

# LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Lowdham Parish Council  
held by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)  
on THURSDAY 04 June 2020 at 6.54pm**

**04/06/20/35**

## **Councillors:**

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** No announcements  
*Cllr Nigel Hunt left the meeting*
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 07 May 2020** were accepted unanimously and will be signed in due course
5. **Membership of Standing Working Groups for 2020/2021**
  - i) **Finance and Assets:** Cllrs Paul Harrison (lead); Simon Mawby and Chris Thompson
  - ii) **Planning:** Cllrs Alison Glazebrook (lead); Stephen Platt and Nigel Hunt
  - iii) **Community and Village Amenities:** Cllrs Rich Sullivan (lead); Alison Glazebrook, Stephen Platt and Simon Mawby
  - iv) **Communications/website:** Cllrs Chris Thompson and Mike Poyzer
  - v) **HR:** Cllr Chris Thompson
  - vi) **VHPFC rep:** Cllr Alison Glazebrook
  - vii) **Volunteer Path Wardens:** Clerk to ask residents John Day and Dave Johnson if they will agree to continue in this role, with thanks for the work done in the last 12 months  
The Chairman and vice-Chairman are permanent ex-officio members of these groups

6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** None

## **7. County Council matters**

Cllr Roger Jackson informed members that as part of the easing following the perceived worst of Covid-19, the VIA teams are coming back to work and services are gradually improving – more frequent bus routes and times - grass cutting - pothole filling. He said that the hedge planted by a resident in Gunthorpe Road is to be removed. Discussions with Network Rail continue about the provision of a car park. There are no developments regarding the Roundabout. He attended a meeting last week with the Environment Agency and discussed with them possible funding to be allocated for extra support work to be done to support the left side of Cocker Beck. A water retention scheme is still seen as the key long-term remedy.

## **8. District Council matters**

Cllr Tim Wendels informed members that brown garden waste bins are being collected once more. He referred to the District Initiative Scheme and encouraged members to consider making a bid for the second round.

## **9. Amenities and Village:**

- i) **Roundabout:** No further news
- ii) **Flood Relief Actions:** Cllr Emma Wilson reported on a very productive meeting with FLAG and noted that they are building a great relationship with the Environment Agency and residents. FLAG wished to work closely with the Parish Council. The working relationship between FLAG and the council is still to be resolved formally and Cllr Wilson offered to prepare and circulate a note for members approval before approaching FLAG further. Cllrs Chris Thompson and Paul Harrison offered to assist. The plan is to review FLAG's agenda and objectives and agree how the Parish Council can support and provide guidance.

- iii) Covid-19 relief actions: No further actions to report  
*Cllr Nigel Hunt re-joined the meeting*
- iv) MUGA – Resurfacing: The application for funding from Awards for All (£10K) has been declined as all the funding for the next six months will prioritise addressing the current COVID-19 situation. We still await to hear from FCC Community Foundation (formerly WREN) - £20K. Members reconsidered the financial position and Cllr Coles reminded members that a decision to contribute Parish Council funds has already been agreed. The clerk was asked to approach WREN to tell them that the £10K bid to Awards for All has been replaced by the council contribution and to urge them to help with the final amount needed
- v) Notice boards – Cllr Thompson reminded members that we have a third notice board in the village that is little used. It was decided to offer this for the use of FLAG...if they do not need it, then community groups may find it to be useful. The whereabouts of the key needs to be found. The clerk will offer its use to FLAG  
The notice board for the cemetery is expected in a month or so

*Cllr Emma Wilson left the meeting*

#### 10. a) Planning Application:

20/00761/FUL – 2 Pastures View – single storey rear conservatory extension - Do not object, but colour chosen (grey) should blend more into the area colour (chartwell green)

##### Applications subsequently received:

20/00889/FUL – 17 Gunthorpe Road – extend front side and rear – raise roof level, erection of a detached garage and workshop – Object – the changes proposed are out of character with the area and are an over-intensification of the site.

20/00854/FUL - 7 Old Tannery Drive - single storey rear kitchen extension – Do not object

#### b) Planning Decisions noted:

20/00724/TWCA – 15 Ton Lane – Reduce leylandii by 50% - No Objection

20/00373/FUL – Nick Baseley - Victoria Cottage – Convert to 9 apartments – Refuse Permission

11. **Finance & Assets:** a) Payments arising in May were approved

12. **General matters:** Volunteer Policy and Procedures – these were considered and duly adopted

#### 13. Correspondence:

The clerk referred to a resident's report about uncut grass in the cemetery – this has now been remedied

*Cllr Paul Harrison left the meeting*

14. **Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Stephen Platt raised the reported problem of dog fouling. He has walked the area and does not think the problem is as acute as reported. He was assured that the matter was reported to the dog warden at Newark & Sherwood District Council. He also raised having a further defibrillator in the village and Cllr Andy Coles undertook to pursue the provision via Lowdham Colts FC. Cllr Platt also drew members attention to the usefulness of beavers in creating natural dams and that in some flood areas they have been introduced. It was pointed out that the leaky barriers, that have been installed, do the same job. Cllr Nigel Hunt enquired about receipt of the top-up of aqua-sacs from the District. The clerk confirmed that these have not arrived yet and he will remind for them. Cllr Hunt enquired about there being a list of houses in the village that had ever been flooded, but none was known to exist.

He also asked whether the public toilets had ever been flooded. Members did not believe so.

There was discussion about when it would be prudent to release the flood-relief money collected from parishioners over the last 5 years and the chairman explained that when an appropriate scheme is announced, annual payments will be made ultra vires, in accordance with the limitations imposed by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

15. **Reports from Outside Organisations:** Cllr Alison Glazebrook informed the members that because of increased activity from travellers, the village hall committee has acquired an extra lock and ordered a telescopic security bollard for the vehicular entrance by the toilet block.

She said that the pre-school had re-opened.

16. **Human Resources:** There was a discussion about future staffing requirements

17. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 02 July 2020 by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)

Signed: Chairman .....

Date .....

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm