

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the extraordinary monthly meeting of Lowdham Parish Council held in Lowdham Community Room, Southwell Road, Lowdham, NG14 7DQ on THURSDAY 08 August 2019 at 6.45pm

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner and 8 residents

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Paul Harrison and Rich Sullivan - accepted

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Chairman's Announcements: No announcements

4. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:

Standing orders were suspended at 6.50pm

A resident asked for an update on the situation about the proposed roundabout. It was explained that the matter was to be discussed as the first item. Cllr Chris Thompson outlined the process being followed leading to the current position

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.00pm

5. Amenities and Village:

- i) Roundabout: Members discussed the lack of information available, the sporadic distribution of leaflets to households and holding consultation events at holiday time. It was agreed to write a letter of complaint to VIA/NCC. Cllr Emma Wilson will prepare a FOI (Freedom of Information) request to VIA/NCC for the clerk to submit. Cllrs agreed to object to the proposed roundabout scheme. The following working group was agreed: Councillors Chris Thompson, Alison Glazebrook, Emma Wilson plus, ex officio, Andy Coles and Jacqueline Finn. Appropriate members of the public will be asked to join the group. Cllr Emma Wilson will contact the Evening Post. Cllr Chris Thompson will prepare a report following the consultation process for wide circulation. Local MP Robert Jenrick plans to visit Lowdham on 21 August and the opportunity will be taken to talk about this proposal plus the Environment Agency Flood Relief Plans.
- ii) Flood Relief Plans: Cllr Finn remarked that over the last 12 years a lot of money has been expended, but it appears that the current plans are impracticable. A natural flood management scheme is now favoured with three reservoirs at a higher level than Lowdham, planned to be started in 2021. More trees are proposed to be planted, to grow over the next 20 years, to help take up surplus water. 6 more leaky barriers are planned in the autumn.
- iii) Village Gateways: A revised quotation of £8840 + VAT has been received from Morris Cast Signs Ltd to supply and install 4 Cropwell style signs. Members agreed to accept this quotation. Members have considered where the signs should be placed and will suitably mark the spot at the location plus on a map.
NCC Highways will need to approve the final place
- iv) MUGA – resurfacing. We have received a letter from NCC, Local Improvement Scheme, offering an award of £10,000 capital funding to support total costs in the region of £35/40K. Alan Hardy, from Newark & Sherwood District Council, wrote to the council that day to say that following further investigation a synthetic carpet could be laid that would be suitable for recreational tennis, football and other sports. Cllr Andrew Coles said that the new surface should last for 10 years and that Lowdham Colts FC envisaged that they would use it for 6 months of the year. He has visited the Lambley courts and done further investigation and recommended that council accepts the LIS offer as there are other sources of funding to be explored and was confident that the balance needed would be found. The potential letting income was reviewed and estimated at £5000 per annum which would cover maintenance costs. Members approved

accepting the LIS offer. Other funders will be approached: District Council sports grant (£1500); Awards for All (£10K); Notts FA; NNYFL; WREN and others – with a view to completing as a Spring 2020 project
It was agreed to publicise the plans in the Parish Magazine and Website. It was also agreed to have the trees along Southwell Road cut back to avoid overhang of the courts and creation of moss

7.45pm At this point Cllr Mawby left the meeting

- v) Water bill: Cricket Club – the clerk explained that the water meter to the toilet block also supplied the cricket pavilion. Members agreed that from the date of the last reading (01 June 2019) the Village Hall Committee (as landlords to the Cricket Club) be asked to take over this cost
- vi) Cemetery maintenance: The clerk reported that following the heavy rains in June quite a number of graves have sunk. It was agreed that the gravedigger be asked to level and seed as soon as possible
- vii) Dog Bins – A quotation of £217.21 + VAT to supply a larger dog bin (from Glasdon's) was considered and approved. Cllr Nigel Hunt offered to take delivery and fix the bin in place.
- viii) Francklin Road car park – the options proposed in the letter of 19 July from the District Council were considered and the clerk was asked to request a long lease at a fixed nominal annual fee, rather than the option to transfer the freehold to the Parish Council
- ix) Former Public Toilet – the purchase interest was discussed. Members agreed to postpone a decision until there is more clarification concerning the extent of the proposed roundabout changes and also the flood relief plans
- x) Playing Field Gateway security – members suggested this matter be referred to the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Alison Glazebrook agreed to do this

6. a) Planning Applications:

- 19/01310/FUL – 44 Ridge Hill – Erection of first floor extension – Support proposal
- 19/01353/FUL – The Old Hall – Single storey orangery and new porch – Support Proposal
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b) Recent District Council decisions:

- 19/01001/CPRIOR – Dutch Barn, Southwell Road – Mr & Mrs Mason – change of use to dwelling – Refuse Prior Approval

7. Finance & Assets–

- a) Payments arising in July were approved

8. Correspondence:

- i) **Best Kept Village:** We have been advised that for Section A villages, Farnsfield were the winners with Radcliffe-on-Trent as runner-up. The other finalists were Farndon and Lowdham
- ii) **Speed Limit:** VIA proposes a 50mph speed limit on A612 between Bulcote and Lowdham, running between the existing 40mph limits in Bulcote and Lowdham. Members had no objection
- iii) **Vandalism at the Community Building:** The clerk reported recent damage to the building and members requested CCTV installation to be explored. Cllr Mike Poyzer agreed to investigate getting Wi-Fi in the Community Building
- iv) **Wind-blown damage to trees:** A pine has been blown down across Public Footpath 19 along the ridge. It is now cleared. The clerk will explore funding from the District Council to plant more trees

9. Councillor's Reports: Cllr Hunt suggested that the council acquire some 200 aquabags – the clerk will investigate.

Cllr Alison Glazebrook advised that following on from last month's PC meeting it has been ascertained that the litter bin on the floor near to the Village Hall bridge is the responsibility of NSDC.

NSDC has agreed to replace or repair the bin and ensure that it is emptied regularly

10. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 05 September 2019

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: Chairman Date