

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011**

Present: P.Cllr. G Cooper
P.Cllr.P Lickorish
P.Cllr. C Bevins
P.Cllr. Mrs. D Swain
P.Cllr. Mrs. N Clarke
P.Cllr. Mrs. A Jarvis
C.Cllr.Mrs Compton
D.Cllr.L Caborn
The Clerk
Two members of the public

Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. Browett away on holiday.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Lickorish took the Chair and invited nominations for the role of Chairman. Cllr. Mrs Jarvis proposed that Cllr. Mrs Clarke be elected as Chairman and the proposal was carried unanimously. Cllr. Mrs Clarke signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Lickorish was nominated for the role of Vice Chairman by Cllr. Mrs Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Cooper and it was resolved unanimously. Cllr. Lickorish signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 ELECTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mrs Diane Weir was welcomed as a newly elected Parish Councillor.

Mr Clive Bevins was co-opted as a Parish Councillor following the unanimous agreement of all Councillors.

4 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – ALL COUNCILLORS

All Councillors signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were handed a Registration of Financial and Other Interests to be completed and returned to the Clerk by no later than the next Parish Council meeting.

5 REPORT BY RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR YEAR 2010/2011

The Clerk and RFO reported that the accounts stood as reported and approved at the last PC meeting and that the Internal Auditor had completed his inspection of the accounts and reported that everything was in order. Two items mentioned by the Internal Auditor were an alteration to the balance figure at 31 March 2011 (typographical error) and consideration of the addition of the new Bus Shelter Seat (£275) to the Register of Assets – to be considered during completion of the Annual Return.

6 Changes to Published Agenda

Additions made to the agenda due to time constraints: Under Minute 11. Other Planning and/or enforcement matters – Email received from Mr Gary Fisher WDC providing update plus report on Sandall House Farm, Planning Application W11/0441 Greenfingers Nursery, Five Ways Road, Shrewley. Under Minute 15. Highways, Footpaths and Transport – Correspondence from Mr M Skinner regarding speeding traffic B4439 Old Warwick Road; Under Minute 18 Correspondence – Correspondence from Mr John Hale – re-nomination of Mr Brian Taylor as Trustee of The Jane Ryland Charity; Under Minute 19. Finance to be paid – Mr Richard Morton (Playing Field Inspection and Repairs) £160.00.

7 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Mrs Swain declared a personal interest in planning application W11/0471 The Holt, Lowsonford, the applicants being known to her.

8 Minutes of Meeting held on 07 April 2011

Resolved unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 07 April 2011 previously circulated to Councillors be accepted as a true record. (PL/CB)

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

Mrs Pat Lickorish and Mr Ernest Petrie confirmed that they were present to observe.

10 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr.Mrs Compton provided the following report:

- New WCC Highways five year contract agreed with Balfour Beatty, in partnership with Coventry City Council. All existing WCC Highways Officers to remain in post

- Library Consultation out until 09 June 2011. Warwick Library moving into Shire Hall and WCC staff currently in satellite offices would move into the existing library building to allow surplus buildings to be disposed of.
- Bus Service Review – still ongoing and Cllr Mrs Compton reiterated that if people were concerned they must make an effort to comment.
- Good news in that Hatton Station will have additional car parking at last and parking will remain free at this stage.

Congratulations were offered to Cllr. Caborn on his re-election as a District Councillor. Cllr. Caborn would continue as Deputy Leader of WDC. Cllr. Caborn provided the following report:-

- Excellent turnout of voters in the Rowington/Lapworth area of 51.1% and the Conservatives held an overall majority of WDC.
- Cllr. Caborn had given up his portfolio at WDC to allow a more roaming brief.
- Decisions to be made by WDC regarding buying council houses back again which although expensive initially, could improve finances in the long term for WDC.
- The Local Plan Consultation was progressing well and it was to be hoped that a public meeting would take place for Rowington/Lapworth to ask questions about the proposals.

11 Planning Matters

11.a Considered by WDC:

Quarry Farm, Rowington Green - Conversion of redundant agricultural building to B1 offices. **LB Consent Granted**

The Old Farm, Mousley End – Two storey extension linking refurbished outbuildings to dwelling (including part demolition of existing). **GRANTED**

Bracken House, Little Manor Farm, Pinley – Erection of two storey extension and detached garage with utility area. **REFUSED**

11.b To be considered by RPC

Land adjacent to 113 Shrewley Common – Erection of a Stable Block. **No objections**

The Cock Horse, Old Warwick Road – Change of use from Class A4 public House and residential flat to a single residential dwelling. **No objections**

The Holt, Lapworth Street – Detached Garden Room and Garage Building (to replace existing). Rowington Parish Council raises objections on the following grounds:

- The proposed development is almost double the size of the footprint of the existing buildings. The footprint of any proposed new building should not exceed the combined floor area of the existing garages/outbuildings. The proposed structure is far too large.
- The impact of the proposed development would be considerable, contrary to the comments contained within the Design & Access Statement accompanying this application. The proposed development is readily visible from the highway as can be seen in the photograph on the front page of the D & A Statement. The visual impact would be considerable within Lowsonford Conservation Area.
- Any replacement outbuilding/ancillary should remain as subsidiary to the main dwelling.
- It is appreciated that replacement of the existing rundown buildings would be an improvement, but any replacement should be on a much smaller scale than proposed.
- The PC would also request that the usual restrictions regarding use are applied to any permission granted for such an ancillary building i.e. that it cannot be used as an independent dwelling unit.

