

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
ROWINGTON VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER 2010**

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. R Browett
P.Cllr. Mrs. A Jarvis
C.Cllr.Mrs Compton
D.Cllr. Caborn
Chairman of Warwick District Council Cllr. Bertie MacKay
The Clerk
One member of the public

69 APOLOGIES

None

70 CHANGES TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

Additions made due to time limits – Minute 83.c Correspondence Oct 2010 WALC Important Update. Under Minute 83.d Circulation File - WALC Newsletter ADH/90; WRCC Country Matters; Warwick Rural West Community Forum – “Behind the Scenes” Newsletter; WDC Council Meeting 20 October 2010 Agenda (plus minutes from previous meetings).

71 Declarations of Interest

None

72 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 09 SEPTEMBER 2010

Resolved unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 09 September 2010 previously circulated to Councillors be accepted as a true record. (CB/PL)

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

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Adam Marsden from Roseland Cottage, Rowington Green. Mr. Marsden thanked the PC for their support in connection with his second planning application which was refused at Planning Committee on 13 October 2010 – Cllr. Lickorish had attended and spoken on behalf of RPC at that meeting. Suggested that Mr. Marsden gather local support for his application and Councillors confirmed that they were happy for Mr. Marsden to use their letter of support to assist him in his efforts to obtain planning permission at Planning Appeal.

74 Chairman of Warwick District Council – Cllr Bertie MacKay

Cllr. Cooper welcomed the Chairman of WDC Cllr. Bertie MacKay and invited him to address the meeting. Cllr. MacKay confirmed that not only did he represent WDC but was also involved with the Local Government Rural Commission and the Rural Coalition which enabled him to look at rural issues in different ways. The Rural Coalition had just published “The Rural Challenge” achieving sustainable rural communities for the 21st century, a vital document which should prove helpful to rural communities and well worth reading. Significant propositions had been put forward by a coalition of the following groups: Action with Communities in Rural England, CPRE, CLA, LGHA, RTPI, TCPA and the Rural Coalition has also been advised by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment. Cllr. MacKay confirmed that a copy of the document would be with us shortly and his idea was that perhaps in the New Year PC’s could get together and discuss it. This document can be viewed online at <http://ruralcommunities.gov.uk>.

Cllr. Browett raised the issue of local planning with Cllr.MacKay and mentioned that although the PC has extensive local knowledge, the views of the PC often appear to be ignored when WDC consider planning applications and gave Roseland Cottage and Sandall House Farm as examples. Cllr. MacKay stated that he felt that local policy should be more important in determining planning applications rather than the general planning views often used by planning officials. Councillors were of the opinion that planning decisions appear very inconsistent at the current time.

75 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Mrs. Compton provided the following report:

- No good news to report with issues such as charges for social care which would have to increase dramatically due to the low charges made by WCC in the past for these services. Charges would be increased incrementally over 16 months up to 2012.
- Many redundancies taking place and money and funding extremely tight.

- Consultations currently underway regarding changes to residential care with different methods of care for the elderly under review. Extra Care Housing moving forward with new units at Stratford and Rugby. Best Health for Older People highlighted on the local news today.

Cllr. Caborn provided the following report:

- Current WDC deficit can be dealt with but it will be very tough and “Lean Systems Thinking” will be very much to the forefront of decisions made.
- Riverside House still under review with more home working to be encouraged and the need for all the space at Riverside House to be quantified. Although there will undoubtedly be cuts over the next three years WDC can still operate as a good Council.
- The Spa Centre now looking very good following a re-fit and a new Manager employed who is very keen. Some good productions and events being staged at this venue.

76 Planning Matters

76.a Considered by WDC:

Ednam Cottage, Pinley Green – Replacement of the existing 4 ft x 6 ft fence panels at the entrance to the property with brick walls, railings and side entrance gate. **GRANTED**

Quarry Farm, Rowington Green - Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural building to B1 office use. **GRANTED**

The Old Vicarage, Old Warwick Road – Erection of glazed link on coach house/garage complex and erection of detached garage store/block. **GRANTED**

Fleur de Lys, Lapworth Street, Lowsonford – Replacement of 1 casement window and 1 pair of French doors to the first floor at rear elevation. **GRANTED**

Windmill House, Finwood Road – Proposed single storey extension to rear of property and new bay window extension to first floor over walkway (resubmission of previous applications W10/0382LB & W10/0381). **GRANTED**

New road access on to existing hard standing area for a plot of land adjacent to Old Warwick Road, Shrewley. **REFUSED**

76.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”. **No further details received from WDC at issue of agenda**

76.c Other Planning and/or enforcement matters:

Roseland Cottage, Rowington Green - Change of Use of land at side of Roseland Cottage to form parking area. **Notification of Planning Committee Wednesday 13 October 2010. Town Hall, Leamington Spa 5.15pm.**

Recommendation of Planning Officer – Refuse. Cllr.Lickorish attended. Application REFUSED.

