

# LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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**Minutes of the Annual Council and monthly meeting of Lowdham Parish Council  
held in Lowdham Community Room, Southwell Road, Lowdham, NG14 7DQ  
on THURSDAY 06 June 2019 at 6.45pm**

**09/06/11**

## **Councillors:**

Andrew Coles; Jacqueline Finn; Alison Glazebrook; Paul Harrison; Nigel Hunt;  
Simon Mawby; Stephen Platt; Rich Sullivan; Chris Thompson

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner, District Cllr Tim Wendels and 9 residents

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** None
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Chairman's Announcements:** No announcements

## **4. Parish Council Vacancies**

There were three candidates applying for the two vacant posts. For the first vacancy, by closed ballot of members, Mike Poyzer was co-opted onto Council. He signed the form of acceptance and duly joined council. For the second vacancy Emma Watson was co-opted, by closed ballot of members, and signed the form of acceptance and duly joined council. The third candidate was thanked for his interest

**5. Safer neighbourhood – PC Representative** The need for this was queried and it was recommended that this is referred to Cllr Jackson. The matter was postponed to a later meeting

**6. Roundabout proposals –** Tom Boylan from VIA made a presentation to explain the outline plans to upgrade the 6 roundabouts from Ollerton to Lowdham, costing a total of some £22 million. At Lowdham, the plans include acquiring land to accommodate the enlarged roundabout. Consultation meetings are planned

Members were concerned that the proposals do not help the Gunthorpe Bridge traffic congestion problem. The next stages are:

1. Complete the land negotiations
2. Public Consultation in July
3. Planning Application to the Dept of Transport: Dec 2019
4. Compulsory Purchase Orders in March 2020 - Public Enquiry if needed
6. Ollerton roundabout to be first in 2021 and Lowdham last in 2023
7. Lowdham scheme construction 12 months

**7. Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 09 May 2019** were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman.

**8. Clerk's report on Matters and Actions arising from the Minutes:** Nothing that is not covered by the Agenda

## **9. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:**

*Standing Orders were suspended at 7.45pm*

Concern was raised about hedges being cut back in the nesting season

*Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.50pm*

**10. County Council matters:** County Cllr Roger Jackson was not able to attend the meeting

**11. Newark & Sherwood District Council matters:** Cllr Tim Wendels informed members that

1. Parking enforcement measures are being considered

2. Street Cleaning - County Council verge cutting has revealed lots of litter to be dealt with

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3. Planning – a request has been made for a Planning Officer to come to the Sept meeting to discuss points of disagreement over the Parish interpretation of planning policy regarding developments in flood areas

4. The 27 June Finance meeting will decide about Francklin Road ownership transfer to the parish

5. News that the Local Improvement Scheme has approved a grant £8K to Lowdham PC as a contribution for village gateways

Members raised the increasing problem of Main Street parking on double yellow lines, particularly on Saturday mornings and in the early evening at week-ends and Cllr Wendels agreed to refer to NSDC officers.

Parking opposite the solid white centre line areas near to the station was considered to be hazardous and could potentially be the cause of an accident. The clerk was asked to notify the police. Cllr Wendels will arrange for a Parking Enforcement Officer to come to the Council's October meeting

## 12. Amenities and Village:

- i) Village Gateways: No news has been received yet from the LIS funding application, though Cllr Wendels said earlier that there is a positive response
- ii) Cemetery Headstones and Maintenance: The clerk was able to make contact with a number of grave owners some of whom have responded quickly to improve the grave plots. We will need to await a few more weeks to see whether this problem needs further attention. The quote for a safety survey of headstones is awaited
- iii) MUGA – resurfacing. We continue to await to hear from Alan Hardy who presented to Council in April
- iv) Roundabout proposals were discussed earlier. The clerk was asked to seek clarification on the implications for the land with village green status
- v) Dog Bins –the clerk confirmed that he has requested NSDC to reposition some bins, but this has not yet been done. Some general waste bins have been changed as requested

## 13. Planning Applications:

a) 19/00865/FULM – Land at Caythorpe Road – 6 detached dwellings – Object – This site is in Caythorpe Parish Council area, but members would object as the area is subject to flooding and there are drainage problems. Extra site concrete will make the situation worse in the event of a flood

### b) Recent District Council decisions:

19/00579/FUL – 1 Furleys Cottage – Grant Full Permission

19/00638/FUL – 70 Nottingham Road – Grant Full Permission

## 14. Finance & Assets–

- a) Payments arising in May were approved
- b) Year-end Accounts Annual Return 2018/19 for approval:
  - i) Section 1 – The Annual Governance Statement was approved and duly signed
  - ii) Section 2 – The Accounting Statements were approved and duly signed

## 15. Correspondence: None

16. Councillor's Reports: Cllr Stephen Platt presented members with articles on the effects of Climate Change and spoke of the responsibility of all local authorities to adopt a green policy in their activities It was suggested that he prepare a Lowdham PC Environmental policy that can be discussed and accepted by members at a future meeting.

## 17. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

## 18. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 04 July 2019

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed: Chairman ..... Date .....