

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 10 JUNE 2010**

Present: P.Cllr. G Cooper
P.Cllr.P Lickorish
P.Cllr. R Browett
P.Cllr. Mrs. N Clarke
P.Cllr. Mrs. D Swain
P.Cllr. Bevins
C.Cllr.Mrs Compton
D.Cllr. Caborn
The Clerk

Rowington Parish Council extended congratulations to County Councillor Mrs. Jose Compton who had now commenced her year as Warwickshire County Council Chairman

19 APOLOGIES

None

20 CHANGES TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

Additions made due to time limit under Minute 25. Other Planning and/or Enforcement matters - Copy of letter from LCS as sent to WDC regarding formal complaint; Grange Farm, Pinley (Cllr. Mrs Clarke). Under Minute 30 Playing Field - Consideration of financial contribution by PC towards fence repair to access path West of St Laurence (Cllr. Cooper); Under Minute 32 Correspondence - Letter of application for Parish Councillor Vacancy received from Mrs. A Jarvis; Under Minute 32.c - Circulation Envelope WRCC Draft Rights of Way and Recreational Highway Strategy. Warwickshire's second rights of way improvement plan. Public Consultation 03 June - 27 August 2010.

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Browett declared a personal interest in planning item relating to 3 Chenac, Pinley, the applicants being known to him; Cllr. Caborn and Cllr. Bevins both declared a personal interest in planning item relating to Quarry Farm, Rowington

22 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2010

Resolved unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 May 2010 previously circulated to Councillors be accepted as a true record. (CB/NC)

23 QUESTIONS / OBSERVATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES)

None – no members of the public present

24 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Mrs Compton gave the following report:

- Cllr. Mrs Compton had spent the day at a ceremony held to award The Elizabeth Cross Medal to the Next of Kin of UK Armed Forces personnel who have died on operations or as a result of an act of terrorism in national recognition of their loss and sacrifice. The Elizabeth Cross was instituted specifically to demonstrate tangible national recognition for Service families for their loss and is not a posthumous medal for the fallen. The award covers deaths that occurred after 1 January 1948 or as a result of service in Palestine since 27 September 1945, and Next of Kin can apply retrospectively. A very moving ceremony.
- Warwick Area Fund launched with up to £3,000 funding available for local projects.
- Details of WCC "Slow Down" bin stickers available – details in circulation file.
- WCC pursuing people endangering lives outside schools and three people had been taken to Court this week. Mainly drivers not stopping for crossing patrols.
- A big debate was underway in Adult Services regarding charges for care at home. WCC charges were low at the current time but will unfortunately have to increase.

Cllr. Caborn gave the following report:

- WDC waiting for government to tell them how they can deal with the budget deficit which could in fact get worse. WDC still investigating joint working with neighboring authorities in an effort to save funds.
- The Rural Spatial Strategy had now been ditched and WDC were currently putting together a 3-5 year plan for new building which would involve more reasonable housing numbers.
- Riverside House - occupation and use of, still being looked at and also The Town Hall, Leamington.
- Marina developments – both Lapworth and Lowsonford proposals at a standstill and no dates for committee consideration. Both applications need to provide evidence of need for such developments.

25 PLANNING MATTERS

25.a Considered by WDC:

Windmill House, Finwood Road, Rowington – Proposed single storey extension to rear and two storey extension to side with pedestrian access under. **REFUSED**. Clerk reported that this application had since been withdrawn

The Threshing Barn, Finwood Road, Rowington - Single storey extension to existing barn conversion to form garden room. **GRANTED**

25.b To be considered by RPC:

A Working Party Meeting took place on 08 June 2010. Present: Cllrs. Lickorish, Bevins, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Swain. Resolved unanimously that the recommendations of that Working Party be accepted and submitted to WDC, as follows:-

Quarry Farm, Rowington Green – Erection of a hay/straw barn. **No objections**

Roseland Cottage, Rowington Green – Change of use of land at the side of Roseland Cottage to from parking area. **No objections**

Uplands Farm, Preston Road, Lowsonford – Erection of a replacement dwelling. **No objections** but Councillors would like to **comment** that perhaps exposed brickwork between the timber framing would be more in keeping, rather than the proposed render finish

3 Chenac, Pinley Green – Erection of Porch to front of house. **No objections**

Rose Hill House, Narrow Lane, Lowsonford – Re-erect stable block in rear paddock at same time reducing from 3 stables and tack room to two stables plus tack room and hay store. **No objections**

Lower Rookery, Rookery Lane, Lowsonford – Erection of replacement dwelling. **No objections**

Eastfield Manor, Old Warwick Road, Rowington – Erection of extension to link house to garage block.

Objections. Contrary to RAP2 – disproportionate addition to the original dwelling, does not respect the openness of the green belt and rural area by significantly extending the visual impression of built development (mass and scale). Substantially alters the scale, design and character of the original dwelling. Overdevelopment of an elevated site within the green belt.

The Field House, Holywell – Amendments to Planning Application W10 /0194. **No objections** to the amended proposals i.e. withdrawal of extensions to house and reduction in size of garage building.

The Field House, Holywell – Erection of pedestrian and field gates in a hedge on Hobbs Hole Lane to enable field access from the lane. **No objections**

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

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 details received from WDC at issue of agenda.**

25.c Other Planning and/or enforcement matters:

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. Clerk reported that she had been in discussion with Mr D Edmonds WDC Enforcement and was aware that he would be meeting with a neighbour of Cumsey Lodge Stables to obtain further information.

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. No response as at issue of agenda. Resolved that Clerk should chase this matter.

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. Resolved that Clerk should chase this matter as nothing further had been heard.

Copy of letter from LCS as sent to WDC regarding formal complaint regarding planning matters at Sandall House Farm, Lawsonford, and taking complaint to Level 2. Copy in Circulation File.

