

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 07 November 2019 at 6.45pm

Councillors:

Andrew Coles; Jacqueline Finn; Alison Glazebrook; Paul Harrison; Nigel Hunt;
Simon Mawby; Stephen Platt; Mike Poyzer; Rich Sullivan; Chris Thompson; Emma Wilson (L- 7.00pm)

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, Cllr Roger Jackson, Cllr Tim Wendels, Brian Rawlinson and six members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** No announcements
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 03 October 2019** were accepted unanimously and duly signed

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

Standing orders were suspended at 6.48pm

A member of the public referred to Planning Application 19/00093/FULM – Change of land use to provide 8 football pitches - and complained that her address had not been included in the Newark District Council advice letter. Cllr Tim Wendels acknowledged that there had been other residents who had made a similar complaint and as a result NSDC has re- delivered the original letter dated 21 October, with a 14-day extension to 18th November for public comments. In response to a question, Cllr Wendels said that delegated powers procedure is normally used if the Parish Council decision is followed. If the Parish Council decision is not to be followed, the application will be considered by the Planning Committee.

A member of public asked Cllr Jackson to arrange for the inadequate street lighting in Lime Tree Gardens be checked

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.04pm

6. **County Council matters –**

* Cllr Roger Jackson referred to the regular standing flood water at the Ton Lane traffic lights junction referred to in earlier meetings and said that the reason for it is that the drains are inadequate – to be remedied by VIA

* He said that VIA/NCC plans for a new car park (20/30 cars) for Lowdham Station on Caythorpe Road is on-going

* He felt his recent visit to The House of Parliament with Chairman Jacqueline Finn to see local MP Robert Jenrick and Rebecca Pow MP, DEFRA Minister, about the proposed flood defence scheme was worthwhile. He raised concerns at the delays and changes and was told that progress is being made to negotiate with landowners – project start date target Spring/Summer 2020

* Revised plans for the roundabout are being drawn up by VIA

* He referred to the consultation to restrict the weight limit to 7.5T on a route about the village and members indicated full agreement

* Cllr Alison Glazebrook raised the problem of continued flooding on Lambley Road and Cllr Jackson said he would report it.

7. **District Council matters**

* Cllr Tim Wendels introduced Mr Brian Rawlinson, Parking Enforcement Officer, who was unable to attend last month. Brian said:

- Lowdham has had less enforcement in the last 18 months than planned or desirable
- A new team has been recruited that will improve warden attendance
- No Parking line issues have been refreshed
- There are issues to be resolved near to the station
- Co-op area of the village: double yellow line parking was discussed ... static CCTV cameras were proposed

A parking permit system was suggested by Cllr Sullivan

Brian left the meeting at 7.35pm

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* Cllr Wendels referred to the recent Parish Council conference when a 3-year Initiative Fund was announced – £200,000 for small local projects. Emphasis: Year 1: Greener Year 2: Safer Year 3: Cleaner

* 50 free trees are available to Parish Councils...apply by 5 February 2020

8. Amenities and Village:

- i) Roundabout: This topic was deemed to have been discussed sufficiently at item 6
- ii) Flood Relief Plans: This topic was similarly felt to have been covered at item 6. Emily Mayle of EA has been asked to come to talk to Council on 28 Nov 2019 meeting – she has responded that she will ask an officer to attend.
- iii) Village Gateways: These will be ready shortly The VIA NCC licence application has been made by the installers and Cllr Nigel Hunt will mark the four identified locations when needed
- iv) MUGA – resurfacing. The clerk reported that he has almost completed the application to FCC Community Foundation (formerly WREN - £20K). The clerk is also completing an application form to Newark District Council Small Grants Fund (£1500) to contribute to the third-party requirement of FCC (£2150).
- v) CCTV – Cllr Simon Mawby informed the members of his conversations with the quote providers and, after discussion, the quotation from Mercury was proposed and accepted by majority decision (10 for; 1 abstention). An extra camera (5th) was agreed to provide full coverage of the MUGA.
Wi-Fi – Cllr Mike Poyzer informed members of his discussions with suppliers. Talk-Talk has now withdrawn as they based their quotation of the building being a residence. Another supplier has been identified – One Bill – and members agreed to proceed with their indicative quotation. An Open Reach survey is set for 15 November.
- vi) Remembrance Sunday: Cllr Alison Glazebrook informed members of the arrangements and confirmed that Cllrs Alison, Simon and Nigel and former councillor Tim Knowles have put up the lamppost poppies.
- vii) Blending valves – it was agreed that there was no need for these as the water temperature can be controlled at the boiler.
- viii) Insurance of the former Public Toilets Building. The clerk informed members that the insurance cover has been arranged for demolition costs only for a Sum Insured of £5000.
- ix) Tree work - it was agreed to accept the quotation from Mark Winter to side-cut the tree branches with ivy cutback alongside the MUGA. Cllr Alison requested that the clerk ask VIA to attend to the roadside growth of these trees (A612)
It was noted that there is a Woodland Trust Tree Planting day on 30 November – not relevant to Lowdham
- x) NSDC Free Tree Scheme – members noted that up to 50 trees are available – application deadline: 5 Feb 2020
- xi) Play Area Safety inspections. The annual inspection report has been received showing some low category maintenance issues. It was agreed for the clerk to send this to VHPFC for action.

9. a) Planning Applications:

19/01884FUL – Lowdham House – addition of bespoke garden room – Do Not Object

19/01873/FUL – Rockleys View – field ref 1081 – erection of additional barn – Do Not Object

b) Recent District Council decisions:

19/01353FUL and 9/01354LBC – The Old Hall – Grant Permission

19/01497FUL – 23 Lime Tree – Grant Permission

19/01820TPO – 8 Ross Close – Grant Permission

10. Finance & Assets: a) Payments arising in October were approved b) Budget 2020/21 to be considered at the next meeting

11. Environmental Policy – Cllr Chris Thompson informed members that the working group of Cllrs Stephen Platt, Mike Poyzer and himself has produced the circulated draft and commended that Council accept this.

Members agreed to adopt the Policy and that it will be signed off at the next meeting.

12. Correspondence: a) It was noted that a Weds evening MUGA booking is being agreed for children training by Bingham Town Blues FC. b) Severn Trent Water are to start work on the sewer network, for 20 weeks, around Old Tannery Drive from 11 Nov.

c) A parishioner request to have a blue grit bin topped up will be actioned by the clerk, together with the others in the village

d) It was noted that a Freedom of Information request has been made by Mr R Fell

13. Councillor's Reports: VHPFC: Cllr Alison Glazebrook informed members that an application to Awards for All has been successful and the £10,000 will be help fund a new stage extension, film screen and projector

14. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 28 November 2019 (NB: the following meeting is Thursday 09 Jan 2020)

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: Chairman Date