

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM**

Present

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

Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
Warwick District Councillor G Illingworth

8 members of the public

40. Apologies

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

41. Declarations of Interest

Councillor A Pitt declared a personal interest in minute number 53d below and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

42. Resignation of a Parish Councillor

The Chairman reported that Maurice Daw had submitted his resignation due to relocating. A vote of thanks was given following Mr Daw's support whilst in Office and it was agreed that his absence would be sorely missed.

43. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 July 2021

It was proposed by Councillor B Sandford and seconded by Councillor J Coles that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2021, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record by the Chairman.

44. Questions from Members of the Public

Mrs D Sly raised serious concern regarding speeding vehicles on Old Warwick. It was noted that vehicles do speed along much of that road from St Laurence Church right down into Lapworth, even though recent surveys appeared to disagree.

In particular, though is the danger of pedestrians, mainly older persons, trying to negotiate crossing the road from the church car park to access the church. Some of these users are hearing impaired and quite literally take a risk when crossing, because whilst it is not possible to see from right due to the bend, some of these people cannot hear what might be approaching. It was understood from research that any type of crossing was not an option because the road is not visible for 100 metres either side. The Clerk was asked to contact County Councillor J Cooke to request that WCC look to address the matter and investigate the options, to avoid a serious incident.

Ms S Beard asked the Clerk to report the overgrown hedge on the public footpath opposite the church on Old Warwick Road.

45. 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.

46. Report from District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales

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

47. 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 | 04/12/19 | No objection | |

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| | shed, feed store and farm equipment store, installation of post and rail fencing and field gate | | | |
| W21/0019/FUL | Wyken Field, High Cross Lane, Rowington Outline planning permission for the erection of a replacement dwelling | 11/08/21 | Object | |
| W21/0037 | Ednam Meadow, The Cumsey, Pinley 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 Proposed demolition and replacement of 3no. porches | 17/05/21 | No representation | |
| 21/0695/FUL | High Cross Mews, High Cross Lane, Rowington Erection of proposed single storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory | 03/08/21 | Support | Granted |
| W21/0808/FUL | St Annes House, Mill Lane, Rowington Proposed erection of single storey rear extension | 23/08/21 | Support | Withdrawn |
| W21/0835 & 0836LB | Finwood Hill Farm, Mill Lane, Application for the conversion of rural building into a residential dwelling | 23/08/21 | Support | |
| W21/0861/FUL | Holly Farm, High Cross Lane, Rowington Proposed rebuilding of existing garage | 31/08/21 | Support | |
| W21/0921/FUL | Old Beams, Lapworth Street, Bushwood, Lowsonford 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 | |
| W21/0927/FUL | Land Adjacent to The Manor, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Erection of new dwelling and associated works including new pedestrian and vehicular access onto Old Warwick Road | 20/07/21 | Object | |
| W21/1079/FUL | The Old Farm, Quarry Lane, Rowington Change of use from dis-used agricultural barn to ancillary domestic outbuilding for leisure uses | 27/07/21 | No representation | |
| W21/1331/FUL | Land Adjacent to The Rising, Old Warwick Road Erection of detached five bedroom dwelling | 23/08/21 | Object | |
| W21/1314/FUL | Wells Farm, Nunhold Road, Pinley Green Proposed menage | 02/09/21 | Support | |
| W21/1355/FUL | Barn at Little Manor Farm Barn, Manor Lane, Pinley Green Replacement tractor and equipment shed with new timber framed tractor and machinery shed with additional first floor storage, bat loft, and owl and swallow boxes for biodiversity | 02/09/21 | Object | |

b) The following planning applications were considered and decided:

21/1348/FUL - Woodlands Cottage, Mill Lane, Rowington - Proposed refurbishment of existing dwelling, erection of two storey side extension, erection of new detached garage, and associated internal and external works. (Resubmission of W/21/0131)
The Parish Council unanimously supported the application.

c) Old Beams, Lowsonford

The Clerk had contacted the Case Officer and the Enforcement Team at the District Council, as it was understood that construction work was being progressed despite the fact that the current application had not been decided by the LPA. A response had been received and the Case Officer was investigating.

48. Playing Field

a) Outstanding Reports – None

b) Future Inspection Dates – Councillor Henderson, 5 September & Councillor B Sandford, 19 September 2021.

49. Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that there was to be a meeting of the Trustees on Tuesday 14 September 2021 and new Trustees were expected to be elected to the Committee. The refurbishment works to the hall were almost complete.