Grange Farm, Pinley (Cllr. Mrs. Clarke) Cllr. Mrs. Clarke reported that neighbours had collated information including times and vehicle movements and this had been forwarded to Mr. D Fry WDC Enforcement. Resolved that PC should write in support of residents experiencing problems with vehicle movement to and from this site, contrary to planning conditions.

26 Parish Plan

26.a Update to include consideration of:

- Playing Field access – Quotation received from Steve's Industries Ltd. Further quotations required for consideration by PC. Second quotation received from MJD Services in the sum of £2615 plus VAT and cost of kissing gate. Resolved unanimously that the quotation from Steve's Industries should be accepted, pending satisfactory funding application. Clerk to submit application to WDC Rural Initiatives.
- Quotation received for installation of seat to bus shelter at Finwood Crossroads for consideration/drawings to be submitted to WCC Highways. Drawings/plans awaited from Contractor for submission to WCC Highways for consideration.
- Bus shelter at West of St Laurence. Quotation received from Mr. K Stiles. Waiting for detailed costings regarding new bench and seat in bus shelter.

27 Localities Forum

27. a Next Meeting 29 July 2010 at Lapworth Village Hall 7.00pm (**Cllr. Lickorish / Cllr. Bevins**)

27.b Email received from Warwickshire Police regarding end of Mobile Police Visits. Agreed with Warwickshire Police that there was little point in continuing this service with attendance so low. However Councillors agreed that it would be beneficial if Warwickshire Police representatives could attend local events (e.g. Flower Show, APM) as a useful PR exercise.

28 Rowington and Lawsonford Village Halls

28.a Report if any (**Cllr. Cooper**). Annual Meeting held earlier in the week and copy accounts and last minutes in circulation file.

29 Highways, Footpaths and Transport

29.a Matters reported and arising

- Dicks Lane Variation of TRO – Item to be included in Agenda for Warwick Area Committee Meeting July 2010. Deadline for TRF to submit appeal 16 June. Waiting to hear if such an appeal had been submitted.
- For Sale sign attached to Pinley Notice Board by Reeds Rains, Warwick. Request for this sign to be removed – not only had this sign been screwed to the notice board, it was not a directional sign, not on land belonging to the advertised property and therefore classed as fly posting. Board had now been moved further along the grass triangle.
- Footpaths W41 and W33 (Cllr. Mrs. Clarke). Mr. Richard Barnard WCC still dealing with the matter of W41 and Enforcement Notice to be issued against the landowner relating to W33
- Finwood Road – 40mph roundel still lying on the ground. Clerk to remind WCC Highways.

30 Playing Field

30.a. Playing Field Inspection Reports (**Mr R Morton / Cllr. Cooper / Cllr. Browett**) All in good order.

31.b Boundary fence to Clarendon Cottage. Cllr. Cooper had met on site with residents and contractor but Clerk confirmed that according to the title deeds this fence was not the responsibility of the PC and unfortunately no financial contribution could legally be made towards repair costs by the PC.

32 Meetings/Training Days attended/forthcoming

None at issue of agenda.

33 Correspondence

- 33.a 25 May 2010 WDC Chairman of the Council Councillor Bertie MacKay – Proposed visit to PC – date to be suggested. Agreed that October would be a suitable meeting date if convenient for WDC Chairman.
- 33.b 14 May 2010 BT Payphones – Copy of Contract regarding adoption of kiosk at Lawsonford. Telephone equipment to be removed shortly.
- 33.c June 2010 Application letter received from Mrs A Jarvis regarding Parish Councillor vacancy. Agreed that applicant should be invited to the next PC meeting to experience a meeting first hand and ask any questions which she may have.

33.d Circulation Envelope:

NALC Policy and Parliamentary Briefing – The Coalition Programme for Government / Briefing on the Queen's Speech and The Devolution and Localism Bill; Profile of Councillor Bertie MacKay Elected Chairman of WDC on 19 May 2010; Advance Notice of WDC Chairman's Events; WCC Surface Dressing News & Programme of re-surfacing in Warwick Area; WCC Details of New Wheelie Bin Slow Down Stickers; Extract from Birmingham Post on Lawsonford Marina Application; WALC Newsletter May 2010; Extract from Warwick Courier May 14 2010 ; WRCC Draft Rights of Way and Recreational Highway Strategy. Warwickshire's second rights of way improvement plan. Public Consultation 03 June -27 August 2010.

34 Finance

34.a. Paid during the month:

None

34.b To be paid:

Clerk – salary and allowance	629.66
Photocopying and Postage	c/f
Mr G Cooper – APM Meeting Refreshments	79.63
HMRC PAYE/NIC (Apr-June)	229.74

34. c Received:

HM Revenue & Customs – VAT Repayment	923.96
Bank of Ireland Interest (May 2010)	Nil

Resolved unanimously that the above matters of finance be approved (NC/PL)

34. d Items for Consideration / Information.

- End of Year Accounts 2009/2010 for approval following inspection by Internal Auditor. Circulated to Councillors prior to meeting. No queries raised and resolved that accounts be approved (NC/RB) Accounts duly signed by Chairman and Clerk.
- Annual Return circulated to Councillors – for approval by Councillors and submission to Clement Keys. Internal Auditor had signed the Return and it was resolved that Annual Return be approved. (CB/PL) Return duly signed by Chairman and Clerk.
- Consideration of Nominative Trustee for Rowington Almshouse Charity. Cllr. Cooper advised that a prospective candidate had been put forward by RAC. Formal application to be submitted to PC.

35. Items for Future Agendas/Information

- Resolved that approach should be made to new MP regarding the “quiet surface” on the M40

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

**Next Meeting:
Thursday 08 July 2010 at Rowington Village Hall**

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