

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 March 2018 at 6.45pm

19/03/05

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and two residents

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Nigel Hunt and Mike Poyzer - approved.
County Cllr Roger Jackson and District Cllr Tim Windells also apologised.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Finn – Item 9 ii) Allotments
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** Cllr Finn reminded members of the forthcoming election timetable and procedures
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 07 February 2019** were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman. It was noted that Cllr Tim Knowles attended late (recorded as apologising for absence)
5. **Clerk's report on Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes:** The clerk said that there was nothing to report that is not be covered by the Agenda:
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:**
Standing Orders were suspended at 6.52
The residents asked whether there was a covenant about the tennis court usage at the MUGA. They appreciated that the surface is well worn and that a multi-use replacement surface is being sought but were concerned about a possible change of use from tennis. The residents were told that alternative multi-use surfaces were being explored and expert advice is expected to be given at the next meeting.
Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.02pm
- 7.. **County Council matters:** County Cllr Roger Jackson sent a report saying that NCC will not provide Blue car parking signs at Francklin Road car park without cost.
8. **Newark & Sherwood District Council matters:** District Cllr Tim Wendels sent a report to say that the PC enquiry to take over ownership of Francklin Road car park was progressing and should be completed May/June
9. **Amenities and Village:**
 - i) LIS Applications:
 - a) Village Gateways: members considered an email received from a resident disagreeing with the prospect of the precept being used to help fund the cost. It was agreed to note the concerns and to await the terms of any funding offer from LIS.
 - b) MUGA: Nothing further to report. Andy Hardy, Health and Community Relations Officer at NSDC, will be invited to address members at the next meeting

Quotations were considered to have the moss removed and members agreed to accept the Kents' quotation of £965 as no chemicals are used in their remedy. Other quotations considered: £1275 and £1960

- ii) Allotment hedge cutting – it was decided to have this done over 3 financial years – cost £2/3K – and the clerk was asked to proceed on this basis

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- iii) Public Toilet – the enquiry about selling or use for other purposes was considered but declined as the trust debar this. The Cricket Club has enquired if the toilets could be opened for use at their Bank Holiday car boot events, but Cllrs agreed that this was not possible due to the increased financial implications this would involve.

- iv) Dangerous trees on Railway Line Blenheim Avenue – an e-mail from a resident was considered by members who decided that the matter was not within the council's responsibility and the clerk was asked to respond accordingly
- v) Dog bins. These were discussed without conclusion. The clerk will discuss responsibility with NSDC
- vi) Village litter-pick – The village litter picking event is to be on 14 April 2019 – Christine Statham is making the arrangements
- vii) Mowing contract: Southwell Road pitch – The contract with Kents expires 31 March 2019 and an annual increase of £68 is required making £2788 per annum. It was agreed for the clerk to check prices with two other contractors before confirming renewal.
- (viii) Old School Clock - Cllr Glazebrook advised that the clock had not worked since the village power cut on 1 March. Clerk agreed to investigate.

10. Planning Applications:

- a) 19/00092/FUL – 11 Long Meadow Hill – loft conversion– Support proposal
- 19/00298/LDC – Park Nook, Lambley Road – continue existing use as residential without complying with the Occupancy restriction – Support proposal
- 19/00312/FUL - Brakes Farm - demolish outbuilding, construct single and 2 storey rear extensions, new detached garage and new vehicular access. Application was subsequently received. 5 support, 3 against, 1 abstention - Support proposal.
- 19/00313/FUL – 3 Long Meadow Hill – single storey rear extension– Support proposal
- b) **Recent District Council decisions:**
 - 18/02317/FUL – 37 Lambley Road – conversion of existing annexe – Grant Full Permission

11. Finance & Assets–

- a) Receipt of the 2017/18 Audit Report and Completion Certificate was noted. There were some comments made regarding the lack of detailed information, missing deadlines and providing advice for future form completion, but in other respects the Accounts were not qualified
- b) The clerk reviewed Income and Expenditure to 31 January. Members noted that overall the Council was working within budget
- c) The Cemetery Fees were reviewed and amendments agreed from 01 April 2019
- d) A Grant application from Trent Rivers Trust was considered and members approved a grant of £4000 under Section 137 LGA 192 provision (ultra vires)
- e) Payments arising in February were approved
- f) A Grant application from Lowdham School was considered to support a visit from DARE: £380 approved.
- g) Age Concern: A letter asking for financial support was read out and members requested a completed application form so that the request could be fully considered

12. Correspondence: None

- 13. **Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Swallow raised the matter of preparation for the Annual Parishioners Meeting: Weds: 10 April 2019 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The publicity notice will be prepared for distribution

Reports from Outside Organisations: Cllr Glazebrook said that the VHPFC has discussed the 2019 Christmas Fete date – Friday 6th December. Cllrs agreed that the Christmas lights switch on should also be held on 6 December

- 14. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 04 April 2019 - 6.30 for 6.45pm. The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: Chairman Date

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