Rowington Village Hall

No report had been received.

50. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

The Clerk reported that WCC had notified the Parish Council of the intended works dates at Lowsonford Canal, when the County Council's contractor will rebuild the concrete verges and granite setts, and resurface the bridge, including approaches.

This was subject to a full road closure starting on 6th December 2021, potentially running up to one week. Every attempt will be made to complete the works sooner and reopen when possible.

The temporary weight limit signed on approaches will remain thereafter to accommodate further discussions with the Canal & River Trust, on their interpretation of the bridge's condition. It was envisaged that at some point in 2022, certainly before the end of the eighteen-month temporary weight limit duration, the notice would be lifted, and the route returned to its former status allowing HGV's to cross.

51. Meetings & Training Days Attended & Forthcoming

Councillor I Henderson to attend the WALC Annual Conference on 22 & 23 October 2021.

52. Correspondence

WALC Newsletters - noted

53. Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

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| Clerks Salary | £660.04 |
| HMRC | £182.79 |
| Passion First Aid | £51.95 |
| PKF Littlejohn | £360.00 |
| Clerks Expenses | £7.92 |

c) Received:

None

Resolved unanimously.

d) Request for Funding

The Clerk asked members to consider a financial request for funding, which had been received from Rowington & Lowsonford Old Folks Committee for £400. It was proposed by Councillor I Henderson and seconded by J Coles and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council grant the request for £400.

54. CIL Funding

a) Defibrillators in telephone kiosks at Pinley & Lowsonford

The Clerk circulated a report giving details of four organisations who had submitted information, costs and options for the purchase of two defibrillators.

The Clerk explained that, in terms of process, as the PC has already adopted the kiosk and electrics have been dealt with, this should be straight forward. Training should be offered to the whole community as a duty of care and awareness.

Lockable cabinets were a matter of choice, and it was considered by members, that this was not necessary.

Generally, the battery life of any defibrillator was four years from date of manufacture, not purchase. Annual service contracts were available at extra costs, which included the servicing of machine, replacement pads and batteries.

The Clerk's recommendation, following her research was that the Parish Council should consider engaging with The Community Heartbeat Trust. This is a specialist organisation, which supports defibrillation in communities through a governance led sustainable and resilient manner.

Following consideration of the options, it was proposed by Councillor J Coles and seconded by Councillor A Pitt and agreed unanimously, that the PC purchases two 'Advanced Systems' - Zoll AED 3 defibrillator with carry case, to include spare 5 year adult/child electrodes, visualised instructions and CPR coaching, 'see through' CPR, Rescue Wrist ShockBox Rotaid unlocked with information backboard and Kiosk and community signage. The cost of which is £1,910 each.

b) Playing Field – Proposed Improvements
Deferred.

c) Obelisk

Following a request from a member of the public, Members considered a proposal for the purchase and erection of an obelisk on the grassed area at the end of Queen's Drive/Old Warwick Road.

It was agreed not to pursue the proposal.

55. Future Meeting Dates

14 October 2021 at Rowington Village Hall
11 November 2021 at Lowsonford Village Hall

56. Items for the Next Agenda & Observations from Parish Councillors

Defibrillator signage including costs.
Recent increase in crime
Clerk to invite Warwickshire Police to attend a future meeting.

There being no further business the meeting 8.30pm.

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

Report from County Councillor J Cooke

The Kenilworth Repair Café: Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund

'Reuse it, don't lose it!' is the message from the Kenilworth Repair Café which will grow thanks to Warwickshire County Council's Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund.

The full list of 69 projects set to receive funding from the Green Shoots Fund was announced on 30 July 2021 and the Kenilworth Repair Café was one of a number of projects funded for under £5k with a total approved amount of £800.

The Green Shoots funding will enable a Repair Café for the Kenilworth area to grow, providing a focal point for items to be repaired and reused. The café will meet on the third Saturday afternoon of every month at the United Reformed Church in Kenilworth. Here, personal and portable items can be brought for repair, to extend their useful life and avoid them entering the waste system and potentially landfill. All sorts of items can be brought in ranging from clothes and accessories needing a stitch or simple repair to furniture and homewares to toys and electrical/electronic items that perhaps need a more technical approach.

Warm hearted Warwickshire residents show support for Afghan families

As news emerges of the people arriving from Afghanistan seeking refuge in the UK, Warwickshire residents have been quick to step forward and offer their support.

