

# LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Lowdham Parish Council  
held by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)  
on THURSDAY 02 April 2020 at 7.10pm**

02/04/20/31

**Councillors:**

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

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner, County Cllr Roger Jackson, District Councillor Tim Wendels

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Stephen Platt (A); Mike Poyzer (A); Rich Sullivan (A); Emma Wilson (A)

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None

**3. Chairman's Announcements:** No announcements other than to note the need to meet online by Zoom because of Covid 19 virus self-isolating requirements

**4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05 March 2020** were accepted unanimously and will be signed in due course

**5. Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** No members of the public were present

**6. County Council matters**

Cllr Roger Jackson thanked Lowdham for what it is doing to help the old and vulnerable. He has released money from his Member's fund for appropriate use by Mr Peter Cross and his team. He summarised his trip to London regarding flood relief plans and the discussions that relate to the Environment Agency plans.

**7. District Council matters**

Cllr Tim Wendels informed members that during this problem period, the frequency of bin collection will be altered. The District supports Notts CC initiative HART (Humanitarian Assistance Response Team). Rate relief grants have been made to retailers – there is also a retail hospitality trade package. A redeployment triage support has also been established organised by FUTURES.

**8. Amenities and Village:**

i) Roundabout: No further news

ii) Flood Relief Plans: Mr Peter Cross has organised a team of supporters for flood relief and has also accepted the focal role for the local effects of Covid 19 virus. It was noted that Cllr Jackson has released £500 of his Members Allowance for Personal Protection Equipment and a further £500 for emergency food requirements of those in need The Parish Council agreed to make a further £500 available. A donation of £200 was also agreed to the fund organised by Tom Brown's Restaurant who are supplying hot nutritious food to those in need

Pest control: The rats have been reported as returning, particularly about the area of The Priors, and the clerk has asked for the pest control operative to attend to the problem. Cllr Jackson suggested that the Environment Agency be asked to contribute to costs. He will ask Emma Mayle and the clerk will write. The Cocker Beck has riparian ownership and the owners (residents) are responsible for its maintenance. On this occasion members decided to meet costs of pest control, but the owners need to know it is their legal responsibility.

iii) Village Gateways: The 4 signs are now installed.

iv) MUGA – Resurfacing. The Awards for All (£10K) Application has been resubmitted with the extra information requested. If all bids are successful, the revised project start date has been set as 04 August 2020

v) Wi-Fi and CCTV – The CCTV system has been installed

vi) Cemetery Inspection: Work to find and contact next of kin continues

vii) Annual Parishioners Meeting – Weds 08 April 2020. This has needed to be cancelled

viii) NSDC Greener Theme Initiative Fund: Station: The clerk has completed the application for £2,500 grant for provision of a cycle shelter for the car park planned for the railway

ix) Perimeter trees at the Community Building Sports Ground – the pruning quotations from Mark Winter were accepted

and to include the removal of brambles.

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x) Grounds maintenance at football field area – quote from Mark Winter accepted by e-mail agreement – no change in costs

xi) V E Day Celebrations: Members were reminded that this has been postponed until 2021

**10. a) Planning Applications:** 02/00373/FUL – Victoria Cottage – to convert to 9 apartment accommodation

Whilst welcoming affordable housing - for the following reasons: OBJECT

- The location of the proposed development will exacerbate the current poor traffic conditions in that area. The proposed parking provision is inadequate - it will mean more vehicles needing to use nearby road space. Exit from Blenheim Avenue to Station Road in the morning particularly is already very difficult and currently there are safety issues.
- Many school children catch buses around that area and lack of full visibility is a concern, visibility particularly reduced because of parked vehicles.
- Local residents are already concerned about traffic problems in that area. As they may not be able to attend meetings for some time, planners may consider delaying their considerations until an open meeting is possible.

Other issues:

- The contemporary look of the South east elevation is not in keeping with the character of the Victorian house
- Being in a flood prone area, the proposal will reduce the soak away capacity, increasing pressure on an already overstretched system – as will the increase in sewerage.
- Several trees will need to be removed that need to be replaced

20/00466/FUL – Cockerbeck Cottage, 78 Main Street – Single storey dwelling and new road access

OBJECT: Because of flooding, drainage, loss of trees and visual impact issues:

- The proposed property is out of character with the host building. It is over-intensive development with a very tight access drive and less than generous accommodation.
- The proposal will reduce soak away capacity for rainfall due to the house footprint and the proposed driveway. Water will flow onto Nursery Gardens then onto Main St., producing additional surface water pressure on the system.
- The property's own sewerage and water drainage need will mean increased flow into the mains
- The proposal requires the removal of several trees without any obvious undertaking to replace
- The design does not fit in with properties around it especially given the character of number 78 itself
- Access onto Nursery Gardens is tight and potentially a safety issue, recognising that the traffic volume is low.

**b) Recent District Council Decisions:**

20/00105/FUL – Land off Caythorpe Road - Creation of Manege – Full Permission

20/00421/TWCA – 19 Lambley Road – Fell leylandii – Permission granted

**11. Finance & Assets:**

a) Payments arising in March were approved.

b) Cemetery Pricing Annual Review: It was agreed to increase the headstone permission charge to £175 (from £168)

c) Financial Regulations & Standing Orders Annual Review: It was agreed that there was no need for a change

*A 5-minute break was taken to allow members to join in with the National clap to thank NHS worker*

**12. General matters:** None

**13. Correspondence:** None

**14. Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Alison Glazebrook reported fly tipping at the church car park and Cllr Tim Wendels noted for action. Cllr Thompson proposed that until the current crisis is over that decisions made by e-mail or over the internet are valid. Members unanimously agreed

**15. Reports from Outside Organisations:** Cllr Alison Glazebrook informed the members that the village hall has had to be closed with a significant loss of rental income

**16. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 07 May 2020 (includes the ACM)

Signed: Chairman .....

Date .....

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm

NB: Subsequent to the meeting: NALC advise that a process for inviting members of the public to monthly council meetings is necessary. The next meeting will do this, and any matters raised on decisions made at this meeting will be revisited