

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM**

Present

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

122. Apologies

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

123. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

124. Minutes of the Meetings held on 10 & 22 November 2022

It was proposed by Councillor A Marsden and seconded by Councillor T Remment that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor A Pitt and seconded by Councillor T Parker that the minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 22 November 2022, having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

125. Questions from Members of the Public

No matters were raised.

126. Report from District Councillors

Councillor Illingworth reported that a 'Cost of Living' leaflet had now been produced by the District Council and encouraged members to respond to the Local Plan Consultation Survey which would soon be available.

127. 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.

128. Planning Matters

a) The following planning matters were reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Decision	WDC Decision
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	
W22/0367	Clinton House, Old Warwick Road, Rowington Proposed erection of single storey dwelling.	20/05/22	Support	Refused
W22/1165	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to rear and erection of ground and first floor rear extensions and addition of a balcony	24/10/22	No representation	Withdrawn
22/1534	Ketsoc Lawns, Nunhold Road, Pinley Green, Demolition of 1980's side extension to return dwelling to original footprint - Addition of a first floor to the original footprint, currently a bungalow - Simplification of mixed roof design to pitched roof with 2 gable ends	11/11/22	No representation	

W22/1561LB & 1560	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	27/10/22	No representation	
22/1594	Ribbons, Rowington Green, Rowington Erection of detached 1.5 storey 'Granny Annex'	11/11/22	No representation	Refused
22/1666	Land Adjacent to Kingswood Farm, Old Warwick Road Erection of one detached dwelling and garage together with associated parking and landscaping (re-submission of W/20/0388)	14/11/22	No objection	

b) The following planning applications were considered and decided:

W22/1727 – Ednam Meadow, The Cumsey, Pinley Green

Replacement of two storey dwelling along with the removal of an existing container from the application site (Resubmission of W/22/0161)

The Parish Council objected to the previous application. This was turned down by the LPA on the basis that the application is within the green belt, and it was considered the application was inappropriate development and not enough information provided to demonstrate there was no net biodiversity loss as a result of the proposed development. Furthermore, the application site falls within open countryside and the proposed dwelling would be materially larger than the existing and would have a greater impact on the character and openness of the rural area than the existing property, by virtue of its increased bulk, mass and design.

It was unanimously agreed to raise an objection to this application.

W22/1788 - Stables, High Paddock, Back Lane, Rowington - Conversion of existing rural building to form a dwellinghouse following removal of existing static dwelling and stable units
Members made no representation to the application.

129. Playing Field

a) Outstanding Reports – Councillor D Weir – 16 October 2022

b) Future Inspection Dates – Councillor T Parker 11 December & Councillor A Pitt 26 December

c) Inspection Dates 2023 – The Clerk had circulated the schedule for the Play Area Inspection dates for 2023.

d) Play Area Project/CIL

Members noted that, following the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 22 November, the quotation from Kompan was favoured by Members due to the type of equipment, consideration of ground works, quality of products, time scale of works and terms of business. Kompan had indicated that works could proceed, subject weather and ground conditions, within twelve weeks from order.

The proposed works included removal of some old play equipment, installation of new play equipment for both infants and juniors, a fence on the perimeter of the play area, new turf where required, a bench, surface grass matting, all weather path, and cable way (zipwire).

It was agreed that the Clerk would keep Members updated with regards to the project. It was also agreed that the 2023 inspection dates should remain as agreed, except for when the play area was closed due to works.

130. Reports from Village Halls

Lowsonford Village Hall

Councillor J Coles reported that bookings were increasing and that social events were being planned for 2023.

Rowington Village Hall

Councillor D Weir reported that the Mistletoe Ball, organised by Shirley Lowe and the Social Committee, held on Saturday 3 December had been a huge success.

131. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

Canal Bridge 41 at Lowsonford

Deferred to the next meeting.

Overgrown Vegetation on Old Warwick Road, Rowington & Broken Footways

The County Council had replied and acknowledged the works and would address the matters in due course.

132. Meetings & Training Days Attended & Forthcoming

The Clerk encouraged members to take up training sessions offered by WALC.

133. Allotment Licence & Tennis Club Licence

The Chairman enquired with regards to the Tennis Club and the Allotments due to the lack of licences to be looked at and rectified.

It was resolved that these matters be deferred to the next Council Meeting.

134. Correspondence

WALC Newsletters

WALC - Local Climate Engagement Programme in South Warwickshire Survey – completed by the Clerk.

135. Finance

a) Paid during the month:

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary (Includes back pay as agreed at the last meeting)	£1097.37
HMRC	£423.83
Mr P Ashwin – Painting of Telephone Kiosks	£225.00

c) Received:

None

Agreed Unanimously.

d) To consider a request for funding

The Parochial Church Council requested a financial grant of £900 towards the upkeep of public footpaths at St Luke’s Church, Lowsonford (£150.00) and St Laurence Church, Rowington (£750.00) to keep the footpaths in good order.

The Clerk had sought advice from WALC who had confirmed that funding for churches was not allowed and therefore the request was declined.

136. Budget 2023/2024

The Clerk had circulated a draft Budget for 2023/2024 which was considered by members. It was agreed to set aside £500 for Street Furniture and £500 for Community Events.

Agreed unanimously.

137. Precept 2023/2024

Having considered the 2023/2024 Budget, it was agreed unanimously to increase the Precept request to £21,430.00 for the financial year 2023/2024.