Warwickshire is expected to welcome around 100 people into the county as part of the national Home Office plan. For some it will be a short stay as they make plans to move to be close to friends and family elsewhere in the UK. Others will be with us for longer. For all it has been a terrifying experience, fleeing their homeland, leaving behind loved ones and arriving in a new country.

Warwickshire County Council is working with partners in health and the districts and boroughs to ensure the new arrivals are safe and well. And residents of Warwickshire have been quick to show their compassion and offer support. We are currently assessing what things would be most helpful and working with local charities to coordinate donations.

Updated NHS information about COVID-19 vaccines for 16 and 17 year olds

Invitations to get a COVID vaccine are landing on the doormats of all 16 and 17 year olds, in a further effort to boost take-up in this age group, as the biggest and most successful vaccination programme in NHS history expands further.

Over 360,000 people aged 16 and 17 have already had their jab – which includes those who were eligible previously eligible due to an underlying health condition, with more than 125,000 getting their jab in the two weeks since the NHS was given the green light to offer all 16 and 17 years olds the life-saving jab.

The JCVI updated guidance on 4 August so that all 16 and 17-year-olds could be offered one dose of the vaccine, and anyone in this age group can now find their nearest centre through the 'grab a jab' [NHS online walk-in finder](#), with more sites becoming available every day.

Trading Standards sets out its plans for the future

Warwickshire County Council's Trading Standards Service has defined how it intends to protect consumers and support the growth of Warwickshire businesses with the launch of its new business plan.

Warwickshire County Councillor Andy Crump, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety, said:

"This is an ambitious new plan that sets out our priorities for the coming years, to protect the most vulnerable from financial harm, prevent the sale of dangerous and harmful products, support Warwickshire businesses to grow, diversify and adapt to new circumstances and establish strong partnerships to keep our communities safe."

Key actions include:

- Invest in and promote trueCall devices that help block bogus phone calls and prevent financial fraud and scams, reinvigorate our No Cold Caller zones and close down websites connected to fraudulent activity
- Via a dedicated Business Advice Service, provide practical information for businesses and business sectors, including on EU exit and COVID-19 regulations
- Remove dangerous products from sale including unroadworthy cars and unsafe toys, cosmetics, and electrical products
- Target food businesses with poor hygiene ratings and a history of failing to abide by the law
- Tackling and disrupting the supply of counterfeit products, including the sale of illegal cigarettes
- Pursuing prosecution action against businesses consistently selling age-restricted goods (including alcohol, cigarettes, and knives) to children

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

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership asks public for views on new road safety Strategy to 2030

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership (WRSP) is asking the public for their views on how the county's roads can be made safer by taking part in a public consultation on a new Warwickshire road safety 'Strategy to 2030'. The public consultation starts today 18 August and can be viewed at www.warwickroadsafety.org

Key partners, including Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire and Highways England are developing the strategy together with external consultant Agilysis and now need the public's input.

WRSP Chair and Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire Philip Seccombe said: "This is an important document as it sets out the long term vision for Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, detailing the activities, structure and objectives up to 2030 and also includes how road safety activities will be evaluated.

Recognise Warwickshire's exceptional volunteers by submitting a nomination for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
Warwickshire County Council and the Warwickshire Lieutenancy are encouraging residents to [submit nominations](#) for volunteering groups, charities, and social enterprises across the County whose exceptional efforts deserve to be recognised by The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS).

The QAVS is an annual award acknowledging the outstanding work delivered by volunteers who benefit their local communities and is the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

The Award is presented each year on the 2nd June to coincide with the anniversary of the Queen's coronation. All Awardees receive a certificate signed by the Queen, a domed glass crystal, and may also be invited to attend a royal garden party.



Report from District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales

There will be a consultation on the possibility of a full merger between Warwick and Stratford Districts to form a South Warwickshire District. This starts on 6 Sep 21 and lasts until 24 Oct 21. Everyone is invited to offer their opinions but there will be specific arrangements with parish councils and other key stakeholders, Several Senior managers have already taken on responsibilities in both areas to reduce costs and improve services. This is seen as a positive move whatever the decisions on future merger.

Warwick District has agreed to take and house 25 Afghanistan refugees. Birmingham Airport received 8,100 or about 60% of the civilians who came to the UK. About 15 of the flights broke the normal night flying rules but clearly the situation demanded such actions.

You are probably aware of the serious fire in a plastic factory in Leamington at the end of August. The District Council was heavily involved from dealing with those who had to stay out of the area and checking air pollution to cleaning the streets of pollution afterwards.