

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD AT LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL  
ON THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM**

**Present**

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

**110. Apologies**

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

**111. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**112. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor A Marsden and seconded by Councillor C Doolan that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2021, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record by the Chairman.

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

No matters were raised.

**114. 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.

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

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

**116. 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>
W21/0835 & 0836LB	Finwood Hill Farm, Mill Lane, Application for the conversion of rural building into a residential dwelling	23/08/21	No representation	Granted
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	Refused
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	Refused
W21/1629/FUL	Oakdene, The Cumsey, Pinley Green Erection of a replacement garage	26/10/21	No Objection	Granted

W21/1867 & 1868LB	Octavia Cottage, Whitley Elm Cottages, Case Lane, Rowington Alterations to the rear elevation of Octavia Cottage works to include removal of 2no. softwood double glazed casement windows, making good reveals with existing bricks (removed as part of works) insertion of 2no. hardwood, partially glazed doors leading on to existing garden area	29/12/21	Support	Granted
W21/1884 & 1885LB	Manor Farm, Holywell, Rowington Proposed erection of single storey side extension	17/11/21	No representation	
W21/1861LB	W21/1861LB - Manor Farm, Holywell, Rowington Proposed internal alterations including additional internal door fitted from hallway into study on ground floor; Construction of a partition wall in the existing ground floor utility to create a separate WC; Bedroom one on first floor to be converted into main family bathroom; Demolition of partition walls in bedroom two and bedroom three on first floor to create one larger double bedroom; Demolition of fitted wardrobes in master bedroom on first floor; Demolition of existing bathroom and cupboard in bedroom four on first floor, with creation of newly situated en-suite to form a guest bedroom	17/11/21	No representation	
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)	10/12/21	No representation	
W21/1994	Shepherds Fold, Finwood Road, Rowington Conversion of barn to dwelling	10/12/21	No representation	
W21/2009/FUL	24 St Laurence Close Erection of part two storey, part single storey, side and rear extension	02/12/21	No representation	Granted
W21/2046	Yeomans House, Mill Lane, Rowington Proposed erection of replacement outbuilding with home office and gym on first floor	10/12/21	Support	
W21/2065	4 Appletree Cottages, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Erection of new roof on side extension	10/12/21	Support	Granted
W21/2075/FUL	The Barn, High Cross Lane, High Cross, Shrewley Change of use from residential annexe to independent dwelling	28/01/22	Support	

b) There were no planning applications to be considered.

c) Appeals

Site Address: Oldfield Farm, Old Warwick Road, Rowington, Warwick, CV35 7AA

Description of development: Proposed demolition and replacement of 3no. porches.

Application Reference: W/21/0074/LB, Appellant's name: Mr and Mrs Waters, Appeal reference: APP/T3725/Y/21/3283808

Appeal start date: 13/12/2021

**117. Playing Field**

a) Outstanding Reports – None

b) Future Inspection Dates - 20 February – Councillor A Marsden & 6 March Councillor B Sandford

**118. Reports from Village Halls**

Lowsonford Village Hall

There were no updates to note.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that there was a loss of one regular hirer. Social events were being organised to raise funds and the Annual All Sorts Sale will take place on Saturday 19 March 2022.

### 119. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

Councillor D Weir asked the Clerk to contact the Canal & River Trust to report fly tipping near to the main entrance to the canal towpath in Lawsonford.

Councillor A Pitt reported that the old broken grit bin was still in situ on Finwood Road.

Ms S Beard was arranging to meet with Mr David Ayton-Hill, Strategic Director of Communities from WCC to discuss the speed of traffic on Old Warwick Road.

### 120. Meetings & Training Days Attended & Forthcoming

Councillor A Marsden had attended a planning session hosted by WALC and he was to attend a further session, Councillor Fundamentals, on 16 February 2022.

### 121. Correspondence

WALC Newsletters – noted

WDC – Merger Submission to Parliament

Warwickshire Geological Conservation Group - Rowington Conservation and Monitoring Reports – members asked the Clerk to thank Max Down for his report.

### 122. Finance

#### a) Paid during the month:

None

#### b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary	£660.04
HMRC	£182.79
AMW Lawncare	£150.00
WALC	£30.00
Rowington Village Hall Hire	£30.00
Clerk's Expenses	£29.99

#### c) Received:

None

Resolved unanimously.

### 123. CIL Funding

a) Proposed improvements to the Playing Field, Play area improvements, outdoor adult gym equipment, community orchard space and wildflower planting for biodiversity and consideration of a footpath around the boundary of the play area.

The Clerk reminded members that the proposed works at the Playing Field had been on hold for some time, due to apparent covenants on the land. However, it was now confirmed that the area where there are covenants, is the area between the two goal posts. The play area does not hold any covenants and has no other covenant other than it must be used for recreation for the parish.

The Clerk had also received a suggestion from members of the public, for the PC to make consideration for a path to be laid around the boundary of the play area, using materials such as concrete, or compacted sand/gravel (preferred) or tarmac. This could be used for childrens' bicycles, scooters, wheelchairs etc all year round. The Clerk suggested that the PC should consider holding a Public Consultation at Rowington Village Hall on Thursday 24 March 2022 between 7pm and 9pm.

All parishioners would be invited via the Ferncumbe News, Next-Door Rowington and personal emails.

Councillor B Sandford offered to print and display the proposed plans at the hall.

This would be an open and informal meeting, where people can come along at any time between 7pm and 9pm, or via email if they cannot make the meeting.

A ballot box would be available, along with a short questionnaire so that parishioners may submit their views either openly or anonymously, or via email if they were unable to attend the meeting.

The proposal was agreed unanimously and the Public Consultation would be arranged for 24 March 2022.

**b) Gateway Signage**

Councillor D Weir agreed to defer this item and bring it to the attention of members of the public at the Public Consultation to be held on 24 March 2022.

**c) Benches – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

The Chairman had circulated costs and examples of wooden benches supplied by a local person, and it was agreed that the Parish Council set aside a budget of £3,000 to purchase three benches to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Those benches would be installed on Rowington Cricket Pitch, Pinley Green and a site near to Lowsonford Village Hall. Councillor Coles agreed to liaise with Lowsonford Village Hall Trustees to source a suitable location.

**124. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – 2 to 5 June 2022**

Following deliberations, Members agreed that the Parish Council should mark this event and given the short time frame, it was resolved unanimously to approve a Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Committee to allow that Committee to make decisions independently.

The Clerk, and Councillors I Henderson, D Weir, A Marsden and B Sandford agreed to meet and engage with representatives of other organisations in the hope that the Parish Council could plan an event to mark this occasion, along with co-opted members from local organisations.

It was also agreed unanimously to set a budget, in principle of £2,500 and the Clerk would pursue other avenues for funding opportunities.

**125. Defibrillators**

The Clerk reported that the person who currently checks the AED at Lowsonford Village Hall, was looking to step down after many years.

Karen & Mike Lowe offered to assist and the Clerk agreed to liaise with them to arrange a takeover date and ensure that adequate information was supplied.

**126. Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday 10 March 2022	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 14 April 2022	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 28 April 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 12 May 2022 – Annual Meeting	Lowsonford Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting 8.35pm.

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

## Report from County Councillor J Cooke

WCC Children's Services have made great improvements according to Ofsted inspection

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is delighted to be judged as good in all areas for its children's services according to a recent Ofsted inspection.

The latest inspection, published in a report on 1 February 2022, by Ofsted found that children and families in Warwickshire benefit from consistently good quality services at an early stage, making a real difference to their lives. Ofsted found that WCC social workers listen carefully to children and make sure that children's views inform decision-making. Social workers were found to be building stronger, more trusting relationships with families, giving parents confidence to develop their parenting skills.

To see full report go to <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50176757>

Why not take a royal tour of Warwickshire this Platinum Jubilee year?

Warwickshire residents are being encouraged to walk in the footsteps of royalty using a new guide from Visit Warwickshire to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Warwickshire's strong royal connections make it just the place to celebrate the anniversary of Elizabeth II's accession to the throne on 6 February 1952. Visit Warwickshire's new online guide, "In The Footsteps of Royalty", is packed with royal-themed ideas about what to do and see and where to eat, drink, and stay: <https://visit.warwickshire.gov.uk/inthefootstepsofroyalty>

Get set for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games in Warwickshire

Birmingham 2022 is the biggest multi-sport event to be held in the UK since the London 2012 Olympics and it is the largest event ever to be held in the West Midlands region. It will officially begin on 28 July with a spectacular Opening Ceremony at the newly transformed Alexander Stadium and the Games is expected to attract more than 4,500 athletes from 72 nations and territories who'll take part in 19 different sports and eight Para sports.

Warwickshire will be hosting 3 events during the Games period with the Bowl and para-bowls taking place at Leamington's Victoria Park and the cycling road race winding through the historic streets of Warwick.

Information will continue to be added to the website and Warwickshire County Council along with partners in Warwick District Council, will also be holding community engagement sessions, where more details will be shared, plus there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the temporary changes taking place at each location.

Find out how you can Get Set for the Games here: <https://www.birmingham2022.com/getset/>

Information about the Road Race, its route through Warwick town centre and some frequently asked questions can be found here: <https://www.birmingham2022.com/venues/st-nicholas-park/>

To find out more about the Commonwealth Games in Warwickshire,

visit: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Birmingham2022commonwealthgames>

Join new county taskforce to achieve good health for all

Warwickshire residents who are passionate about health and wellbeing are invited to be a part of a group to provide independent advice, ideas, insights, and feedback to Warwickshire County Council and partners.

The purpose of the newly established Health Equity Group is to ensure a community perspective is always included in service planning and improvements. The views and ideas of residents will be central to ensuring needs can be met across the county.

Participation is voluntary and anyone over 18, living anywhere in Warwickshire, can get in touch below to find out more.

Training will be offered to all members during March 2022 and the group, also involving representatives from the County Council and different health organisations, will meet monthly from April.

The meetings will facilitate discussions that help identify solutions or needs for new initiatives that can inform the development of a Warwickshire-wide programme that champions health equity in local communities.

To find out more information, or to apply to become a Health Equity Group member, please contact Michelle Gravatt by email at [michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Warwickshire Libraries share their most popular book titles from 2021

2021 was a year filled with lockdown rules and limited access to spending time with friends and family. Many turned to reading during this time, and according to Warwickshire Libraries here are the top ten adult fiction titles read by Warwickshire library members in 2021:

*The Thursday Murder Club* - by Richard Osman  
*Blue Moon* - by Lee Child  
*The Long Call* - by Ann Cleeves  
*One August Night* - by Victoria Hislop  
*The Law of Innocence* - by Michael Connelly

*The Sentinel* - by Andrew and Lee Child  
*The Midnight Library* - by Matt Haig  
*A Song for the Dark Times* - by Ian Rankin  
*Hamnet* - by Maggie O'Farrell  
*Hidden in Plain Sight* - by Jeffrey Archer

Warning for Warwickshire residents after recent chimney fires

Warwickshire residents are warned to check their chimneys as Warwickshire Fire and Rescue has attended a series of chimney fires across the county recently.

The Fire and Rescue Service has been called out to chimney fire incidents in Leamington Spa, Rugby and Northend just in the last seven days.

Chimneys require sweeping at different intervals depending on the fuel used.

Chimneys which use smokeless fuel or bituminous coal - at least once a year

Chimneys which use oil - once a year

Chimneys which use wood - quarterly when in use

For information on chimney fire safety visit: <https://warwickshire.gov.uk/chimneyfiresafety>

#### **Report from District Councillor R Hales**

We are still progressing our merger with Stratford District Council and have started work on working on our IT & digital strategy and delivery.

We have also been working on our budget for 2022-23. As you maybe aware we have only received a one year settlement from central government, so that does make forecasting & budgeting trickier, especially with energy prices & inflation concerns. However, the headlines of what is being proposed is a freezing of council tax, putting an additional £500,000 into the climate emergency fund and the creation of a £200,000 hardship fund for residents. We are also proposing a green bin charge to be rolled out later in the year. As a council we are committed to not cutting the level of services that residents receive, even with our budgetary issues.