

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
LOWSONFORD VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 09 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present: P.Cllr.P Lickorish (In the Chair)
P.Cllr. C Bevins
P.Cllr. Mrs. D Swain
P.Cllr. Mrs. A Jarvis
C.Cllr.Mrs Compton
The Clerk
One member of the public

52 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from D.Cllr. Caborn, Cllr. Cooper, Cllr. Browett, and Cllr. Mrs. Clarke

53 CHANGES TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

None

54 Appointment of Parish Councillor

Following the resolution passed at the PC meeting of 08 July 2010 Mrs Ann Jarvis was co-opted as a Parish Councillor and signed the Declaration of Office form in the presence of the Council and Clerk.

55 Declarations of Interest

None

56 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 08 JULY 2010

Resolved unanimously that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 July 2010 previously circulated to Councillors be accepted as a true record. (CB/DS)

57 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 sending a letter to WDC in support of his planning application and confirmed that the application had now been re-submitted on a slightly smaller scale. Mr. Marsden confirmed that more detail had also been provided with the application and that D.Cllr. Caborn had visited the site and discussed matters with him. After further detailed discussion, Councillors agreed that they would continue to support this application. See Minute 59.c below.

58 Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Mrs. Compton provided the following report:

- No meetings had taken place during August but a Cabinet Meeting had taken place today.
- No good news to report with several schemes being cut and two of particular concern to Cllr.Mrs Compton being the loss of the car park extension at Hatton Station and the Footway improvement at Lapworth Station. Both these schemes had taken a long time to develop and get approved and it was very disappointing to lose funding at the final stage of both projects.
- Many redundancies taking place and money and funding extremely tight.
- Consultations currently underway regarding changes to residential care. Costs for WCC to run residential care homes are 40% higher than if homes owned by the private sector.
- Charges for social care due to increase which had caused a great stir but increases unavoidable.
- Consultation underway regarding Concessionary Travel following change of responsibility from WDC to WCC. Councillors agreed that they would distribute copies of the consultation questionnaire around the parish.
- As Chairman of WCC Cllr. Mrs. Compton would be opening the Rugby Western Relief Road tomorrow.

59 Planning Matters

59.a Considered by WDC:

Lower Rookery, Rookery Lane, Lowsonford – Erection of a replacement dwelling. **GRANTED**

Eastfield Manor, Old Warwick Road, Rowington – Erection of side extension. **GRANTED**

Uplands Farm, Preston Road, Lowsonford – Erection of a replacement dwelling. **GRANTED**

Field 6739 Hobbs Hole Lane, Holywell – Erection of pedestrian and field gates in a hedge on Hobbs Hole Lane to enable field access from the lane. **GRANTED**

Grange Farm, Pinley Green – Retention of farm buildings as storage space and hard standing for delivery vehicles (Variation of Condition 5 of PP W02/1121 to allow one commercial vehicle to leave site between 1800 and 2100 hours and return between 0500 and 0800 hours Monday to Saturday, with no movement between 1800 Saturday and 0800 Monday). **REFUSED**

59.b Considered by RPC during July/August – Responses sent to WDC subject to formal resolution

Eastfield Manor, Old Warwick Road, Rowington – Erection of side extension. **Following receipt of amended plans, reducing the scheme and removing the link between the garage and the house, RPC raises no objections.**

Little Manor House, Manor Lane – Erection of rear conservatory. **No objections**

Foxbrook Farm, Old Warwick Road, Rowington – Construction of 25m x 40m manege for riding purposes. **Whilst RPC raises no material objections, Councillors would request that the use of this manege is restricted to the private use of Foxbrook Farm only, and not for any commercial use and that no floodlights shall be erected.**

Fleur de Lys, Lowsonford (LB) – Replacement of 1 casement window and 1 pair of French doors to the first floor rear elevation. **No objections**

Windmill House, Finwood Road – Proposed single storey extension to rear of property and new bay window extension to first floor (amended). **No objections**

The Old Vicarage, Old Warwick Road, Rowington – Refurbishment of existing coach house/garage complex together with new garage/store block. **No objections**

59.c To be considered by RPC:

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. **No objections**

Quarry Farm, Rowington Green - Proposed change of use of redundant agricultural building to B1 office use. **No objections**

Roseland Cottage, Rowington Green – Change of use of land at the side of Roseland Cottage to form parking area. Letter sent by PC in support of original planning application – response received from WDC 03 August 2010. **No objections. The PC fully supports this proposal in terms of highway safety, retention of ancient hedgerow and minimal visual impact. Councillors cannot see that there is any real justification to refuse change of use of a small area of land which is well screened from the highway and results a considerable improvement in terms of highway safety.**

Eastfield Manor, Old Warwick Road, Rowington – Proposed extension to existing house to provide games room and health suite accommodation with glazed enclosure to existing external staircase giving access to existing first floor flat above garage. **Objections. Contrary to RAP2 – the proposal does not contribute to a sense of local identity, neither does it in any way respect the character of the existing buildings in terms of design, being out of keeping and urban in design. The proposal appears at odds with the existing dwelling in terms of design and character. The PC are of the view that this site has been fully developed and to link the buildings together would result in a disproportionate addition overall and thus increase the visual dominance of the buildings, despite the proposal being glazed.**

Lower Rookery, Rookery Lane – Erection of replacement garage block with service entrance hall leading to a boot room and to the basement accommodation comprising a gymnasium, plant room, general store and secure wine store. **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” **No further details received from WDC at issue of agenda. Copy correspondence received from LCS 27 July 2010 for information.**

59.d Other Planning and/or enforcement matters:

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).

