

**ROWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING
HELD AT ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM**

Present

Councillor A Coleman (Chairman)
Councillor I Henderson
Councillor A Marsden (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor D Weir
Parish Clerk – Nicola Everall
8 members of the public

159. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Parish Councillors L Firth & J Coles and District Councillor R Hales. (No apology or response received from Councillor T Remment for six meetings).

160. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

161. Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 February 2025

It was proposed by Councillor I Henderson and seconded by Councillor D Weir, that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2025 having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

162. Questions from Members of the Public

No matters were raised.

163. Planning Matters

a) The following planning matters were reported.

Application Number	Application Details	Comments required by	PC Decision	WDC Decision
W24/1725	The Homestead, Case Lane, Shrewley Erection of a two storey rear extension	19/02/25	No objection subject to verification that this is within the 30% increase limits	

b) Planning Applications

None for consideration.

c) South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options Consultation – Call for Sites

i) The SWLP Consultation went live on 10 January and is open until 7 March 2025 and following the decision at the last meeting to consider the employment of a Planning Consultant to provide a comprehensive response to the plan on behalf of the Parish Council, the Clerk had contacted six companies.

Of those companies, three had not replied and two had declined the offer to quote.

The Clerk had previously circulated full details of a proposal from RCA Regeneration at a cost of £2400 plus VAT.

Following a majority vote it was RESOLVED to employ the services of RCS Regeneration.

Councillors A Marsden and I Henderson thanked the Clerk for her work and commitment in relation to this matter.

ii) Members had submitted their comments to the Clerk regarding the SWLP which will be sent to RCA Regeneration for inclusion.

iii) A Public Meeting was to be hosted by Warwick District Councillor Richard Hales on Saturday 1 March at 2pm at Rowington Village Hall.

d) Land on Back Lane

Councillor I Henderson reported that a WDC Planning Inspectorate Hearing was to be held on 15 April 2025 at The Honiley Court Hotel.

e) Appeals

Appeal Ref: APP/T3725/W/24/3352462 Chenac, Nunhold Road, Pinley Green - Appeal Dismissed

164. Playing Field

- a) Outstanding Reports - None
- b) Future Inspection Dates – Councillor J Coles – 23 February 2025
- c) Broken Traffic Mirror opposite car park

The Clerk was authorised to purchase a new mirror and organise its installation

- d) Encroachment of bamboo growth. The Clerk reported that there was an area of bamboo that needed urgent attention and she would discuss this with the new contractor at a site meeting due to be held on 5 March 2025.

165. Reports from Lawsonford & Rowington Village Halls

Councillor D Weir reported that maintenance work continued as required at Rowington Village Hall and that a recent cleaning issue had now been resolved which would include flexible cover at weekends.

166. Highways, Footpaths & Transport

A broken Grit Bin at Preston Lane, Lawsonford required replacement and Councillor D Weir suggested that the Clerk asks WCC to replace this and the Parish Council would re-imburse the cost.

The Clerk reported that there were a number of blocked drains on Old Warwick Road, which she had reported to the Highways Team. The Clerk had also reported the poor state of the footway on Old Warwick Road.

167. Meetings & Training Days Attended & Forthcoming

The Clerk encouraged members to attend the valuable training sessions that were provided by WALC.

168. Correspondence

WALC Newsletters

169. Finance

a) Paid during the month

None

b) To be paid:

Clerks Salary	£1014.67
HMRC	£109.31
The Parish Notice Board Company	£3924.00
MI Business Services Website Hosting	£170.00

c) Received:

Bank Interest on CIL Account	£27.79
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170. Community Infrastructure Levy Funds (CIL)

a) Village Gateway Signage

The Clerk circulated the proposed signage design for the two village gateway signage and was pleased to report that County Councillor J Cooke would fund these from his delegated budget.

b) Parish Notice Boards

The Clerk reported that these had now been delivered and are awaiting installation.

171. Tennis Club Licence

The Chairman had circulated a draft response on behalf of the Parish Council following the letter received from the Tennis Club in November 2024.

Members agreed to the letter following an addition to the final paragraph and agreed that the Chairman should seek advice from the Warwickshire Rural Community Council.

172. Email Addresses

The Clerk encouraged members to set up their new .gov email address for those that had not yet done so.

173. Items for the Next Agenda

Drainage on Playing Field

Co-option of new Parish Councillors

174. Next Meeting Dates

Thursday 13 March 2025

Thursday 10 April 2025

Rowington Village Hall

Lowsonford Village Hall

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