

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 04 April 2019 at 6.45pm

19/04/07

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and two residents

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Tim Knowles and Mike Poyzer - approved
County Cllr Roger Jackson and District Cllr Tim Windells also apologised (expected late)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** Cllr Finn informed members that there are nine candidates for the eleven councillor positions for the new Council from May 2019, so an election is not needed. Two casual vacancies arise. She thanked Cllrs Knowles, Morecroft, Swallow and Wilson for their service to Council, as they have decided not to stand this time
4. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 07 March 2019** were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.
5. **Clerk's report on Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes:** The clerk said that there was nothing to report that is not covered by the Agenda other than item 9i) b) MUGA moss removal; 9v) Dog bins and 9viii) Village clock:
 - * The clerk reported that the MUGA moss removal was being done that day.
 - * He informed members of a discussion with NSDC about dog bins. They confirm that the bins are owned by the Parish Council and the clerk has asked for a survey of need as there is a request to have an extra dog bin at the Village Hall area.
 - * He also said that he received a call from Time Assured that morning to say that repairs to the village clock, following the power-cut, had been done the previous day with apologies for not having got authorisation from Council beforehand. Members accepted the apology and cost of £450 and asked the clerk to seek an extended warranty for the work
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:**
Standing Orders were suspended at 6.57pm
The residents said they were attending to hear the presentation from Andy Hardy – Item 7
Standing Orders were reinstated at 6.58pm
7. **MUGA – Andy Hardy,** NSDC Senior Health and Community Officer presented details of the Council's options regarding the future use of the MUGA and said that there was no one solution for all sports but he agreed to explore a recommended multi-use surface by visiting a MUGA in Lambley where the surface was said to be providing satisfactory usage for all sports. He suggested repainting of the court lines would help to prolong the surface use and prevent a degree of moss reforming
8. **County Council matters:** County Cllr Roger Jackson sent a report to say that he has a meeting next week about the parking around the station as the problem is getting worse down Caythorpe Rd. He has been in contact with Andrew Disney about the reason for the telephone conference calls being less frequent. A written report will be sent for reading out at the Annual Parishioners Meeting next Weds. There has been a discussion with the local IDB about the dyke on Tannery Drive / sport field. They have inspected the problem and have suggested that it would be better piped in the long term as it is difficult to maintain without proper access for machinery

9. **Newark & Sherwood District Council matters:** The meeting expected District Cllr Tim Wendels to attend late as he has a meeting to attend in the District.

10. Amenities and Village:

- i) Village Gateways: No development
- ii) Allotment hedge cutting – the clerk has asked a number of contractors for a quotation but was unsuccessful because of the need to do much of the work by hand. Mr Sam Jackson was recommended, and he has agreed to do the work at a cost of £500 per day (normal rate £650 per day – for 3 men) and will proceed on this basis. Estimated 5 days' work: £2500 total cost. The hedge along the A6097 is a double hedge, the outer being the responsibility of NCC Highways. The clerk has written to VIA to ask them to attend to this hedge
- iii) Mowing Contract – Southwell Road pitch – By consultation with members by e-mail, it was agreed to change contractor at short notice to P M Winter Horticultural Contractors at an annual cost of £1630 compared with £2788 from our current contractor
- iv) Village litter-pick – Members were reminded that the village litter picking event is to be on 14 April 2019 – Christine Statham is making the arrangements
- v) Land Registry search has determined that the land at the corner of Gunthorpe Road and A6097 belongs to Notts CC

11. Planning Applications:

- a) 19/00492/FUL – The Shed, Old Epperstone Road – proposed replacement dwelling– Support proposal
- b) **Recent District Council decisions:**
 - 19/00193/FUL – 25 Lime Tree Gardens – proposed single storey front and two storey side extension - - Grant Full Permission – PC decision: Object
 - 19/00263/TWCA - Worlds End Inn – Fell apple tree – No objection

12. Finance & Assets–

- a) The 2018/19 Audit papers are now available from the external auditors for completion following the internal audit visit on 13 May 2019
- b) The clerk reviewed Income and Expenditure to 31 March and members noted that, overall, Council has worked within budget
- c) The Cemetery Fees for memorial approvals were reviewed and amendments agreed from 01 April 2019
- d) Payments arising in March were approved

- 13. Annual Parishioners Meeting:** Members were reminded of the arrangements: Weds 10 April at Lowdham village Hall at 7.30pm

- 14. Correspondence:** Two e-mails were read out – the one about parking has been referred to Cllr Roger Jackson and the one from the Ship Inn was noted. A letter from VIA about arable land was read out

- 15. Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Glazebrook requested that the contractor restarts to cut the cemetery grass. The clerk will follow up

- 16. Reports from Outside Organisations:** Cllr Glazebrook said that the new defibrillator had been installed on the front of the Village Hall and was now working. The VHPFC has arranged for St John's Ambulance to run a demonstration/training session for residents in the Village Hall on Sunday 19 May from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

- 17. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 09 May 2019 – to include the ACM - 6.30 for 6.45pm. The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed: Chairman Date