

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

Present

Councillor I Henderson – Chairman
Councillor J Coles
Councillor C Doolan
Councillor A Marsden
Councillor A Pitt
Councillor D Weir
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
6 members of the public

93. Apologies

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

94. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

95. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2021

It was proposed by Councillor A Pitt and seconded by Councillor C Doolan that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record by the Chairman.

96. Questions from Members of the Public

No matters were raised.

97. Police & Crime Commissioner – Mr Philip Seccombe

The Clerk had invited Mr Philip Seccombe to the meeting and he gave an overview of his role in Warwickshire. Mr Seccombe confirmed that there had been an increase in Police Officers from 800 to 1100 and it was hoped that this would increase further. At present, particular attention was being focused on protection for women and children and local crime.

Mr Seccombe answered a number of questions relating to policing and the Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

98. 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.

99. Report from District Councillors G Illingworth & R Hales

In the absence of Councillors R Hales and G Illingworth, the Clerk read the District Council reports, which are also appended to these minutes.

100. Planning Matters

a) The following planning matters were reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Decision	WDC Decision
W21/0835 & 0836LB	Finwood Hill Farm, Mill Lane, Application for the conversion of rural building into a residential dwelling	23/08/21	No representation	
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	
W21/1348/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)	23/09/21	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	
W21/1377/FUL	The Threshing Barn, Finwood Road, Rowington Erection of extension to 'cart shed' outbuilding	29/09/21	Support	Granted
W21/1629/FUL	Oakdene, The Cumsey, Pinley Green Erection of a replacement garage	26/10/21	No Objection	
W21/2009/FUL	24 St Laurence Close Erection of part two storey, part single storey, side and rear extension	02/12/21	No representation	

b) The following planning applications were considered and decided:

W21/1944 - Land at Peacock Lane, Holywell, Rowington

Proposed change of use of land for the siting of a log cabin for three years as a temporary rural worker's dwelling, and to regularise the commercial equestrian use (retrospective)

Members agreed to make no representation to the application.

W21/2046 – Yeomans House, Mill Lane, Rowington

Proposed erection of replacement outbuilding with home office and gym on first floor

It was agreed to support the application.

W21/2065 – 4 Appletree Cottages, Old Warwick Road, Rowington

Erection of new roof on side extension

It was agreed to support the application.

W21/1994 - Shepherds Fold, Finwood Road, Rowington

Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling

Given its complexity, it was agreed to make no representation to the application.

101. Playing Field

a) Outstanding Reports – None

b) Future Inspection Dates – 12 December, Councillor A Marsden & 26 December, Councillor D Weir.

c) The Clerk reported that AMW Lawn Care had cleaned the surface from underneath the swings and the missing rails on the boundary fence were to be replaced.

102. Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that the Christmas Fair, which had taken place on 4 December was successful.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that the social event that was held on 4 December was successful.

103. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

The Clerk had ordered a replacement grit bin for Finwood Road as the one in situ had been smashed.

104. Meetings & Training Days Attended & Forthcoming

None to note.

105. Correspondence

WALC Newsletters – noted

Queens Platinum Jubilee - The Clerk read a letter from Lucy Marsden of the Horticultural Society, who had asked the Parish Council to consider locations for the planting of 24 oak saplings. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Lucy, as no suitable locations could be offered at this time.

Housing Needs Survey (HNS) – The Clerk had previously circulated an email from Sarah Brooke-Taylor of Warwickshire Rural Community Council suggesting that the Parish Council carry's out a HNS as the last one was held in 2016, and deemed out of date. This was agreed by members and the Clerk was asked to obtain a draft before circulation. It was hoped that this could be delivered by hand to save postage costs.

Warwickshire Search & Rescue – Following a request from Warwickshire Search & Rescue, to extend their list of rendezvous points, should a person go missing in the area, it was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with the Chairman of Rowington Village Hall. Councillor J Coles agreed to liaise with Lowsonford Village Hall.

106. Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary	£660.04
HMRC	£182.79
AMW Lawncare	£101.95
PCC	£900.00
Water Plus	£99.78
Nuneaton Signs	£32.40
Parish Online	£81.00
Community Heartbeat	£42.00
ICO	£35.00
Red Core Electrical	£60.00

c) Received:

None

Resolved unanimously.

d)) Amendment to Financial Regulations – 6.3

The Clerk explained that several contractors were now refusing to receive payments via cheque and asked members to consider the amendment of Financial Regulations to authorise the Clerk to make payments by BACS of up to £500.

It was agreed unanimously to amend the Financial Regulations, to authorise the Clerk to make payments of no more than £500, subject to approval of invoices at meetings.

107. Budget & Precept 2022/2023

The Clerk had circulated a schedule of income and expenditure prior to the meeting. The schedule provided estimates of costs to the financial year ending 31 March 2022 and estimates for the financial year 2022/2023, including Budget Notes to support the figures.

Having considered the reports, it was proposed by Councillor J Coles and seconded by Councillor C Doolan and resolved unanimously that the Parish Council maintains the current level of Precept of £20,430.00 for the financial year 2022/2023.

108. CIL Funding

a) Defibrillators in telephone kiosks at Pinley & Lowsonford

The Clerk reported that both of the new AED's were fully functional and registered with the Ambulance Service. A training session was scheduled for 7.00pm on 25 January 2022 at Rowington Village, and this was open to the public.

b) Playing Field – Proposed Improvements
Deferred.

c) Gateway Signage – Councillor D Weir agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

109. Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 13 January 2022 (Provisional)	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 10 February 2022	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 10 March 2022	Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting 8.35pm.