138. Parish Events

Rowington Village Hall – Sunday 22 January at 12.30pm – The Pudding Club

139. Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 12 January 2023	Rowington Village Hall
Thursday 9 February 2023	Lowsonford Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

The Chairman invited all those present to join her for light refreshments.

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

Report from County Councillor J Cooke

A46 Stoneleigh Junction Closure: January 2023

To minimise disruption during the Christmas period, Warwickshire County Council has taken the decision to delay the move of the Stoneleigh Junction bridge deck until the new year.

To allow this move to take place, closures will be in place along the A46 between 17 January and 22 January. Further details on closure extents and timings will be provided closer to the move. On the stated days, diversion routes will be well-signposted throughout.

The overall aim of the Stoneleigh Junction scheme is to reduce the regular delays and queueing traffic, improve road safety for all users and ensure the junction has the capacity that will be required to meet future growth in the sub-region.

The Stoneleigh Junction Scheme is being funded by W.C.C. The Department for Transport, the West Midlands Combined Authority with developer contributions from the University of Warwick and Whitley South Works through the Coventry & Warwickshire Development Partnership.

Public spaces offer a warm welcome this winter

Health guidelines recommend that people heat the rooms they are using to 18°C to avoid health complications such as heart problems, hypothermia, or exacerbation of existing medical conditions. However, with the rising costs of energy bills and other household expenses, many people are finding it harder to heat their homes sufficiently.

Warm Welcome locations have been established in various facilities across the county for those who are struggling with energy costs or who are feeling vulnerable or isolated. Residents are invited to attend on their own or with their family or friends, to have a safe and warm place to spend some time.

Participating venues include:

- [Warwickshire libraries](#) – open throughout the week, with coffee mornings, “crafternoon” tea and other events taking place
- [Market Hall Museum](#) in Warwick – additional events and opening hours
- [Warwickshire County Record Office](#) – additional opening hours to access online family history resources, expertise and refreshments
- Warwickshire County Council's [mobile library service](#) – makes 250 stops across the county
- Up to 80 community-led warm hubs through the [Warwickshire Rural Community Council Winter Warm Hubs Project](#)
- Warm hubs in wholtime fire stations through Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Additional hubs set up by district and borough council partners.
- There is a dedicated page on the Cost of Living website for [Warm Welcome locations](#).

UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep

The latest data from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) shows that scarlet fever cases continue to remain higher than we would typically see at this time of year.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Staying warm and active during the winter months

Keeping active during the winter months can feel like an uphill struggle. Wintry conditions and reduced daylight hours can lead to people being less active during this time.

Being physically active can help to improve health and wellbeing, even 10 minutes a day of physical activity can boost your mood. Adults should aim to be active for at least 2.5 hours a week and being active in bouts of 10 minutes or more is a great way to start. Whether you’re looking to include more exercise at home or outdoors, there are plenty of ways to include more activity in your daily routine on the [Keeping Active webpage](#).

If you’re unable to go out for a walk, have mobility issues or simply want to do something inside your home, there are specific seated exercises to be found by going to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/healthy-ageing. The website is a great resource for all levels of fitness and the exercises allow you to go at your own pace and you can even rewind and pause the videos, should you need to.

While exercise can warm you up, continuing to stay warm is also important through the colder months. There are a number of services with advice about keeping yourself and your home heated this winter, visit the [Keeping Warm webpage](#) for more information.

Keeping Warwickshire’s young people in education, employment or training

A recent publication from the Department for Education (DfE) has shown that, once again, Warwickshire is one of the most successful Counties in the country for ensuring its 16 and 17 year old residents are either in education, employment or training. All local authorities are required to collect and report information on a young person's post-16 activity, so that the government can publish a national reports and an overall scorecard.

Warwickshire's numbers of young people either not in education, employment or training (NEETs) are currently standing at less than both the regional (West Midlands) and national averages.

This year, Warwickshire has 1.7% of 16 and 17 year olds in a NEET situation (down from 2% in 2021) and 1.7% whose activities were not known (down from 2% in 2021). This gives a combined score of 3.4% (down from 3.8% in 2021) which compares to the West Midlands average of 5% and the England average of 4.7%.

More information about Warwickshire's support for NEET children in Warwickshire can be found online: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/neet>

Law students put school exclusions in the spotlight

When a school decides to exclude a child, it can be a very challenging and uncertain time, not only for the child or young person, but also for their parents and carers.

To help support families through the process, Warwickshire County Council have been working in partnership with The University of Warwick, Bailey Wright and Co Solicitors and Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice to create a resource families can use to better understand the law and their rights.

Working together with students volunteering with Warwick Law in the Community (LinC), an independent legal information resource in the form of a video has been created to help parents, guardians and carers to understand what school exclusions are, how to prevent them through early intervention and what to expect.

This fantastic new resource will be officially launched Yesterday Monday 5th December at the University of Warwick.

Welcome to Warwickshire Heritage Learning

The Heritage and Culture Warwickshire education team are excited to launch their new and redeveloped workshops, classrooms spaces at St John's House, and loan boxes along with the launch of a new name - Warwickshire Heritage Learning.

Schools can experience a brand-new way of learning with a range of immersive and creative workshops that will inspire students and bring the past to life. The subscription loan box service combines real museum objects and virtual learning workshops, making classrooms part of Warwickshire Museum, with the children as the curators of the museum.

Along with the new drama-based workshops, schools will enjoy their school trips in new look spaces at St John's House, Warwick. The first floor has been redeveloped into fantastic learning spaces, with digital resources, along with two dedicated lunch rooms.

For more information on the Warwickshire Heritage Learning visit <https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritagelearning>