

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2011**

Present: P.Cllr. G Cooper
P.Cllr.P Lickorish
P.Cllr. C Bevins
P.Cllr. Mrs. D Swain
P.Cllr. R Browett
P.Cllr. Mrs. A Jarvis
Cllr. Mrs J Compton
Cllr. L Caborn
The Clerk
Four members of the public

118 Apologies

Apologies received from P.Cllr. Mrs Clarke away on holiday.

119 Changes to Published Agenda

Additions due to time limits under Minute 124. Planning considered by WDC; Minute 124 Planning to be considered by RPC; Minute 126 Localities Forum; Minute 128 Highways; Minute 131. Correspondence; Minute 131 Circulation File; Minute 132 Finance paid during the month; Minute 132 Finance to be paid; Minute 132 Finance received.

120 Declarations of Interest

None

121 Minutes of Meeting held on 09 December 2010

Resolved that the minutes of 09 December 2010 were accepted as a true record (CB/RB).

122 Questions / Observations from members of the public (limited to 15 minutes)

Mr. Michael Trigg reported on behalf of Lawsonford Conservation Society and confirmed that following the formal complaint lodged with WDC, the matter had now been referred to the Local Government Ombudsman for investigation. Communication continued with the appointed LGO Inspector. The Annual General Meeting of Lawsonford Conservation Society would be held on Wednesday 9th March 2011 at Lawsonford Village Hall when officers of LCS would be elected. Further confirmed that no date had yet been set for WDC Planning Committee consideration of the marina application but that the Lapworth marina application was scheduled to be heard by WDC planning committee on 16th March.

Mr. Adam Marsden from Roselands Cottage reported that following refusal of his planning application by WDC a planning appeal had now been lodged by Stansgate. Mr. Marsden thanked the PC for their support to date and hoped that they feel able to send a further letter of support to the Planning Inspectorate. Mr. Marsden also requested support from Cllr. Caborn.

Ms Susan Miles and Mr. Bass residents from Shrewley Parish reported on the proposal by Greenfingers for the construction of a large scale cash and carry type horticultural business on green belt agricultural land along Five Ways Road. Although the proposed planning application had not yet been lodged with WDC it was felt that RPC should be aware of this proposal and the objections of the adjacent parish in terms of loss of green belt, the effect on the open countryside, drainage, highway safety, visual impact, increase in traffic etc on a development which could potentially cover some four acres. Ms Miles handed out some literature to Councillors providing further detail and thanked the PC for their time.

123 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Caborn gave the following report:

- WDC budget approved by the Executive with the proposal for no council tax increase for two years.
- Complete review of back office functions ongoing with methods of working being examined.
- With more home working and computer linked working the necessity for occupation of the whole of Riverside House is under review with consideration being given to a possible move to smaller premises.
- The Rural Initiatives Scheme will continue for the next four years with a similar scheme also starting up for urban areas.
- Matters will not be easy for the next few years but WDC will continue to try and keep services running and things are sounding a little more positive than previously thought.

Cllr. Mrs. Compton gave the following report:

- News from WCC not good with large budget cuts, reduction in the provision of services due to reductions in government grants. WCC trying hard to protect services to people – elderly, young, children’s services etc but it was inevitable that many areas would suffer. “Facing the Challenge” newsletter available to read on the WCC website.
- WCC under a programme of re-structuring with salary cuts, redundancies and early retirement in an effort to make WCC as efficient as possible.
- On a more positive note a proposal had been put forward by WAC that a 50mph speed limit should be introduced on the C25.

124 Planning Matters

124.a Considered by WDC:

Oaktree Wharf, Lapworth Street, Lowsonford. - Change of Use of Land for siting of permanent residential mobile home (Retrospective). **REFUSED**

Lot 13 Oldfield Farm, Quarry Lane – Erection of stable yard, surfaced access and stable yard/parking area. **GRANTED**

Meadow Cottage, Lapworth Street, Lowsonford – Construction of matching dormer window to front elevation of garage roof. Enlargement of rear dormer window to provide access to a balcony constructed within existing eaves. **GRANTED**

Lot 13 Oldfield Farm, Quarry Lane – Erection of stable yard – 3 boxes, 2 foaling boxes, tack room and 1 hay/feed/rug room. Construction of surfaced access and stable yard / parking area. **GRANTED**

The Gate House, Shrewley – Erection of 4 bay garage block with storage room above. **GRANTED**

Rowington Village Hall – Erection of single storey storage building. **GRANTED**

Crossways, Rowington Green – Erection of replacement garage building to include play room with home office/study over, to be linked to existing pool room. **GRANTED**

The Gate House, Shrewley – Erection of boundary wall and two gates. **REFUSED**

Lower Rookery, Rookery Lane – LDC for detached swimming pool building. **REFUSED**. Planning Permission required.

