

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING  
HELD AT ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30PM**

**Present**

Councillor J Coles  
Councillor A Marsden  
Councillor T Parker  
Councillor T Remment  
Councillor B Sandford  
Councillor D Weir - Chairman  
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall  
Warwick District Councillor G Illingworth  
2 members of the public

**80. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillor A Pitt, County Councillor J Cooke and District Councillor R Hales.

**81. Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman declared an interest in planning application W22/1165 & 1166LB at Kingswood Farm and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor T Remment declared an interest under CIL funding – Play Area Improvements and left the room whilst consideration took place.

**82. Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 27 September 2022**

It was proposed by Councillor J Coles and seconded by Councillor B Sandford that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2022, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as true record by the Chairman.

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

Mrs D Sly raised concern regarding the poor condition of the footway along parts of Old Warwick Road. This matter was later discussed in the meeting under Highways.

**84. Report from District Councillors**

Councillor G Illingworth gave feedback on the meeting with Councillor Alan Rhead which was hosted by Beausale, Haseley, Honiley, Wroxall Parish Council on 12 October regarding Climate Change.

**85. 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.

**86. 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>
W21/1944	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	Granted
W21/2179	The Paddocks, Shrewley Road, Shrewley Erection of lunging pen and menage. Formation of new vehicular access with parking and erection of a gated entrance with fencing	28/04/22	Support	
W22/0161	Ednam Meadow, The Cumsey, Pinley Green Replacement two storey dwelling along with the removal of an existing container from the application site	27/04/22	Object	Refused

W22/0367	Clinton House, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Proposed erection of single storey dwelling.	20/05/22	Support	
W22/0868LB	Peacock Farm, Peacock Lane, Holywell, Rowington, Change of windows from a mix of UPVC double glazed units, metal framed units and timber framed units to UPVC double glazed units; replace dormer window with velux windows of timber and metal construction; alterations of barn to ensure structural stability to include replacement roof (retrospective)	30/06/22	Support	Granted
W22/0901	Holywell Farm, Holywell Installation of solar panels on stable roof	25/07/22	No representation	Granted
W22/0994	Wells Farm, Nunhold Road, Pinley Green Part demolition of existing building. Proposed erection of 2 storey and single storey rear extensions. Front and rear porches. Replacement windows and external rendering	05/08/22	Support	Granted
W22/1005 & 1006LB	Manor Farm, Holywell, Rowington Erection of single storey side extension	11/08/22	No representation	Granted
W22/1044	Barn at Lyons Farm, Rowington Green Prior Notification application under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q (a) and for proposed change of use of agricultural building to form 1no. large dwelling house and 4no small dwellinghouses (Use Class C3)	10/08/22	Object	Prior Approval Given
W22/1054 & 1055LB	1 Kingswood Cottages, Old Warwick Road Erection of two storey side/rear extension	31/08/22	No representation	
W22/1062	Stables, High Paddock, Back Lane, Rowington Conversion of existing rural building to form a dwelling following a roof extension and removal of existing static dwelling and stable units.	14/09/22	No representation	
W22/1072AG	High Chimneys Farm, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Agricultural notification for the erection of a new general purpose building for storage purposes	08/08/22	Support	Permitted Development
W22/1223 & 224LB	South Rookery, Rookery Lane, Lowsonford Repairs and minor alterations including replacement roof, new fenestration, waney edge boarding, rainwater goods, new low level retaining wall, steps, and hardstanding	08/09/22	No representation	Granted
W22/1261	The Rising, Old Warwick Road Erection of single storey and two storey extensions to sides and front, external rendering and cladding, amendments to fenestration	01/09/22	Support	Granted
W22/1322	10 Giffard Terrace, Lowsonford Erection of single storey rear extension	14/09/22	No representation	
W22/1349	Rangora Cottage, Finwood Road, Rowington Replacement of existing conservatory and formation of balcony above	21/09/22	No representation	
W22/1377	Rowans, Holywell, Rowington Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to existing dwelling and erection of extension to existing detached garage and annex	22/09/22	No representation	
W22/1479 & 1358LB	The Old Farm, Quarry Lane, Rowington Change of use from barn (for domestic storage) into 2 holiday lets with associated external changes	11/10/22	No representation	

b) The following planning applications were considered and decided:

W22/1165 & 1166LB - Kingswood Farm, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth  
Replacement of flat roof to rear and erection of ground and first floor rear extensions and addition of a balcony  
Members made no representation to the application

W22/1560 & 1561LB – Oldfield Farm, Old Warwick Road, Rowington

Proposed raising of roof to rear extension and installation of French windows, alterations to windows, internal alterations to layout including removal of interior wall

Members made no representation to the application

c) Appeal Notification -Mr Gurmit Singh Jutla - Oaktrees, The Cumsey, Pinley Green. Enforcement Notice appeal has been made to the Secretary of State in respect of the above site following the serving of an Enforcement Notice by WDC.

### **87. Playing Field**

a) Outstanding Reports – None

b) Future Inspection Dates – Councillor D Weir – 16 October & Councillor B Sandford – 30 October

c) Annual Inspection of the Play Area – The Clerk reported that the inspection had raised no major issues.

### **88. Reports from Village Halls**

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that the refurbishment was almost complete, and the Committee had now established a Social Committee.

Rowington Village Hall

The Village Hall continues to have regular bookings for daytime and evenings and the Committee is preparing for autumn and spring events. The fashion show by Belle Diva was most successful with ladies' fashions and jewellery for sale. The evening was well supported by ladies who enjoyed a relaxed get together.

The Simple Supper evenings began some years ago which set the scene for the season. The forthcoming simple supper evening on 15 October returns with a Drama Group "Treading the Boards" to entertain for the evening.

Work has been undertaken in the smallest store room with the blocking of a rear unused doorway and the laying of new flooring in that area. The hall continues to be well used for private bookings, but the introduction of new hirers is always welcomed.

### **89. Highways, Footpaths & Transport**

Members considered the email from Richard Roberts of WCC on, 8 September 2022, and concern continued regarding the canal bridge in Lowsonford, and Councillor J Coles reported that the temporary signage had been removed despite the Parish Council's objection.

The Chairman expressed concern with regards to the inappropriate vehicles using the bridge and potentially causing damage. The bridge is a listed canal bridge in a conservation area and protection is as important as looking after a listed building.

Councillor G Illingworth invited the Parish Council to involve him, due to his interest from a conservation view and in order to preserve the heritage of the bridge and its area.

Mr R Roberts, Bridge Maintenance team Leader of WCC had welcomed notice from the Parish Council as to whether it was to pursue to the Environmental Weight Limit application, which will be subject to its own assessment going forward and members asked the Clerk to follow this up on behalf of the Parish Council and identify the necessary officer to consult with on the matter.

The condition of the footway on parts of Old Warwick Road, continued to deteriorate and the Clerk was asked to follow up on previous reports to the County Council and submit photos to demonstrate the issues. The main issues were narrowing of the footway where the grass encroached on the tarmac and the breaking down of the tarmac.

### **90. Meetings & Training Days Attended & Forthcoming**

The Chairman attended a WALC meeting on 6th October, where Liv Garfield CEO of Severn Trent was the speaker, and reported that it had been an extremely interesting meeting when various issues had been raised by parishes including raised long standing issues with water and drainage as a result of new development and water issues within new development.

The Chairman and the Clerk were to attend a Risk Assessment course on 10 November.

### **91. Correspondence**

WALC Newsletters

**92. Finance**

**a) Paid during the month:**

None

**b) To be paid:**

Clerks Salary	£675.05
HMRC	£181.49
Rowington Almshouse Charity Allotment Rent (BACS)	£229.00
AMW Lawncare (BACS)	£305.01
Play Safety (BACS)	£100.80

**c) Received:**

Precept	£10,215
E-on credit	£3.73

Resolved unanimously.

**d) Request for funding on behalf of Rowington & Lawsonford Old Folks Committee for £500.00**

Members resolved unanimously to grant the funding of £500 to support this community event under S137.

**93. CIL Funding**

Councillor T Remment left the room.

Play area improvements, hedging, enclosed play area, wildflower planting for biodiversity and a footpath to part of the grassed area, connecting the two pedestrian gates. Path to be made up of a permeable surface to enable the use of pushchairs, scooters and wheelchairs etc.

