

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 09 JUNE 2011**

Present P.Cllr. Mrs. N Clarke
P.Cllr P Lickorish
P.Cllr. G Cooper
P.Cllr R Browett
P.Cllr. C Bevins
P.Cllr. Mrs. D Swain
P.Cllr. Mrs. D Weir
C.Cllr.Mrs Compton
The Clerk
Four members of the public

21 Apologies

Apologies received and accepted from D.Cllr. Caborn and P.Cllr. Mrs A Jarvis both absent due to holidays.

22 Changes to Published Agenda

Additions made due to time constraints under: Minute 27 Planning Considered by WDC – The Holt, Lowsonford Minute 34 Correspondence – WDC Appointment of Parish and Town Council Representatives and reminder re Financial Register Forms.

23 Declarations of Interest

None

24 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 May 2011

24.a Return of completed Declaration of Financial Interests by all Councillors.

24.b Resolved unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 May 2011 previously circulated to Councillors be accepted as a true record. (CB/PL)

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

One resident was present to enquire as to the lack of progress with regard to the Lawful Development Certificate application for Cumsey Lodge Stables and the fact that it was evident that people were again living in the building – lights on at night, satellite dish visible etc. Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Mr David Edmonds WDC and he had confirmed that his report was currently being considered by legal services. Clerk to continue to press for a decision on this longstanding issue and confirm that WDC were aware of the residential occupation of the property.

Another resident raised the issue of Cornerways, Mill Lane, Rowington and the lack of boundary demarcation between the domestic curtilage and the paddock land. The resident had made contact with WDC Planning Officers and Cllr. Caborn but the responses received to date had not been very helpful. Grass cutting of the paddock land continued and the concern was that over a period of time the paddock land would be incorporated into the residential curtilage with the subsequent potential for permitted development and/or lawful development applications. Resolved that the PC would write to WDC and ask why the conditions imposed upon the planning permission granted were not being adhered to i.e. erection of post and rail fence in accordance with the approved plans and the use applicable to the paddock land.

26 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Mrs. Compton gave the following report:

- Consultation on the Youth Service in Warwickshire had now ended and the report was due to go before Cabinet on 16th June.
- The rural bus service serving Rowington was to remain with services to Solihull, Leamington and Stratford to continue.
- Library Consultation had ended on the day of the meeting and one development was that Warwick Library would be moving into Shire Hall with reduced opening hours.
- The recent BBC Panorama programme on Care Homes had caused quite a stir but Cllr. Compton was able to confirm that Warwickshire had very strict safeguards in place to ensure that such situations as those highlighted in the television programme would not happen in this county.

27 Planning Matters

27.a Considered by WDC:

Arden Cottage, Old Warwick Road, Rowington – Erection of a two storey extension. **GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS**
The Holt, Lapworth Street, Lowsonford – Demolition of existing 3 garages and erection of detached garden room and triple garage. **REFUSED**

27. b To be considered by RPC

None at issue of agenda

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”

Corporate Complaint Number 1343. Stage 2 Response Report received and circulated to all Councillors for comment 23 May 2011. Meeting to be arranged between PC and WDC.

Clerk reported that an email from Mr Gary Fisher WDC had been received earlier in the day. Mr Fisher stated in the email that following receipt of the WDC external consultant’s report it was proposed that the two planning applications currently held in abeyance should be considered by WDC Planning Committee on 05 July and WDC wished to offer both the PC and Lowsonford Conservation Society the opportunity to make further representations by 30 June 2011. Resolved that the comments/response previously circulated to Councillors should be forwarded to WDC, Planning Committee Members, Local MP, CPRE and all original objectors to the 2 applications, to refute the comments of the WDC external consultant. Further evidence to be obtained by PC regarding use of site. Cllr. Caborn to be notified of Planning Committee date of 05 July and requested to attend.

27.c Other Planning and/or enforcement matters:

Cornerways, Rowington – Query from resident regarding use of paddock land at rear of property / communication with WDC. **See Minute 25 above.**

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 resident regarding lack of progress . **See Minute 25 above.**

Brookfurlong Farm, Lowsonford – ENF/150/18/10. Planning Contravention Notice to be issued. No update at issue of agenda.

Brookfurlong Farm, Lowsonford. 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, Lowsonford – 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. **For information. Email from Mr Gary Fisher WDC received on 09 June 2011 confirmed no further updates.**

28. Parish Plan

28.a Update from Cllr.Llickorish on bus shelter location / Email received from Cllr. Mrs Compton regarding agreed timetable for

Rowington bus service. Circulated to Councillors 17 May 2011. Cllr. Llickorish reported that he had established a prospective site and he would confirm details to enable Clerk to write to the property owners as a matter of courtesy, to advise them of the proposals. Clerk to request quotation for concrete base from Steve’s Industries and also contact Mr Peter Hallam WCC for advice on the base for the bus shelter.

Clerk to put note in Parish Magazine confirming that the bus service was to remain and that the new timetable would be available in July.

