

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Lowdham Parish Council 01/10/20/43
held by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)
on THURSDAY 1st October 2020 at 6.45pm

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, Minute taker Wendy Fenn, County Cllr. Roger Jackson

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Stephen Platt, District Cllr. Tim Wendels also sent his apologies
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** No announcements
4. **Casual Vacancy:** Cllr. Rich Sullivan has submitted his resignation and a casual vacancy exists
5. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th September 2020** It was agreed that the minute 9 iv) should have recorded: Members voted unanimously to allocate up to £30,000 of existing funds for the resurfacing of the MUGA. Other than this amendment, the minutes were accepted unanimously and will be signed in due course.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business: None**
7. **County Council matters**

Unauthorised planting of laurels in Gunthorpe Road: As these have not been removed, Cllr. Roger Jackson said he would remind VIA. He reported that a public statement announcement about the roundabout and Kirk Hill at East Bridgford will take place next week. An on-line consultation is planned for November. Cllr. Chris Thompson reminded him that it had been planned for the Council to have a prior view of the presentation and Cllr. Roger Jackson agreed to ask David Pick to liaise with the Clerk. The meeting was updated about the resurfacing of Main Street and drainage. After discussions about road closures, access and parking of work vehicles, Cllr Jackson agreed to talk to Ian Horton of VIA to clarify the situation. Letters are planned to be delivered to inform residents about the resurfacing plans and members asked to ensure the letters will be delivered to appropriate properties. Cllr. Jackson highlighted that an excellent job had been achieved by VIA in cleaning out the drains and gullies.

19.22 Cllr. Jackson left the meeting.

8. District Council matters

District Planners are to refer Planning Application 20/00889/FUL – 17 Gunthorpe Road – to the Planning Committee. Cllr. Emma Wilson agreed that she would attend the meeting. Cllr. Jacqueline Finn said she would inform Cllr. Tim Wendels.

9. Amenities and Village:

- i) Roundabout: Discussed previously.
- ii) Flood alleviation: EA update: Cllr. Emma Wilson reported that explorative holes have been dug and ground investigations completed. Plans are being made on the construction work needed on the flood wall and work is expected to start in the next few months. Cllrs Finn and Wilson plan to attend the EA meeting on 9th October.
- iii) Covid-19 relief actions: There are no new developments
- iv) MUGA resurfacing: Cllrs Mawby and Coles have examined samples of the two Lano synthetic grass products – Integration and Revolution – and talked to resident Russ Blenkinsopp, who is a tennis user. As a result of further referrals, another product called Matchplay 2 was suggested. Members were reminded that Andy Hardy of NSDC had directed the council to the Lano product and Cllr Paul Harrison said it was important that the council receives independent advice to guide the decision-making process. It was agreed to defer the decision in order to get an independent view, considering the council's wish to retain the multi-games use of the facility but acknowledging the substantial demands from football
Cllr. Chris Thompson asked that it be specified on the next meeting's agenda that a decision is to be made.

The Clerk said that he had submitted two applications for funding.

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- v) Defibrillators: Cllr. Andy Coles proposed that council proceeds with a defibrillator at the Community Building to be fixed outside in a lockable box and registered with EMAS. He also confirmed that £400 donation will be made by Lowdham Colts Football. This proposal was agreed unanimously.
A proposal was put forward by Cllr. Emma Wilson for a defibrillator at Alphabet House and this was also agreed unanimously. Cllr. Emma Wilson will advise them. The clerk undertook to make arrangements
- vi) Christmas trees and light in the village: The Clerk confirmed he has ordered the same number of Christmas trees as last year. Cllr. Andy Coles agreed to contact shopkeepers. The Clerk is to contact the Christmas light installers.
- vii) Remembrance: The Clerk has the wreath that he will get to Cllr. Jacqueline Finn together with the requested extra (large) poppies for the streetlights. St Mary's Church has confirmed that Remembrance Sunday itself will be a low-key event with official guidance awaited from the Church of England. Cllr. Jacqueline Finn agreed to add to Facebook when the wreath will be laid, with a reminder to respect social distancing if attending.

10. a) i) Planning Applications: None

a) ii) Planning Application subsequently received: 20/01354/HOUSE – 5 Mount Pleasant – retrospective permission for decking and screen: Object by a majority decision. Voting 1 for, 5 against and 3 abstentions – decking too high

b) Recent District Council Decisions: 20/01326/HOUSE – Willow Dene, Old Epperstone Road, - single storey side extension – Grant Application

20-01341 – HOUSE – 13 Hill Syke – removal of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension (resubmission) – Grant Application

20-01363 -TPO – 8 Ross Close – tree work – Grant Permission

20-01568 and 20-01749 - TWCA – Joyland, 19A Lambley Road – fell apple trees and shrub – No objection

11. Finance & Assets:

- a) September Payments were authorised.** Figures at the half-year were noted, compared with budget and duly approved
- b) Re-opening of Community building:** It was agreed to put on hold for another month.
- c) Financial Regulations:** The latest (July 2019) NALC Model Financial Regs were adopted, subject to putting onto Parish Council headed paper
- d) Community Building Insulation:** The Clerk confirmed a survey to be undertaken by John Brailsford week starting 19.Oct.
- e) Grant Application:** A grant application from Lowdham C of E Primary School was considered. This is in the form of a Community Book Pledge. The aim is to raise £1000 for educational books, with the publishers providing further books to the value of £600. After discussion it was agreed to pledge £250. The clerk will advise the school. Cllr. Emma Wilson abstained from the discussion and decision because of her interest as a school governor. Cllr Wilson will tell the school to let the Council know of any shortfall in achieving the target.
- f)** To note that the removable bollard has been installed to enable a wide mower to gain access to the football field behind the Community Building. Council thanks Trevor for doing the work
- g)** An offer by OneBill (Broadband) to include breakdown cover at £5 per month was discussed and declined

12. General matters:

- a)** UK Planning proposals for comments: Papers had been circulated – no comment
- b)** Residential Cycle and Car Parking Consultation: Papers had been circulated – seen to be sensible approach
- c)** Local Government Reorganisation Consultation and Building Development Proposals - Noted

13. Correspondence: None

14. Councillor's Reports: None – Cllr Nigel Hunt offered to collect the promised aqua sacs from NSDC – the clerk will arrange

15. Reports from Outside Organisations: Cllr Alison Glazebrook reported:

- i) Drain outside the Cricket Pavilion has collapsed. £540 cost ii) Village Hall boiler in main hall not working.
iii) Hall income is approx. £5000 down because of Covid-19 iv) Covid-19 QR codes has been obtained for the Hall and Pavilion
The clerk reminded the meeting that Cllr. Stephen Platt has asked for the Village Hall to have an insulation survey

At this point in the meeting in order to discuss the next item the chairman moved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 16 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960
20.48 The Clerk and Minute Taker left the meeting

16. Human Resources: The recommendation from the Personnel group of councillors was unanimously accepted

17. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 5th November 2020 by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)

Signed: Chairman

Date

The meeting closed at 20.53