Sandall House Farm, Lowsonford – Single storey rear extension with balcony above. **Notification of Planning Committee Wednesday 13 October 2010. Town Hall, Leamington Spa 5.15pm. Recommendation of Planning Officer – Grant. Application GRANTED WITH CONDITION.**

Oaktree Wharf, Lapworth Street, Lowsonford – Mobile home moved on to site. WDC Enforcement have carried out site visit and issued Planning Contravention Notice requiring occupiers to explain the situation on site (21 day notice).

Update from WDC 03 Sept 2010 – occupants have confirmed to WDC that they will be submitting a planning application to obtain permission for permanent siting of mobile home.

High Paddocks, Narrow Lane – Metal fencing erected close to highway edge. WCC Highways and WDC Planning investigating. **ENF 329/36/10.** Report from WDC.

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. No update at issue of agenda.

Brookfurlong Farm, Lawsonford – ENF/150/18/10. Planning Contravention Notice issued relating to piles of surfacing materials delivered to site adjacent to new entrance and possibly to be used for construction of new driveway – contrary to Green Belt Policy.

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. No update at issue of agenda.

Grange Farm, Pinley – Cllr. Mrs Clarke and Cllr. Browett reported that planning breaches continued with regard to vehicle movements and that further report sheets would be submitted to WDC Enforcement. Clerk to contact WDC Enforcement also.

77 Parish Plan

77.a Update to include :

- Playing Field access – Confirmation received from WDC that R.I Grant approved at £750.00. Discussion took place regarding seeking further funding but resolved that regardless of obtaining extra money the work should go ahead. (PL/CB)
- Bus shelter at West of St Laurence. Drawings received from Mr. K Stiles and submitted to Mr. Peter Hallam WCC for consideration. Meeting on site to be arranged with Mr. Peter Hallam WCC Highways – Clerk to provide Cllr. Lickorish with contact details to enable suitable location to be established with Mr. Peter Hallam. Further details of costs associated with concrete base etc. to be obtained.

78 Localities Forum

78. a Meeting 28 October 2010 at Committee Room 2, Shire Hall, Warwick. (Cllr. Bevins / Cllr.Lickorish)

78.b Smart Water Details to be circulated. Information sheets distributed among Councillors for handing out to residents.

79 Rowington and Lawsonford Village Halls

79.a Report if any (Cllr. Cooper)

Copy of Minutes of meeting of 31 August 2010 in Circulation File. Cllr. Cooper reported that figures were down on last year and an increase in charges of approximately 10% would be instigated. Discussions continued regarding the site for the new storage building and an extension was now being considered due to the difficulties of finding a suitable position for a storage unit. Important to support village hall events where possible. Big Band Evening on coming Friday and Winter Ball on 4th December 2010. Next Committee Meeting 2nd November 2010.

80 Highways, Footpaths and Transport

80.a Matters reported and arising

- 1 Giffard Terrace, Lawsonford – Correspondence from WDC regarding refurbishment confirming that refurbishment now complete and new tenants should be moving in shortly.
- 2010/11 Winter Service Review – Response acknowledged by WCC following PC survey reply confirming that the PC were very satisfied with gritting service last Winter. Cllr. Mrs Clarke asked for the matter of new grit bin for Pinley to be put on agenda for next PC meeting.
- Speed Aware C25 – Email from WCC confirming that speeding posters will be erected at Pinley crossroads, Cumsey Lodge bend and Holywell Lane junction.
- Lying water outside Penwood, Lawsonford reported to WCC. Mr Peter Hallam had visited the site and jetter due to visit shortly.
- Cllr. Cooper reported lying water on C25 outside Pinley Acres. Cllr. Mrs Compton confirmed that she would contact WCC Highways and find out when the jetter would be coming out to the parish to deal with these problems.
- Cllr. Mrs Clarke and Cllr. Browett reported that footpath SD169 remained overgrown and impassable. Clerk to report again.