29 Localities Forum

29.a Warwick Rural West Community Forum Meeting Thursday 26 May Bishops Tachbrook (**Cllr. Lickorish / Cllr. Bevins**) Notes provided by Cllr. Bevins in Circulation File. Cllr. Bevins reported that the meeting had been interesting and productive with issues reported by Rowington PC such as motorbikes on the playing field – to be monitored by the police, speeding traffic on the B4439 to be further investigated by the police and WCC Highways with the possibility of consideration being given to a 30mph limit instead of 3 different speed limits as at present. Other issues discussed were anti social behaviour in Lapworth, speeding through Shrewley Common to be policed, the planning application at Five Ways Road, WDC Local Plan Consultation, Travellers Site at Beausale and the new Policing Model for Warwickshire. Cllr. Mrs Compton and Cllr. Caborn re-elected to Chair the Community Forum. Notes in Circulation File.

30 Rowington and Lawsonford Village Halls

30.a Report if any (**Cllr. Cooper**) **Report in Circulation File following AGM held earlier in the week.**

31 Highways, Footpaths and Transport

31.a Matters reported and arising

- Email from resident regarding M40 surface/EON Packs/Hedges. Agreed that Clerk should make contact with Eon once again to see if the packs circulated could be purchased by residents.

32 Playing Field

32.a. Playing Field Inspection Reports (**Mr R Morton / Cllr. Cooper / Cllr. Browett**) New rota circulated to all Councillors. Cllr. Mrs Clarke to accompany Cllr. Mrs Weir on her first inspection visit.

33 Meetings/Training Days attended/forthcoming

33.a 08 Oct 2011 WALC Training Day. Being a Good Councillor and Clerk Induction Day. Town Hall, Leamington Spa. Suggested that newly elected Councillors should attend.

33.b 10 July 2011 WDC The Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Felicity Bunker. Chairman's Civic Service. St Nicholas Parish Church, Kenilworth. 6.30pm. Cllr. Mrs Clarke hoped to attend and would respond to the invitation accordingly.

34 Correspondence

34.a 22 April 2011 CPRE Warwickshire Planning Group – Letter sent from RPC 21 May 2011 / Response received from CPRE 28 May 2011 stating that the matter had been forwarded to the CPRE Technical Secretary, asking him to respond as soon as possible.

34.b April 2011 Query from Rowington Allotments Association regarding insurance. Email response received from AON Insurance. Clerk to further investigate as email not conclusive.

34.c May 2011 The Partnership Landscapes Report for Consultation. Circulated to Councillors 16 May 2011. Rural Community Forum had asked for the consultation period to be further extended as the issues raised were numerous and complex. Resolved that PC make similar request on the basis that further information was necessary before an informed response could be made. Clerk to write to Mr. Nick Gower-Johnson WCC.

34.d 26 May 2011 Response from Mr. Dave Ward WDC regarding Council Housing Allocation. Copy of letter forwarded to resident who had written to the PC with his concerns. Copy in Circulation File.

13 e 27 May 2011 NALC Policy Consultation- Relaxation of Planning Rules for Change of Use from Commercial to Residential. Circulated to Councillors 02 June 2011. Resolved that Clerk should respond to NALC stating that whilst in essence the proposals appeared helpful, the PC does have concerns regarding the change of use of commercial sites in the Green Belt.

34.f May 2011 WDC Housing Survey. For information. Circulated to Councillors 23 May 2011 to confirm validity of survey being carried out by WDC, should residents enquire.

34.g 31 May 2011 Local Plan Consultation – Time Extension until 08 July 2011. Details circulated to Councillors 27 May 2011. Resolved that Clerk should respond, outlining PC view that Green Belt and the identity of villages should be preserved and protected, whilst allowing small scale development within villages. Questions to be asked regarding how new sites for development would be found and how large scale development on agricultural land would be prevented. The PC wished to stress the importance of being kept fully informed during the consultation process.

34.h June 2011 NALC Policy Consultation – Planning for Traveller Sites – Circulated to Councillors 02 June 2011.

34.i Circulation Envelope:

WDC Council Meeting 18 May 2011 Agenda; WALC Newsletter ADH/94; WCC Bring superfast broadband to Warwickshire Survey.

35 Finance

35.a. Paid during the month:

None

35.b To be paid:

Clerk – salary and allowance	673.36
Photocopying and Postage	c/f
EON Telephone Kiosk Lowsonford (Annual Electricity Charge)	15.17
WALC Annual Subscription	286.00

35.c Received:

Bank of Ireland Interest (May 2011)	0.89
WDC Precept First Installment.	11,243.00
WDC Rural Initiatives Grant (Playing Field Access)	750.00

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

35.d Items for Consideration / Information.

Application for co-opted Parish Councillor vacancy – Mrs P Lickorish. Cllr.P Lickorish left the meeting at this point and Councillors spoke to Mrs. Lickorish. Mrs. Lickorish then left the room and, following discussion, it was formally resolved that Mrs. Pat Lickorish would be co-opted as a Parish Councillor (CB/GC). Cllr. P Lickorish and Mrs. Lickorish returned to the room for the remainder of the meeting.

Bank of Ireland – Premier Reserve Account. Clerk to further investigate a suitable account in which to place the Clerk's Gratuity Fund to separate the monies from the general account and endeavour to obtain interest on the funds.

36. Items for Future Agendas/Information

None at issue of agenda

**Next Meeting:
Thursday 14 July 2011 at Rowington Village Hall**

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....