

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 09 January 2020 at 6.45pm

09/01/20/25

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, Minute taker Wendy Fenn, County Cllr Roger Jackson and District Cllr Tim Wendels and three members of the public

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Rich Sullivan - approved
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Chairman's Announcements:** No announcements
- 4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 November 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 6.50pm

A member of the public referred to outstanding planning application 10/00093/FULM – land to provide 8 football pitches with a club house and car park – and wished to register two more objections – Site security and possible Anti-social behaviour...and asked that the applicants comment on these two issues. Cllr Tim Wendels said that the matter has moved forward from the Parish Council to the District Council Planners. There are a significant number of objections posted on the website and, as Notts CC Highways had a number of queries about traffic access/egress usage, more information was being sought. It is anticipated that the February or March District Planning Committee meeting will consider the application.

Two members of the public requested that a bike shelter be installed at the additional car parking proposed for the station. Cllr Roger Jackson agreed to forward this request to NCC planners.

Standing orders were reinstated at 7.10pm

The members of public left at this time

6. County Council matters

Cllr Roger Jackson said that he has asked Mr David Pick, Place Department of Notts CC to discuss the different layouts of the proposed new roundabout with parish councillors and a meeting at 6pm on Thursday 16 Jan. was proposed. This timing suited most councillors so Mr Pick will be asked to confirm whether he or a colleague can attend.

He mentioned the drainage work being done in Nottingham Road by Severn Trent Water on behalf of NCC. Timescale: 6 months maximum

13 Nottingham Road – a meeting is to be held on 29th January about this HMO property.

Potholes were discussed and Roger took a note of a number of places mentioned as needing attention

7. District Council matters

Cllr Tim Wendels referred to the high level of interest in the plans for the proposed football pitches – mentioned earlier

He reminded that the Parish Council could make an initiative bid under the "Greener this year" theme (50% contribution to costs).

The total fund is £200K. A cycle shelter was proposed and also help with the MUGA resurfacing costs. The clerk will follow up

Cllr Chris Thompson asked Cllr Wendels for the accumulation of leaves around the village and build-up of mud near the Magna Charta crossing be removed.

8. Amenities and Village:

i) Roundabout: This item had been discussed earlier under County Council matters

7.35pm Cllrs Jackson And Wendels left the meeting

- ii) Flood Relief Plans: Members noted that EA plan to do work w/c 13 January on the cricket pitch flood storage area
- iii) Cllr Jacqueline Finn proposed that the council becomes active in bringing about the appointment of Flood Wardens, so that the community is seen to be leading this group. Local resident Col. Peter Cross has already said he is prepared to form a group. Cllr Emma Wilson agreed to co-ordinate arrangements to form a community group. Both the Chapel and The Ship have offered to be central points.
- iv) Village Gateways: A site meeting has been arranged with VIA for next week to confirm the exact locations for the suppliers/installers
- v) MUGA – a) resurfacing. All funding applications have been completed. Anticipated start date: June 2020. b) Letting Policy: Types of bookings and rates were discussed. A pricing policy is needed by April.
- vi) CCTV – This has been ordered but will not be actioned until the Wi-Fi is operational – awaiting work by Open Reach
- vii) Cemetery Inspection: The clerk has arranged for an inspection of the headstones and memorials with Independent Memorial Inspection (IMI). Cllr Alison Glazebrook advised that Lowdham Young Farmers would be cutting the boundary hedge of the churchyard on a Saturday 18 January and sought permission to restrict vehicular access to the cemetery whilst this work is taking place. Cllrs agreed to this request. Advisory notices will be placed on the cemetery gates before the work takes place.
- viii) Defibrillator provision. The clerk is continuing to seek funding contributions
- ix) NSDC Free Tree Scheme – 50 trees are available – application deadline: 5 Feb 2020, Cllr Stephen Platt is to liaise with Geoff Burton to arrange a walk around the village to select possible sites for new trees
- x) Francklin Road Car Park – The NSDC lease provisions were considered and accepted. Members noted that the agreement excluded security of tenure provision. The 20-year lease effective from 01 October 2019 was duly signed

At this time the clerk left the meeting (9.20pm)

9. a) Planning Applications:

- * 19/01217/FUL – The Shed – Demolition and erection of replacement building (revised) – no objection
- * 19/02049/FUL – Sherrards Farm – Replace existing side extension, front porch and erect a new detached garage
Objection: Detached garage is out of proportion to the original structure
- * 19/02177/FUL - 18 Main Street - Remove wall and gates and create vehicular access and parking area
Objection: Non-designated heritage site. Removal of the railings will alter appearance and be out of character with the area. Busy pedestrian area. Hazard to pedestrians and other cars. Visibility affected. Due to the size of the garden, the vehicle would also be on the pavement. Car doors would open out into the pavement.
- * 19/02124/FUL 13 Hill Syke - Removal of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension – no objection

b) Recent District Council decisions:

- * 19/01873/FUL – Fields Ref 1081 – Full Planning Permission
- * 19/01884/FUL – Lowdham House – Full Planning Permission
- * 19/02097/TWCA – Grove House – No objection
- * 19/00194/ENF – 2 Willow Holt – Enforcement Notices Appeal – Noted

- 10. Finance & Assets:** a) Payments arising in December were approved. b) Christmas Lights: Cllr. Jacqueline Finn wished thanks to those responsible for organising the Christmas lights be recorded in the minutes. The lights were much appreciated. b) Allotments – annual review of rent – 3 x £25; 1 x £30 – Agreed. c) Lindum Fire Services Quote – Accepted
d) Budget 2020/21 – Nil increase proposed by Cllr. Paul Harrison. Seconded by Cllr. Chris Thompson. Agreed unanimously

11. General matters:

- i) Council policies for Freedom of Information Requests, Document Retention Policy and Publication Scheme were agreed. Cllr Chris Thompson confirmed he had researched and prepared the Freedom of Information Policy. It was proposed, seconded by Cllr. Paul Harrison and agreed unanimously that the documents be referred to the clerk for signing
- ii) NALC Guide to tackling Loneliness. Cllr. Stephen Platt confirmed a meeting to be held on 20th January at 11am. All welcome
- iii) Annual Parishioners Meeting – Weds 8th April 2020. It was agreed to do a letter drop as an invitation, advising who is being invited e.g. Trent Rivers Trust and detailing the topics to be discussed.

12. Correspondence: a) Notification had been received of 2 Public Meetings on the 20th and 21st January about the planned merger of The Jubilee Practice, Lowdham with Park House Medical Centre, Carlton

13. Councillor's Reports: VHPFC: Cllr Alison Glazebrook informed members that VHPFC had received £300 from the NCC Flood Hardship Scheme following the pavilion flooding. Richard Bowler met with insurance loss adjusters and is awaiting an offer figure. She suggested Council starting discussions in February with the Village Hall Committee about plans for Christmas 2020

14. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 06 February 2020

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed: Chairman Date