND Local Area Inspection.

As part of the inspection, the Inspectors will look for evidence of how children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (or both) are identified, how their needs are assessed and met, and how they are supported to move on to their next stage of education, the world of work and wider preparation for adulthood.

During the week, inspectors will visit several providers including early year's settings, schools, Further Education colleges, independent schools and health provision to gather the relevant evidence needed. This will add to the inspector's understanding of how all providers and agencies work collaboratively together. Inspectors will also collect information about children and young people in Warwickshire and will speak to key partners, parents and carers.

### Residents have chance to share thoughts and experiences of parking outside Warwickshire schools.

Inconsiderate, unsafe and illegal parking around schools is an ongoing concern for Headteachers, parents/carers and residents and puts the safety of children, and others, at risk. Partners and organisations are working together to review parking issues outside schools to greater understand and address the problems schools, parents and the wider community experience.

Partners would like to invite you as a parent or carer, school or local resident to participate in a (5 minute) school parking survey. All responses, which will remain anonymous, will be analysed and used by partners to identify the specific issues and safety concerns that arise from it. Feedback will help focus efforts, and shape future initiatives to address unsafe and inconsiderate school parking, helping to make the roads outside and around Warwickshire schools safer.

To take part in the surveys follow the links:

Headteachers: <https://forms.office.com/r/acaPmtW5R3>

Parents/ Carers: <https://forms.office.com/r/jeWYQCC50S>

Residents: <https://forms.office.com/r/fcKxv1W8Hd>

### County council supports businesses with £140 million injection to boost local economy

Warwickshire County Council has agreed the significant new fund to stimulate the local economy, create jobs, support local businesses and attract investment into the county. Warwickshire's economy has a great track record of growth and excellent fundamentals.

The Warwickshire Recovery and Investment Fund (WRIF) specifically addresses a gap that has been identified in the market for access to finance. The aim is to distribute £140m over the next five years, offering loans and other financial investments to existing and new businesses to help their long-term recovery and growth.

The investment is a fundamental part of the Council's COVID-19 Recovery Plan - and together with other support from the Council - is expected to create over 3,000 new jobs and safeguard many thousands more.

The first programme to open will be the Business Investment Growth (BIG) fund aimed at medium-sized and supply chain companies with a good track record. The funding will be targeted at businesses looking to expand as well as companies looking to make Warwickshire the place where they do business.

Further updates on the scheme, including when applications can be made can be found at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wrif](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wrif)

### Redesigned SEND Local Offer to help Warwickshire families access support

Improvements and updates have been made to an online resource for parents and carers in Warwickshire. This resource provides information and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND). It is called the SEND Local Offer and Warwickshire County Council has been working hard to improve its SEND Local Offer to ensure that families with SEND can find the information they need.

Every local authority in England must produce and maintain a Local Offer. It brings together information about the local services and support available across education, health, and social care for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Consultations with families, young people and professionals in Warwickshire across five months revealed that it wasn't always easy to find the information they were looking for in the Local Offer. A task group of Warwickshire County Council officers and independent parent carers have worked together with young people and practitioners to address these concerns.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send>

### Have your say on preschool health services in Warwickshire

Parents-to-be and families with young children in Warwickshire are invited to share their views and experiences of the 0-5 Public Health Nursing Service to help inform future support.

This service supports parents from pregnancy to the time their child starts school. It includes both:

- Health Visiting, which works with every family with a child of pre-school age, and typically involves five contacts with the health visiting team from the antenatal period (28 weeks) to when the child reaches two and a half years old
- Family Nurse Partnership (FNP), which works with first time young mothers and families to provide the support they need.

The 0-5 Public Health Nursing Service aims to build the confidence of parents, promote child development, and strengthen parent, infant and family health and wellbeing. It works with families who all have different levels of need, to get them the right help at the right time.

The council wants to hear about the experiences of people who have used any element of the service and their feedback will be used to review the service and shape the future offer.

A short survey to gather these views is available at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask) or [bit.ly/2TowM3D](https://bit.ly/2TowM3D) until 15 September 2021.

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

Officers are concluding arrangements for more staff to be operating in Riverside House again. Smaller councillor committees are already meeting in the Leamington Town Hall and the first full Council meeting is due for 28 July.

As part of the preparations for the Commonwealth Games next year the arrangements at the Bowling Club and in Victoria Park have now been improved.

After caution over several years the car park at Linen Street in Warwick has now been fully closed for safety reasons.