124.b To be considered by RPC following recommendations of Planning Working Party held on 07 January 2011 (Present: Cllrs.Cooper, Browett, Bevins, Mrs Clarke and Clerk):

High Paddocks, Narrow Lane, Lowsonford – Construction of orangery to rear elevation. **No objections**

The Old Farm, Mousley End, Rowington + LB – Proposed two storey extension linking refurbished outbuildings (inc part demolition of existing) **Objections**. RPC object to this proposal in terms of over development of the site, proposals out of keeping with this listed building, scale and mass of the proposed buildings excessive, and Councillors question the overall percentage increase taking into account previous extensions.

Resolved unanimously that the recommendations of the Working Party referred to above be accepted (PL/AJ).

Planning to be considered:

The Lyons Farm House, Rowington Green – Erection of a two storey rear and first floor side extension. **No objections**

South Lawn, Old Warwick Road, Rowington – Construction of single storey orangery to rear. Construction of single storey timber garage. Construction of new pitched roofs over existing sections of existing outbuildings. **Comments**. Whilst Councillors raised no material objections, reservations regarding the height of the new accommodation building were expressed, together with comments that the proposal is not in keeping with the main dwelling in terms of design.

Grange Farm, Pinley – Demolition of single storey flat roofed garage and erection of two storey extension to the existing bungalow that is Grange Farm. **No objections**.

Planning Items deferred at WDC Planning Committee 27 April 2010 for further investigation by WDC Enforcement Team. (For Information)

Sandall House Farm, Narrow Lane, Lowsonford – Construction of horse exercise pen

Sandall House Farm, Narrow Lane, Lowsonford - Variation and deletion of conditions on planning permission W98/1384 (construction of exercise track) Condition 2 to read “the use of the exercise track shall be carried on only by the owners of Sandall House Farm and shall be restricted to horses permanently stabled at the premises”. Condition 3 to be deleted (the use of the track shall be for private purposes only and not related to any commercial activity” Condition 4 to read “the use of the exercise track for the purposes hereby permitted shall be restricted to the hours of 0800 to 1900 Monday to Saturday and at no time on Sundays”. **Correspondence under Minute 124.c**.

124.c Other Planning and/or enforcement matters:

Letter of formal complaint to WDC 19 January 2011. Complaint acknowledged by WDC but no response to date.

Roseland Cottage, Rowington Green – Notification from Mr Marsden that he will be appealing against refusal of p.p. by WDC. Request for letter of support from PC. See Minute 122 above. Resolved that Clerk would send further letter of objection to the Planning Inspectorate.

Grange Farm, Pinley Green. Variation of condition 5 of p.p. W02/1121. Planning Appeal

APP/T3725/A/11/2144307. Request by Cllrs. Mrs Clarke and Browett that RPC submit a further letter of objection to the Planning Inspectorate. Resolved that Clerk would send further letter confirming PC's objection to the Planning Inspectorate.

Eastfield Manor, Old Warwick Road – Planning Appeal APP/T3725/D/10/2140637. Appeal against refusal of application – erection of side extension to link house to garage. **Appeal Granted.**

Cumsey Lodge Stables. LDC Application. Concerns regarding progress and time constraints. Letter sent to WDC expressing concerns 17 February 2010. Second letter sent 17 March 2010 and 17 April 2010. Email received from Mr Gary Fisher WDC dated 16 June 2010. **Extensive communication/correspondence continued between WDC Enforcement and the applicant. No decision reached at date of meeting.**

Brookfurlong Farm, Lawsonford – ENF/150/18/10. Planning Contravention Notice to be issued.

Brookfurlong Farm, Lawsonford. Concerns regarding split of site and p.p. for new dwelling – Letter sent to WDC as above. Follow up letter sent as above 17 March 2010 and 17 April 2010. Email received from Mr Gary Fisher WDC dated 16 June 2010.

Brookfurlong Farm, Lawsonford – Queries received from residents regarding Show Jumping League to take place every weekend from 1st May until end October and on Wednesday evenings. Referred to WDC Enforcement Team for investigation of planning situation. Email received from Mr Gary Fisher WDC dated 16 June 2010.

124.a Considered by WDC:

St Margaret's, Holywell Lane – Replacement of existing conservatory. **GRANTED**

125 Parish Plan

125.a Update to include :

- Playing Field access – **Cllr. Browett**. Cllr. Browett reported it appeared that the contractor has misunderstood/misinterpreted the specification of works provided which had resulted in an overspend. Resolved that the PC would contribute £275 towards the extra costs but that the contractor should absorb the remainder of the overspend. Cllr., Browett to investigate the provision of a convex mirror at the site and obtain quotes for signboard.
- Bus shelter at West of St Laurence. **Cllr. Lickorish**. Cllr. Lickorish to speak to Mr. Peter Hallam WCC re positioning of the proposed shelter. Cllr. Mrs. Compton advised the PC that proposals for reduction of the bus service in rural areas had been discussed. Agreed that the PC would write to Mr. G Fitton WCC Head of Service to object strongly to any reduction in the current bus service.

126 Localities Forum

126.a Warwick Rural West Community Forum – Meeting 27 January 2011. Committee Room 2 Shire Hall, Warwick at 7.30pm (**Cllr. Lickorish / Cllr. Bevins**). Cllr. Bevins provided notes of the meeting which were placed in the

Circulation file.