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

Report from County Councillor J Cooke

40,000 Illegal Cigarettes Seized

Trading Standards Officers supported by Warwickshire Police and Canine specialist sniffer dogs visited shops earlier this week. Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards seized almost 2000 packets of cigarettes and 186 packets of hand rolling tobacco, hidden in shops in Rugby and Nuneaton.

Officers seized illegal cigarettes and tobacco, both counterfeit and non-duty paid, with a combined illegal value of £12,765 (and a value if genuine of approximately £30,000).

You can report the sale of illegal tobacco to Warwickshire Trading Standards via the Central England Trading Standards Authorities anonymous automated hotline: 0300 303 2636 or online: <https://centsa.org.uk/anonymous-hotline/>

Access free eMagazines through Warwickshire libraries

Warwickshire Libraries has a collection of over three thousand popular magazine titles that you can download for free if you have signed up to use their free online library services. and there is no limit to the number of titles you can download.

Warwickshire's library staff have been working to ensure that people have access to many popular UK magazine titles across a wide range of subjects from cookery to current affairs, photography to TV listings.

To find out about the full range of titles, how you can download them for free to your device and what other eResources are available in the Virtual Library, visit: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ebooks

If you're not a member of Warwickshire libraries, you can join straightaway online at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/jointhelibrary

Queens Green Canopy project underway!

Across Warwickshire people have been making the world a greener place by planting trees for [The Queen's Green Canopy](#) (QGC) - a national tree planting project to honour The Queen's 70 years on the throne, and to benefit current and future generations.

The QGC was launched earlier this year and encourages everyone to plant a tree for the Jubilee. With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC is a national project to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's 70 years on the throne, to benefit current and future generations.

Although the big event doesn't start until next year, tree planting season is now upon us, running from October 2021 until March 2022. There is plenty of planting advice and tips on the QGC website for both the novice and the more green fingered gardener to ensure the best choice of healthy native trees that will thrive in their environments: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Firefighting citizenship courses make positive difference to Warwickshire young people in 2021

More than 60 students from across Warwickshire have participated in Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service's citizenship courses during 2021.

In total, seven separate courses were organised during the year and students from five different schools in the county have benefited from the courses' curriculum that included practical firefighting drills, first aid skills, drug and alcohol risk awareness, road safety awareness and personal development life skills. The courses took place at local fire stations and gave students an insight into the working lives of firefighters in Warwickshire. The Fire Service is looking ahead to 2022 where it will conduct four more citizenship courses across the remainder of the academic year, including with a new school in North Warwickshire.

Warwickshire County Council launches 16 Days of Action Against Domestic Abuse 2021

The campaign, which runs from now until the 10th December allows employees to seek support from loved ones, friends and even their employer. Employers have a legal obligation to offer support and assistance to anyone who reports acts of domestic abuse, regardless of whether this is in the workplace itself or at home.

The Council works very closely with local businesses and has close links with the Chamber of Commerce, which represents businesses throughout the county.

In addition to a comprehensive social media campaign, which pairs up to district and borough colleagues, Coventry City Council, NHS colleagues and partners including Refuge, the council will be sharing advice and information on coercive control, domestic abuse and faith based harmful practises.

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership Celebrate a Successful BRAKE Road Safety Week

Last week, Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership was busy spreading road safety and active travel message to families, primary schools and communities around the county, as part of BRAKE Road Safety Week 2021.

This year's national campaign focused on the theme of Road Safety Heroes, celebrating the vital contributions made to road safety by volunteers, road safety educators, emergency services and charities.

More than 1.3 million people die on roads around the world each year and road collisions are the leading cause of death for children and young people across the globe. Every day more than six children are killed or seriously injured on roads in the UK, a tragic figure which highlights the importance of promoting road safety in our communities.

For more information on the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership, visit: www.warksroadsafety.org For more information about BRAKE, the road safety charity, visit: www.brake.org.uk

SEND partnership set to make a difference!

A local partnership agreement between Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice (WPCV), Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been signed.

This agreement recognises the forum as the area's strategic voice for parent and carers of children with special educational needs and or disabilities (SEND).

Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is an independent, parent carer led organisation for everyone with a child or children with SEND aged 0-25. Their main role is to ensure that parent carer voices are heard and acted upon. By working with education, health and social care they ensure that parents and carers are involved in designing services for children, young people and their families.

As part of their role, Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice represent parents and carers on the SEND workstreams and the steering group for the Written Statement of Action following the recent Ofsted and CQC inspection, as well as the SEND and Inclusion Change Programme, delivering improved outcomes for children and young people with SEND in Warwickshire. For more information on Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice visit <https://warwickshireparentcarervoice.org>

Report from District Councillor G Illingworth

The consultation re a merger between WDC and SDC is completed and now being analysed. Some results have been shared with councillors but are clearly complicated and give little consensus among the results. The key meeting will be on Monday 13 December. In order to have a full Council meeting under Covid conditions we are meeting at the Slate suite at the University of Warwick.

Arrangements for collections over the Christmas period are being issued. There is no direct effect as Christmas is at the weekend, but there will be no green bin collection from 27 Dec to 7 Jan so that all the recycling can be collected. I am going to support the planning application in Mill Lane next week and wonder if the PC will be doing so?

Report from District Councillor R Hales

We are still working through our end of year accounts and expect to have those signed off by December. As I am sure you are aware we are taking a vote on Monday 13th December about merging Stratford & Warwick District Council, and I will report to the council with an update next week.

Also, an update reference Bin collections over Christmas/New Year, there will be NO CHANGES to the day that your refuse & recycling is collected.

To deal with the increased volumes of recycling however there will be no green bin collections from Monday 27 December 2021 to Friday 7 January 2022.