

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council meeting of Lowdham Parish Council
held in Lowdham Community Room, Southwell Road, Lowdham, NG14 7DQ
on THURSDAY 03 January 2019 at 6.45pm

19/01/01

Councillors:

Andrew Coles; Jacqueline Finn (**Chairman**); Alison Glazebrook; Nigel Hunt; James King (A);
Tim Knowles (**Vice-Chairman**); Simon Mawby; Edward Morecroft (A); Michael Poyzer; Matthew Swallow; Emma Wilson

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, District Cllr Tim Wendels and County Councillor Roger Jackson and one resident.
Insp. Heather Sutton and colleagues Sgt Tony Hall and Beat Officer Gary VVV attended (Item 5)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Edward Morecroft and James King - approved
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None. At Item 10c Cllr Jacqueline Finn declared an interest and did not partake in any discussion
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** None
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 06 December 2018:** were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman
5. **Inspector Heather Sutton:** In order to allow the Police Team to leave the meeting as soon as possible, the Agenda Order was changed. The Inspector outlined her function and that of the local team of Sergeant Tony Hall and Local Beat Officer Gary and confirmed their availability and presence. Cllr Roger Jackson agreed to draft a note to Beat Officer Gary about parking near the station. Insp Sutton suggested that the Parish Council could leaflet the parking vehicles
6. **Clerk's report on Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes:** The clerk reviewed actions taken since the last meeting for items not on the Agenda:
Minute 5 4 6) 7d) Notts County Council LIS Funding: Applications for 50% funding for six gateway signs and for MUGA conversion to 3G resurfacing have been submitted and positive conversations held with the LIS controlling officer. Unfortunately, the clerk advised that for the six gateway signs, advertising on them to generate funding is prohibited by the Highways Agency. Members were very disappointed with this news and after discussion ask the clerk to have a further conversation with the LIS case controller to see whether a more acceptable financial contribution can be achieved
Minute 5 4 10b) The meeting of the two tree experts is to be arranged this month
Minute 5 4 13f) Members were reminded to let the clerk have their profiles for use on the website – only one received so far. The website is now up and running
Minute 11 a) Trees: Mat Everett of the Internal Drainage Board confirms that the beck has now been cleared at this point and is referring the ownership of the trees and their maintenance to N&SDC
Minute 13 Interserve: The clerk confirmed that after a number of reminders recent receipt from Interserve of the last Risk Survey done in 2015
7. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:**
Standing Orders were suspended at 8.13pm
A resident asked whether the Council has decided to champion Hedgehogs following his request at last month's meeting. The clerk confirmed that the Council website now has an appropriate notice in this respect. The clerk also confirmed to him that there are no casual vacancies at this time
Standing Orders were reinstated at 8.18pm
8. **County Council matters:** County Cllr Roger Jackson said no progress has been made to respond to the parishioner request to make Nottingham Road a cul-de-sac. He agreed to research and respond to questions from Cllr Glazebrook:

- a) when the top end of Main Street/Epperstone Road would be re-layed.
- b) repainting of faded double yellow lines needed along Main Street
- c) installing a pavement on newly recognised land between The Sidings and Station House (now Highways)

9. Newark & Sherwood District Council matters:

19/01/02

District Cllr Tim Wendels reported that a positive response has resulted from the HRA Land review in that the land is no longer required for future housing stock. He referred to the PC enquiry to buy The Francklin Road Car Park and said that valuations are in hand.

10. Amenities and Village: A Chairman was not elected from members present

- a) **MUGA:** The merits of converting the present facility to a 3G resurface area for use by footballers was discussed. This would entail excluding tennis and other sports facilities. 3G surfacing health features were discussed and these will be investigated before making the decision. Meantime, the courts should have the moss removed so they can be used for tennis this season.
- b) Tennis: the present court security arrangement is to be amended to have a coded lock system to enable the number to be changed from time to time. The current charges of £25 plus light money to continue, but improved records needed and better control
- c) Review of allotment rents: £20 for a large plot; £15 for a small

11. Planning Applications: A chairman was not elected from members present

18/02266/FUL – 17 The Green – two storey extension and erection of an additional double garage – Support proposal
 18/02271/FUL – 16 The Green – two storey rear extension – Support proposal
 18/02317/FUL – 37 Lambley Road – conversion of existing annexe and carport to form single dwelling – Object to Proposal – formation of a separate dwelling in Green Belt Area. Note previous PC decisions for 09/01544/FUL and 09/00926/FUL where the PC objected to similar applications

b) Recent District Council Decisions:

18/01879/FUL – 8 The Green – Grant Permission
 18/01887/FUL – Paddock Land adjacent Carlow – Grant Permission
 18/01995/FUL- South Sherrards Barn – Grant Permission
 18/02057/FUL – 22 Ridge Hill - Grant Permission

12. Finance & Assets– Chairman: Matt Swallow

- a) Pedestrian Access to MUGA: it was agreed that a gap will be made in the fence so that the drive gate can remain closed most times
- b) The Half-Shipping-Container at Francklin Road Car Park would be more usefully sited at the Community Building Car Park and enquiries will be made to progress this decision
- c) The clerk agreed to circulate a Grants Application form to be used in future by appropriate local groups
- d) Flood Alleviation Policy: It was agreed not the make a Section 137 Ultra Vires payment this financial year
- e) Payments arising in December were approved.
- f) Following the meeting of the Budget Working Group, the amended budget proposals were put to the meeting and Council unanimously agreed an increase of £6.28 per Band D tax base, to produce an annual precept of about £77,000.

13. Correspondence: None

14. Councillor's Reports: None

15. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 07 February 2019 - 6.30 for 6.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: Chairman Date