

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 07 February 2018 at 6.45pm

19/02/03

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, Council and District Cllr Roger Jackson (L) and one resident
Leslie Sharpe and Alan Graham from the Tent Rivers Trust also attended (Item 5)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Andrew Coles, James King, Tim Knowles, Simon Mawby - approved.
District Cllr Tim Windells also apologised.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** Cllr Finn reminded members of the forthcoming absence of Trevor Barber and it was agreed that an advertisement be prepared to recruit temporary cover
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 03 January 2019** were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman. An e-mail about the minutes, received from a resident, was discussed. The resident was concerned that the minutes were less newsy than in the past and accordingly less informative. Cllr Finn offered to produce a news article for the Parish Council Website, and it was agreed that one would be prepared and circulated for general approval of members
5. **Flood Alleviation:** Alan Graham and Leslie Sharpe from the Rivers Trust made a presentation to members highlighting the important work planned for the natural flood management scheme on the Cocker Beck. This involves installing some 17 "leaky barriers" across the beck and some field drains. A funding request has been made to the Parish Council and the appropriate Grant Form has been provided for completion and return. Earlier correspondence has requested a grant of £4,000 to which the council has given approval in principal.
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 10b): As arranged, the clerk met up with the two tree specialists at the cenotaph and the tree work was agreed to have been satisfactory. The contractor is confident of his work and has offered to adopt the tree over the next three years and to address any future problems that arise without cost. Over the years he will call by when in the area
7. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:**
Standing Orders were suspended at 7.26
A resident expressed concerns about the Council's proposal to change the playing surface of the MUGA to 3G as this would prevent usage of the multi-games area for other sports – particularly tennis. She said that the MUGA should be available to all sport users of all age groups and the playing surface be appropriate for all sports. She asked that all Councillors consider whether they have declared an interest about this item.
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.40pm
8. **County Council matters:** County Cllr Roger Jackson made a brief report about work in hand: installing a pavement between The Sidings and Station House; Main Street lining_refreshment; Francklin Road Car Park Signage; Main Street/Epperstone Road Resurfacing; Nottingham Road speed and flow survey. He also referred to further consideration of the bus stop on Station Rd, and to attention being paid to trees near to a culvert on Old Tannery Drive, this in conjunction with the Internal Drainage Board. Cllr

Jackson also said that Severn Trent Water are due to start work soon along with NCC/VIA to upgrade and renew some surface and foul water systems in the village – planning for NCC/VIA to work with the Environment Agency on the main flood scheme when doing the new roundabout.

9. Newark & Sherwood District Council matters:

District Cllr Tim Wendels had sent a short report to say that the PC enquiry to take over ownership of Franklin Road car park was being progressed

10. Amenities and Village:

LIS Applications: The clerk gave a progress report

- a) Village Gateways: A discussion with the LIS officer clarified that although the rules say that there is a 50% contribution requirement, if the overall level of applications is low then it is possible for the contribution level required will be less. The alternative is to reduce our bid to cover the four major roads -
- b) MUGA: A discussion with the LIS officer is encouraging. Contact with the FA Funding Officer for access to their small grant scheme (max.£10,000) is also encouraging and if successful leaves £10,000 unfunded. A discussion on the July 2018 decision to convert the surface to 3G was inconclusive and members agreed to research the options for a more versatile surface. The clerk agreed to get quotations to have the moss removed so the MUGA can be brought back into use this year
- c) Cemetery: 'Cllr Glazebrook reminded Cllrs that the annual review of cemetery fees is now due. Cllrs agreed to review at the next meeting
- d) Litter-picking: The litter picking event still needs to be arranged between 22 March and 23 April to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean. There is a need to find someone to lead this.

11. Planning Applications: Subsequently received:

- a) 19/00193/FUL – 25 Lime Tree Gardens – proposed single storey front and two storey side extension – Object to proposal - An area of flooding – impact on neighbouring properties. The clerk will check the policy adopted by NSDC Planners in this regard

b) Recent District Council decisions:

- 18/01431/FUL – Lime View - Grant Full Planning Permission
- 18/01730/FUL – 29 Lime Tree Gardens - Grant Full Planning Permission – PC decision -- Object
- 18/02140/FUL – Lowdham Mill – Grant Full Planning Permission
- 18/02141/LBC – Lowdham Mill – Grant Listed Building Consent
- 18/02205/FUL – Quakers Ridge – Grant Permission

12. Finance & Assets–

- a) The form to be used for Council to consider Grant Applications was approved.
- b) The form will be completed by the Trent Rivers Trust in time for their grant application to be considered at the next meeting
- c) Payments arising in January were approved.

13. Correspondence: None

14. **Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Glazebrook said that the VHPFC have asked if a dog bin can be placed at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. Cllrs agreed to have a review of all the dog bin locations in the village. The clerk undertook to write to NSDC to get a plan of their location.

15. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

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

The meeting closed at 8.57pm

Signed: Chairman Date