

# LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the monthly meeting of Lowdham Parish Council held in Lowdham Community Room, Southwell Road, Lowdham, NG14 7DQ on THURSDAY 04 July 2019 at 6.45pm

### Councillors:

Andrew Coles; Jacqueline Finn; Alison Glazebrook; Paul Harrison; Nigel Hunt;  
Simon Mawby; Stephen Platt; Mike Poyzer; Rich Sullivan (A); Chris Thompson; Emma Wilson (A)

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner, District Cllr Roger Jackson and 2 residents

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Rich Sullivan and Emma Wilson - accepted. Cllr Tim Wendels
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** No announcements
4. **Housing Survey – Emma Simkins** updated members and reviewed the findings of the needs survey. There is a full report available for reading on-line: [www.midlandsrural.org.uk](http://www.midlandsrural.org.uk).
5. **Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 06 June 2019** were accepted unanimously and duly signed by the chairman
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** No matters of concern were raised
7. **County Council matters:** To enable County Cllr Jackson to leave the meeting early, this item was taken as item 3a.
  - i) Cllr Jackson reviewed the flood event in Lowdham, happening whilst he was away on holiday, and said he had a meeting with the Environment Agency the following day. The Flood Scheme was now 12 /13 years old and needed to be refreshed in the light of improvement in storage and with the proposed new roundabout implications. Consultations are planned for 01 August at the Magna Charta (4 - 8pm) and in the Village Hall on 03 August (2 - 4pm).
  - ii) He confirmed that the yellow lining has been done and the potholes in Plough Lane reported to VIA.
  - iii) He said that there is a £6M deficit in the current budget for Notts County Council – principally because of the demand for extra children social care.
  - iv) Sandbag and aqua-bags enquiries should be made of VIA - Notts CC.
  - v) Members expressed appreciation that the drains in Main Street had been attended to
  - vi) Cllr Alison Glazebrook drew attention to the large puddle that forms at the bottom of Ton Lane by the traffic lights during heavy rain. Cllr Jackson agreed to ask VIA to investigate and remedy
8. **Newark & Sherwood District Council matters:** Cllr Tim Wendels was not able to attend the meeting
9. **Amenities and Village:**
  - i) Flood waters: This matter was discussed together with the concerns expressed by residents in The Priors. Cllr Nigel Hunt explained that on the night in question that he and other residents were patrolling the Lowdham streets and were available for any emergency. It was agreed that the website should give advice on where residents can turn for help and advice, referring people to the EA Flood-line number, and telephone numbers of local people prepared to help. Cllr Hunt agreed to draft a flood plan. The clerk will enquire of VIA about sandbags and aqua-bags resourcing.

- ii) VE Day - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration - May 2020 Cllr Alison Glazebrook raised this matter and members agreed to support the commemorations which are scheduled to take place over the weekend of 8 –10 May 2020. The Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee are holding a commemorative event on the afternoon of Saturday 9 May.
- iii) Village Gateways: LIS has confirmed that funding of up to £8000 is available, without the need for the Parish Council to match the amount. Members discussed the options and because of cost decided to focus on having 4 gateway signs without strap-plates or planters. The clerk will seek revised quotations and members undertook to consider where the signs should be placed
- iv) Cemetery Headstones and Maintenance: The clerk has received one quotation for a safety survey of headstones. Members requested additional quotations
- v) MUGA – resurfacing. Alan Hardy, from Newark & Sherwood District Council, who made a presentation to Council in April, has written to say that his visit to see the playing surface at Lambley was inconclusive as he was unable to gain access to the court. Another visit will need to be arranged. Cllr Andrew Coles would like to accompany him. There has been no news from the LIS application for funding for this project
- vi) Roundabout proposals: It was noted that Tom Boylan from VIA is arranging for a public consultation meeting on 03 August at the village hall. A survey has been arranged for a date later this month to peg out the cricket pitch.
- vii) Bins – the positioning of dog bins and waste bins was reviewed, and Cllr Nigel Hunt was thanked for moving the dog bin from the cricket field to the village hall area. A larger dog bin was requested for the playing fields and the Clerk was asked to explore options
- viii) Francklin Road car park – no development
- ix) Play equipment – a request for Council to add an inclusive item of equipment was discussed. Members said that this was considered when the play area was first established and, because of the limited space at the area, and after consultation with Disability UK, a decision was made not to include such item.

#### 10. a) Planning Applications: None

#### b) Recent District Council decisions:

19/00907/TWCA – 10 Lambley Road - Sarah Tomlinson – Fell cherry tree – No Objection

#### 11. Finance & Assets–

- a) Scouts room usage fee – following a plea from the scouts' leader it was decided to maintain the present charge for 3 more years and review again at that time, when hopefully their outstanding loan will have been repaid
- b) HSBC – The clerk proposed to open a Business Money Manager Account as this provided a small level of interest – this was agreed, and the clerk was asked to transfer £100,000 from the Current Account, ensuring sufficient was available in the Current Account for normal levels of expenditure
- c) Payments arising in June were approved
- d) Budget: this was reviewed as at Q1 and it was noted that income and expenditure was within the overall pro rata budget

#### 12. Correspondence:

- i) **DARE Presentation:** it was agreed that Cllrs Rich Sullivan and Stephen Platt attend the school graduation on 11 July as representatives of the Council
- ii) **Drone Use:** a request from Derby University to do a survey of a short stretch of Lowdham waterways by use of a drone was discussed and approved. It was agreed that the matter be referred to the Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee as the area of land chosen is administered by that committee

#### 13. Councillor's Reports: None

#### 14. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

#### 15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 05 September 2019

The meeting closed at 9.09pm

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