The Clerk had circulated quotations from AMW Lawncare, Kompan, Playforce and Eibe, which were discussed, and it was agreed that a Play Area Working Group meeting should take place on 18 October 2022, at Rowington Village Hall, in order to identify which play equipment would be most appropriate, look at the costs in more detail and re-consider a path as the kissing gates would need changing to allow for wheelchairs.

Councillor Coles expressed her thanks to Councillor B Sandford for his work in obtaining the quotations.

Councillor T Remment was invited back into the meeting.

**94. External Audit**

The Clerk reported that no matters had been raised following the external audit.

**95. Parish Events**

Remembrance Sunday – 13 November 2022- It was agreed that the Chairman should lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

**96. Staff Appraisal**

The Chairman and Councillor A Marsden were to undertake the Clerk’s appraisal.

**97. Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday 10 November 2022	Lowsonford Village Hall
Thursday 8 December 2022	Rowington Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.22pm.

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

## Report from County Councillor J Cooke

### Just a few days left to apply to the WCC Councillors' Grant Fund

#### **There is still time for community and voluntary organisations to apply for funding from the Warwickshire County Council Councillors' Grant Fund round two.**

There is still time for community and voluntary organisations to apply for funding from the Warwickshire County Council Councillors' Grant Fund round two.

All applications should aim to build community capacity and improve the health and wellbeing of people living in Warwickshire in both urban and rural areas.

The previous rounds of grant funding have supported a range of community groups across Warwickshire. Among them, HEaRT Community Group which was formed from two existing community groups - Friends of East Rugby Group and Abbots Farm Community Group, received grant funding twice in the last two years. For info:- email Alistair Rigby at [alistairrigby@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:alistairrigby@warwickshire.gov.uk)

### Over three tonnes of carbon saved during Cycle September 2022

#### **Cyclists across Warwickshire saved over 3,000kg of carbon this September when they got on their bikes and chose active travel for work and leisure.**

Warwickshire County Council recently joined the Love to Ride family of partner organisations, giving residents, businesses and community groups access to the best rewards and resources that encourage cycling for travel, not just leisure.

Cycle September is Love to Ride's global bike-riding event, bringing together riders of every level to promote the benefits of bicycles. The campaign is a great opportunity for communities, businesses and individuals to engage in a fun challenge that will help them meet their health, wellness, and sustainability goals.

Throughout the month of September, the following was recorded on the Love to Ride Platform:

- 442 cyclists took part across 35 Warwickshire-based workplaces;
- Cyclists taking part recorded 60,002 miles across 4662 individual trips; and
- Collectively saved 3293 (3.3 tonnes) of Carbon compared to the same journeys being taken by car.

### Green shoots of sustainability set to grow across Warwickshire

#### **It's great news for Warwickshire's environment and sustainability as the second round of Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund receives an unprecedented number of applications.**

The Warwickshire County Council Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund was established in 2021 and aims to support community and voluntary projects that increase the adaptability and resilience of Warwickshire to the effects of climate change, reduce impacts on the environment and support thriving and sustainable community action.

In the first round of funding, the Council was able to support 69 projects, leaving £322k from the original £1m fund, which the Council plans to distribute in the second round of funding.

The application period for the second round of funding to the scheme closed on Monday 3 October with Warwickshire County Council having received a total of 104 applications worth a potential total of £1.7 Million. The applications cover a huge array of climate change adaptation and mitigation projects including biodiversity, energy improvements, waste and property management.

### County Council approves funding for new Primary School in Warwick District

#### **Warwickshire County Council has approved funding of £13.4 million for the delivery of a new primary school at Myton Gardens, Warwick.**

The new school – likely to open in September 2024 - will meet the need for school places as a result of the large-scale 4,500 home housing development in the area.

Myton Gardens School is expected to provide a Two form entry primary school providing a further 420 school places in the South Leamington and Warwick area as well as an additional 32 Early Years (0-4years) places and 8-14 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) places. It will have capacity to expand to three form entry, potentially 630 pupils.

The school will also have vehicular access and car parking configured to enable the potential expansion of the neighbouring Evergreen Special School.