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” **No further update at issue of agenda.**

11.c Other Planning and/or enforcement matters:

Email received from Mr Gary Fisher WDC 12 May 2011. "Thank you for your email. Please do let me know about our proposed meeting following tonight's parish council meeting: Could I suggest that you also let me have some proposed dates.

There are no further updates on Oaktree Wharf; The Stables or Brookfurlong Farm however I will shortly be forwarding our external consultants report in relation to Sandall House Farm.

In order to prevent the need for you to have to keep requesting updates prior to Parish Council meetings, would you be able to let me have the dates of future known meetings in order that I can prepare those updates for you in advance"

Grange Farm, Pinley. Appeal 2144307 – Appeal allowed with new condition imposed

Roselands Cottage, Rowington Green. Appeal 2146241 – Appeal dismissed.

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.

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. **For information – no further update at issue of agenda. See above.**

12. Parish Plan

Update to include:

- New signs erected at playing field. Publicity material submitted to Parish Magazine and WALC (for information).
- Bus shelter at West of St Laurence. **Cllr. Lickorish.** Clerk to forward measurements of shelter to Cllr. Lickorish for further investigation of a suitable site.

13 Localities Forum

13.a Warwick Rural West Community Forum Meeting Thursday 26th May 2011 Bishops Tachbrook (**Cllr. Lickorish / Cllr. Bevins to attend**).

14 Rowington and Lawsonford Village Halls

14.a Report if any (**Cllr. Cooper**) Minutes of VHMC Meeting in Circulation File.

15 Highways, Footpaths and Transport

15.a Matters reported and arising

- Letter from WCC outlining Road Safety/Speeding Schemes. Copy in Circulation File.
- Email from Mr. Mark Skinner regarding speeding traffic outside Appletree Cottages. Comprehensive response sent to Mr. Skinner by WCC Mr. Chris Fossey. Copy in Circulation File.
- M40 motorway noise – Decision to be made by Councillors following discussions at last meeting. Resolved that Rowington PC should support Shrewley PC and letter to be sent to Mr. Jeremy Wright MP requesting additional screening/bunding to alleviate noise problems.
- Water lying outside Penwood, Lapworth Street again.
- Information received confirming that Wednesday night motorbike meetings to be discontinued at The Waterman Public House with effect from 08 June 2011.

16 Playing Field

16.a. Playing Field Inspection Reports (**Mr R Morton / Cllr. Lickorish / Cllr. Bevins**) .Sign at rear of playing field vandalised and torn down – Mr R Morton had repaired during his inspection visit..

17 Meetings/Training Days attended/forthcoming

17.a 14 Apr 2011 Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Rowington Village Hall. Guest Speaker Mr. Nick Gower-Johnson. Good meeting although smaller attendance than in previous years.

17.b 18 May 2011 WDC The Chairman-Elect, Councillor Mrs. Felicity Bunker. Annual Meeting of the Council. Town Hall, Leamington Spa at 6.30pm and afterwards at a reception in the Council Chamber.

18 Correspondence

18.a 22 April 2011 CPRE Warwickshire Planning Group - details and information regarding planning issues in Circulation File. Resolved that Clerk should provide CPRE with information on current planning/enforcement issues and request input from them.

- 18.b April 2011 Query from Rowington Allotments Association regarding insurance. Clerk had relayed question to AON and response awaited.
- 18.c 04 May 2011 WALC. Details of Inlands Waterways Consultation. In circulation file for comment.
- 18.d May 2011 Request from Mr. John Hale. The Jane Ryland Charity requesting re-nomination of Mr. Brian Taylor as Trustee at expiry of his current term of office in August 2011. Resolved unanimously that Mr. Taylor be re-nominated by the PC for a further term. (PL/AJ)
- 18.e Circulation Envelope:
Warwickshire Police – New Policing Model comes into force 09 May 2011; Card from Mr and Mrs A Marsden; CPRE Fieldwork Spring 2011; WDC Council Meeting 20 April 2011 Agenda.

19 Finance

19.a Paid during the month:

None

19.b To be paid:

Clerk – salary and allowance	717.06
Photocopying and Postage	c/f
Steve’s Industries Ltd (Playing Field Mowing)	148.20
Severn Trent Water (Allotments)	74.81
Alan Rose Signs & Graphics (Playing Field)	48.00
Alan Rose Signs & Graphics (Playing Field)	192.00
AON Insurance – Annual Premium	887.64
Mr R Morton Playing Field inspections & repairs	160.00

19. c Received:

Bank of Ireland Interest (April 2011)	1.05
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Resolved unanimously that the above items of finance be approved

19. d Items for Consideration / Information.

None at issue of agenda

20. Items for Future Agendas/Information

None at issue of agenda

Councillors thanked Cllr Cooper for his hard work during his period as Chairman.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**Next Meeting:
Thursday 09 June 2011 at Lowsonford Village Hall**