High Paddocks, Narrow Lane – Metal fencing erected close to highway edge. Calls received from residents. WCC Highways and WDC Planning investigating verge ownership and/or any planning issues.

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. 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.

60 Parish Plan

60.a Update to include :

- Playing Field access – Rural Initiatives Grant application submitted to WDC with quotations attached (2) 06 August 2010. Report of meeting between Cllr. Browett and Mr. John Caldwell regarding proposed access the outcome of which was the Mr. Caldwell did not appear to have any objections to the new access but did ask if the PC could carry out some pruning of branches overhanging his property. Result of application awaited before any further progress could be made.
- 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. No further progress could be made until funding options had been investigated for this project.

61 Localities Forum

61. a Meeting 29 July 2010 at Lapworth Village Hall 7.00pm (**Cllr. Bevins / Cllr.Lickorish**). Notes received from Cllr. Cooper to include overgrown vegetation over speed signs, Community Forum Grants, Smart Water. Copy of Action Points arising from meeting – Circulation File. “Behind the Scenes” 29 July 2010 – Circulation File. Councillors agreed that contact should be made with Warwickshire Police to obtain full details of Smart Water and to attempt to organize a local meeting to promote Smart Water.

62 Rowington and Lawsonford Village Halls

62.a Report if any (**Cllr. Cooper**). Cllr. Cooper had provided a report to confirm that the consideration was being given to submission of an amended planning application to move the proposed storage building to the left hand side of the site, but it appeared from comments made by Cllrs.Mrs Swain and Cllr. Bevins, that the matter was still under discussion. Further details awaited.

63 Highways, Footpaths and Transport

63.a Matters reported and arising

- Report from residents of horse lorries emptying chemical toilets on Back Lane. Clerk confirmed that for any action to be taken, registration numbers of vehicles would have to be provided.
- 2010/11 Winter Service Review – Response required. Agreed that the service had been very satisfactory and that Warwickshire enjoyed a far better gritting service than many adjoining counties. Clerk to respond accordingly.
- Speed Aware C25 – Email from WCC 26 July 2010 regarding speed signs. Flashing sign no longer an option due to health & safety problems with the socket. Posters available and agreed that request should be made for some “Check your Speed” posters to be erected for a short period.
- Lying water outside Penwood, Lawsonford reported to WCC . Still causing problems.
- Canal bridge at Lawsonford – condition reported to British Waterways. Clerk to pursue.
- Cllr. Mrs. Swain reported to the meeting that 1 Giffard Terrace was now empty and undergoing a thorough clearing out. This had resulted in piles of rubbish accumulating in the garden. Councillors hoped that new tenants would be people who wanted to reside in the village rather than those who had no wish to be there, as had happened in the past. Clerk to speak to Housing Services to request that boundary hedges are retained if possible.

64 Playing Field

64.a. Playing Field Inspection Reports (**Mr R Morton / Cllr.Cooper / Cllr. Browett / Cllr. Mrs Swain**) RoSPA Annual Inspection due this month.

64.b 2 x picnic benches installed by RAG. Clerk to send letter of thanks to RAG.

65 Meetings/Training Days attended/forthcoming

65.a 02 Oct 2010 WALC Update Seminar – Responding to Planning Applications. Dunchurch Village Hall. 10.00am to 1.00pm

65.b 27 Oct 2010 WALC AGM Shire Hall, Warwick 7.30pm

65.c. 25 Sept 2010 Chairman of WCC and her Consort Mr. Mervyn Compton “At Home” Drinks Reception

at Shire Hall, Warwick. Clerk to confirm that Cllrs. Bevins, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Jarvis, Lickorish plus Mrs. Lickorish and Clerk and Mr. Coleman would like to attend.

66 Correspondence

- 66.a 11 Aug 2010 Email from WCC regarding Warwick Area Committee decision re Dicks Lane TRO. Decision made that status of Dicks Lane should remain as is i.e. motor vehicles/motor cycles prohibited apart from small section allowing access by landowner to his fields.
- 66.b 23 Aug 2010 WCC Concessionary Travel Consultation – End date 10 October 2010.
- 66.c 02 Sept 2010 WCC Prioritisation of Health Services in Warwickshire. Focus Group Meeting 15 September in Leamington for interested parties. Cllr. Lickorish hoped to be able to attend this meeting.

66.d Circulation Envelope:

Clerks and Councils Direct Sept 2010; No Need for Nuclear Information Aug 2010; CPRE Fieldwork August 2010; WDC Heritage Open Days 2010; WALC Newsletter July 2010; WALC Annual Report 2009/2010; NALC Guide – Being a good employer; Warwick Rural West Community Forum “Behind the Scenes” 29 July 2010; WDC Council Meeting 01 September 2010 Agenda plus Minutes of Meeting 14 July 2010.

67 Finance

67.a. Paid during the month:

Kevin Stiles – Bus Shelter Seat and replacement bench (Finwood Crossroads)	275.00
Richard Morton – Inspection and repairs to playing field fencing	131.84
Clerk – salary and allowance	629.66
Clement Keys Audit Fee	158.63
Steve’s Industries – Playing Field	145.11

67.b To be paid:

Clerk – salary and allowance & RFO Expenses	767.46	
Photocopying and Postage		c/f
HMRC PAYE/NIC (Oct 2010)	317.54	

67 c Received:

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

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

67. d Items for Consideration / Information.

- Clement Keys External Annual Audit – Unqualified Opinion received. Clerk confirmed that salary for this month included RFO annual payment.

68. Items for Future Agendas/Information

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.28pm

Next Meeting:

Thursday 14 October 2010 at Rowington Village Hall

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