Next Meeting Monday 28 February 2011 – Committee Room 2, Shire Hall, Warwick (Cllr. Bevins / Cllr.

Lickorish).

127 Rowington and Lawsonford Village Halls

127.a Report if any (**Cllr. Cooper**) **Rowington Village Hall** - Planning Permission now granted for new storage building, roof works now completed, booking looking good and a good deal agreed with the electricity supplier which should save an estimated £500 per annum. Copy of accounts in circulation file.

127.b Annual Licence for Tennis Club occupation of village hall land – signed copy received by Clerk.

128 Highways, Footpaths and Transport

128.a Matters reported and arising

- Grit bins delivered to Clerk. Locations agreed at Pinley, Holywell, Finwood and Mousley End.
- 50mph speed restriction proposed for C25 Shrewley – Claverdon. See Minute 123 above. Clerk to inform Mr. R Hull.
- Complaints received regarding parking outside 1 Giffard Terrace, Lawsonford close to the junction with Mill Lane. Clerk to report to SNT and Cllr. Bevins to report at Localities Forum meeting.

129 Playing Field

129.a. Playing Field Inspection Reports (**Mr R Morton / Cllr.Lickorish / Cllr. Mrs Jarvis**). Clerk confirmed that the problems experienced with motorbikes on the playing field had been registered with the Police under crime reference number 166. Moss on area under swings requires attention – refer to Mr Richard Morton for suggestions on cleaning.

129.b Request received from Mr Jack Reedy to allow overflow parking on playing field on the day of the Royal Wedding 29 April 2011. Agreed that this would not be sensible due to the limited access for vehicles and the likelihood that the field would still be wet at this time of year.

130 Meetings/Training Days attended/forthcoming

130.a 24 Dec 2010 NALC Employment briefing. Additional National Holiday 29 April 2011. For information.

130.b 05 Mar 2011 WALC One Day Briefing Seminar “At the Hearth of the Community” Myton School, Warwick. Cllrs. Cooper and Lickorish expressed interest. Details already sent by email to all Councillors.

130.c 06 Mar 2011 Chairman’s County Civic Service. The Chairman of WCC Cllr.Mrs Jose Compton and her Consort Mr. Mervyn Compton. St. Mary’s Church, Warwick at 2.00pm followed by refreshments in Shire Hall. Cllr. Mrs. Compton distributed additional invitation papers to Councillors at the meeting.

130.c 06 Apr 2011 WALC Parish and Town Council Induction Day. 10.00am to 4.00pm Leek Wootton Village Hall.

131 Correspondence

131.a Jan 2011 WALC Nominations for attendance at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 19 July 2011. Resolved that Cllr. Cooper be nominated.

131.b 19 Jan 2011 WDC Rural Play Area Improvement Initiative 2011. Resolved that Cllr. Cooper would make a provisional application and further discussions could take place if the application was successful. Clerk reminded Councillors that at the present time no funding had been allocated in the budget for further playing field equipment

131.c 25 Jan 2011 Letter from Ms. Ostins relating to planning application Arden Cottage, Old Warwick Road, Rowington. Deferred until application received.

131.d Circulation Envelope:
List of Parish Council Meetings 2011; WDC Council Meeting 19 Jan 2011 Agenda; The Royal British Legion information on “Poppy Parties”; WALC Newsletter ADH92 January 2011; NALC Parliamentary briefing – Localism Bill; Warwickshire Rural Housing Association Annual Report 2009-2010; WDC Planning Committee Agenda 05 January 2011; CAVA Connect Newsletter December 2010; Clerks & Councils Direct Jan 2011; Copy of Playing Field Rota for 2011; WCC Facing the Challenge Issue 3 Feb 2011; NALC advisory note – Taking on and Providing Local Services; Warwick Rural West Community Forum “Behind the Scenes” 27 January 2011; NALC Employment Briefing – The Abolition of the Default Retirement Age; Copy of Notes on Community Forum Meeting .

132 Finance

132.a. Paid during the month:

Lowsonford Village Hall – Hall Hire	60.00
Mr. Ian Wilson – Internal Audit Fee	100.00
Clerk – Salary & Allowance	629.66
Mr. R Morton – Playing Field	80.00

132.b To be paid:

Clerk – salary and allowance	629.66	
Photocopying and Postage		c/f
Excelsior Limited (Grit Bins)		552.00
Heart of England Way. Annual Subs		7.00
Donation to Rowington Village Hall (Broadband connection)	491.84	

132. c Received:

Bank of Ireland Interest Jan 2011	0.01
Allotments Rent	185.51

Resolved that the above items of finance be approved (CB/AJ)

132. d Items for Consideration / Information.

None

133. Items for Future Agendas/Information

Agreed that due to absence of Chairman during April the date for the APM meeting should be 14th April 2011 and the PC meeting should be bought forward to the 07 April 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Next Meeting Thursday 10 March 2011 at Rowington Village Hall