Myton Gardens School is the third of four new schools in the area. The first, Heathcote Primary, opened in September 2017. The second primary provision is to be the all-through provision at Oakley School which is due to open in September 2024.

The fourth is proposed as part of the Asps housing development and the expected opening date is still to be determined.

### Warwickshire Communities working to reduce loneliness in Warwickshire

#### **Community groups and individuals who received funding for projects to reduce social isolation and loneliness are succeeding in reaching out to people and bringing them together.**

Around 40,000 people in Warwickshire are currently living with chronic loneliness. Recent issues such as the Covid-19 pandemic and, more recently, the cost-of-living crisis, have disrupted many people's ability to engage in their usual coping mechanisms and to access support systems – making them feel more isolated from friends and family.

Earlier in the year, Warwickshire County Council awarded a total of £47,000 to 58 groups and individuals for projects which aimed to reduce loneliness and social isolation throughout the county. Now, just a few months in, these initiatives have already made a noticeable impact to the communities they are supporting.

One organisation, The Open Door Café in Hampton Magna, is using the funding to provide afternoon tea and entertainment for village residents. They noted in their application that older residents are still wary about getting together and it was hoped this will encourage them to come enjoy an afternoon tea, have a sing-along and play games such cards and dominos. Since then, they have hosted four afternoon teas.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service urges people to 'Stay Fire Safe' this winter

**Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to take steps to prevent accidental fires and carbon monoxide poisoning as they look to keep warm and cut energy use this winter.**

The call comes following concerns from the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) that the cost of living rise will mean people turn to alternative ways of heating and lighting their homes.

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue is supporting NFCC's Stay Fire Safe campaign to provide advice to help reduce the fire risks in the home.

As part of the campaign WFRS is encouraging people to complete an online home fire safety check for themselves or their loved ones. By answering a few simple questions, it will provide fire safety advice specific to you and tips on how to keep you and your household safe from fire - [www.ohfsc.co.uk](http://www.ohfsc.co.uk).

For those most at risk of fire we can visit the home to provide help and advice.

It's crucial people ensure they have working smoke alarms – at least one on each level of the home. Where you have a heating appliance that doesn't run off electricity, we recommend installing a carbon monoxide alarm – it's the only way to detect this harmful, colourless, odourless gas which can be fatal. Check alarms are working by pushing the test button at least once a month.

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to join webinars to support them with their year 7 secondary school place application

**Parents and carers of Year 6 children will need to apply for their child's secondary school place by Monday 31 October.**

To help them to do this, Warwickshire County Council is holding two webinars to give parents and carers an opportunity to understand more about how to choose the right school for their child and how to submit a successful application.

The first webinar, called Applying for Secondary School in Warwickshire: Helping you apply, will take place on Tuesday 18 October at 7pm. Parents and carers will hear from the education team who manage the applications process, who will share advice and guidance as well as answer any questions. Places should be booked online at: <https://bit.ly/3V1GTpZ>

The second webinar is for those parents and carers of children who sat the 11+ test earlier this year and who are hoping to apply for one of Warwickshire's grammar schools. The event, taking place on Thursday 20 October at 7pm, will help them to understand how to interpret their child's test results and how to use them to make informed choices on which secondary schools to include on their application. Places should be booked online at: <https://bit.ly/3VdF35J>

Both webinars will be recorded for those people unable to attend. More information on how to apply for a Year 7 secondary school place is available at: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place>

Warwickshire County Council commits to cost of living support

**Warwickshire County Council has confirmed its commitment to ensuring that residents have access to the support and assistance they need to help with the steep costs of living.**

As the costs of necessities such as food and heating continue to increase, many people are struggling to keep up with their rising household costs. In response, Warwickshire County Council will be considering a range of options to supplement the help already available.

Measures put forward at full council on 29 September will be considered by Cabinet this month and include extending the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme which provides support for the most vulnerable residents, convening a Warwickshire Cost of Living Summit, and creating an online "Cost of Living Hub" to offer practical and financial advice. The County Council will also be joining up with partners, including District and Borough Councils and local voluntary and community groups, to better understand individual needs and offer the right support at the right time.

Existing support, such as help with paying energy bills and childcare costs, can be found on the [Warwickshire Cost of Living webpages](#).