81 Playing Field

81.a. Playing Field Inspection Reports (Mr R Morton / Cllr.Mrs Clarke / Cllr. Lickorish. Following matters noted:

- Foliage from garden adjacent to West of St Laurence entrance overhanging playing field and required cutting back. Clerk to contact owners.
- Rubbish (willow branches) lying on field – to be cleared by Richard Morton.

- Rubber crumb play surface spreading out over field. Request Steve's Industries to use blower to put back under apparatus.

82 Meetings/Training Days attended/forthcoming

- 82.a 25 Sept 2010 Chairman of WCC Cllr. Mrs. Jose Compton and her Consort Mr. Mervyn Compton. At Home Drinks Reception Shire Hall, Saturday 25 September 2010. **Cllr. Lickorish, Mrs. Lickorish, Cllr. Mrs. Jarvis, Cllr. Mrs. Swain, Clerk and Mr. Coleman attended.** Excellent evening much enjoyed by attendees. Clerk had sent thanks to Cllr. Mrs Compton on behalf of PC. Cllr. Mrs. Compton confirmed that approximately 350 guests had attended which was a record. There would be another similar evening on March 19 2011.
- 82.b 24 Oct 2010 WDC Chairman's Civic Service. The Chairman Councillor Bertie MacKay and Miss Valerie Daly. The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Stoneleigh at 6.00 pm followed by refreshments in Stoneleigh Village Hall.
- 82.c 29 Oct 2010 WDC Supper for Chairmen and Clerks (or Deputies) of Parish and Town Councils in Warwick District. Town Hall, Leamington Spa at 6.45pm. **Chairman and Mrs. Cooper to attend.**
- 82.d 04 Dec 2010 WDC Chairman of WDC Councillor Bertie MacKay. Chairman's Christmas Concert. Town Hall, Leamington Spa 7.30pm. To raise funds for the Chairman's two charities – the 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts and the Rural Stress Helpline.

83 Correspondence

- 83.a 30 Sept 2010 Details of Surgeries. Jeremy Wright MP for Kenilworth and Southam.
- 83.b 22 Sept 2010 WDC Community Protection. Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2007. **Comments by 25 October 2010. Copy in Circulation File**
- 83.c 11 Oct 2010 WALC Important Update. Update on two important issues concerning PC's – (1) During the second reading of the Parliamentary Voting and Constituencies (PVSC) Bill, Mark Harper (Cabinet Minister for Political Reform) confirmed that the Government would not insert provisions into the PVSC Bill to postpone town and parish elections (06 Sep 2010: Column 125) and (2) The Minister for Housing and Local Government, Grant Shapps MP will soon announce that local councils will have the power to abolish the out dated methods they currently have to use. They will soon be able to use modern payment methods such as electronic transfers.

83.d Circulation Envelope:

CPRE Outlook Magazine Autumn 2010; Copy of letter from John Shepherd Estate Agents to LAMAG (for information); WDC Planning Forum Minutes of Meeting 04 February 2010 & Agenda for Meeting 20 September 2010; Contact details for Councillors; Letter from Bank of Ireland re Proposed Transfer of part of UK banking business to new UK subsidiary, Bank of Ireland (UK) plc; NALC Legal Briefing LO8-10 Future of the Standards Framework for Members of Local Authorities in England; Dura-Sport – details of synthetic ground cover; SLCC Letter to Chairman and Council from President and Chief Executive. WALC Newsletter ADH/90; WRCC Country Matters; Warwick Rural West Community Forum – "Behind the Scenes" Newsletter; WDC Council Meeting 20 October 2010 Agenda (plus minutes from previous meetings).

84 Finance

84.a. Paid during the month:

None

84.b To be paid:

Clerk – salary and allowance	629.66	
Photocopying and Postage		c/f
CPRE Annual Subscription		29.00
Steve's Industries Ltd	158.63	
Steve's Industries Ltd	145.11	

84. c Received:

Bank of Ireland Interest (Aug 2010)	0.01
Bank of Ireland Interest (Sept 2010)	0.01

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

84. d Items for Consideration / Information.

- Budget 2011/2012. Clerk confirmed that it was time to consider the budget again and would ensure that all Councillors had a copy of the current budget prior to the next meeting in order that they could give consideration to items for 2011/12.

85. Items for Future Agendas/Information

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm

**Next Meeting:
Thursday 11 November 2010 at Lowsonford Village Hall**

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