

# LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the monthly meeting of Lowdham Parish Council held by Internet Conferencing (Zoom) on THURSDAY 7th January 2021 at 6.45 pm

### Councillors:

Andrew Coles; Jacqueline Finn (Chairman); Alison Glazebrook; Paul Harrison; Mandy Meyer; Stephen Platt;  
Mike Poyzer; Emma Wilson

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner, Minute taker Wendy Fenn, County Cllr. Roger Jackson; District Cllr Tim Wendels and one member of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** None
4. **Casual Vacancies:** There has been no response to the vacancies advert. Cllr. Finn will ask if there is any interest from residents at Lowdham Grange.
5. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 03 December 2020:** The minutes were accepted unanimously. It was agreed to add information to the website regarding the free "Your Health Your Way" wellbeing service funded by NCC presented at the last meeting. A link to be added from Facebook also.  
*Standing orders were suspended at 6.55 pm*
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** The member of public spoke about the application to develop the site at 10 Epperstone Road and presented the case for building 5 residential properties, 4 of which are bungalows and one a 1.5 storey dormer. He hoped that an agreement could be reached so that work could be started as soon as possible. The Council confirmed that the application will be discussed under Item 10 of the Agenda.  
*Standing orders were reinstated at 7.09 pm*
7. **County Council matters:**
  - i) Cllr. Jackson remarked on the seriousness of the new variant of Covid-19, but that fortunately the roll out of vaccinating is up and running. Newark Showground will be a vaccination centre.
  - ii) Winter grants are available for the elderly and businesses - information can be found on the County Council website and both the District Council and County Council can give help with applications.
  - iii) There had almost been some flooding before Christmas and the Cocker Beck had got very full, but the VIA team had done an excellent job clearing the drains. Informative literature and booklets have been issued by FLAG.
  - iv) Cllr. Jackson is to attend a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> January at which he will highlight the issue of creating a car park at Network Rail.
  - v) Legal enforcement may be needed for the laurels adjacent to Gunthorpe Road to be removed.
  - vi) Cllr. Jackson said that legal enforcement may be needed to gain access into a garden at Old Tannery Drive for work on the drains.
8. **District Council matters:**
  - i) Cllr Wendels suggested NSDC might be interested in quoting for the mowing contracts and the clerk said he would follow up.
  - ii) Cllr. Wendels said there was a new scheme to provide additional grants for Covid related closed businesses (depending on rateable value)
  - iii) Cllr. Wendels reported with regard to Community Hall applications that Councillors had set up a discretionary scheme for those who missed out the first time. Cllr. Jackson agreed to work with Cllr. Wendels to lobby government for local groups and community halls that have gone without funds for a year.
  - iv) The Clerk requested a replenishment of 200 or so Aqua Sacs that were used recently.
  - v) Mis-use of a local resident's bin had been reported and that it had been taken. The Clerk confirmed that it has been replaced.
  - vi) Cllr. Wendels gave further details relating to the planning application for 10 Epperstone Road in particular Plot 3 for a 1.5 storey residential property. Neighbours have objected on the basis of being overlooked and the structure appears to be closer to the boundary. Cllr. Wendels informed the meeting that there is a further revision to be considered which removes Plot 3 completely,

thus shrinking the application site. The members agreed to make a decision later in the meeting relating to the application on the agenda.

#### 9. Amenities and Village:

- i) Roundabout proposals – Cllr. Finn had written to VIA who have confirmed that the outline business case has been sent to the Department for Transport.
- ii) Flood alleviation: The Chairman reviewed the plans and said a site meeting is to take place later this month.
- iii) Covid-19 relief actions: Nothing further to report
- iv) MUGA resurfacing: The Clerk informed the meeting that work had been delayed for a week or so from the expected start date of 04 January.
- v) CCTV – Quotes for the extra camera were discussed. Cllr. Poyzer reported that the digital CCTV camera had been recommended. It was the most expensive but had both night vision and a wide angled lens. All approved the choice at a cost of £412.50 + VAT.

#### 10. a) Planning Applications:

20/02253//FUL – 10 Epperstone Road – amended application - 5 residential units (re-submission of 20/02024/FUL) - Object on the basis that Plot 3, as a dormer property, is overbearing.

20/02458/HOUSE - 19 Lambley Road - Replace existing roof with flat roof and single storey side extension - Do not object.

#### Subsequently received Applications:

20/02299/HOUSE - 16 Main Street - single storey side and rear extension - Do not object

#### b) Recent District Council Decisions:

20/01899/HOUSE – Joyland, 19A Lambley Road – detached single storey garage – Grant application.

20/01946/HOUSE – Cliff Mill House – demolish and reconstruct for use as annexe – Grant application.

20/01996/ADV - Gonalston Farm Shop - Display of 2 no. externally illuminated entrance advertisements - Grant Consent

20/02097/TPO – 26 Blenheim Avenue – tree work – Grant works

20/02199/HOUSE – 10 Epperstone Road – first floor extension – Grant application

20/02222/HOUSE - 20 Station Road - Garage extension - Grant application

20/02283/TWCA - Ash Close, Plough Lane – tree work - Grant works

20/02313/TWCA - 15 Red Lane - tree work - Grant works

20/02489/TWCA - Old Russet House, 33A Plough Lane - tree work - Grant works

#### 11. Finance & Assets:

a) The December payments were authorised. b) Re-opening of Community building considerations: It was agreed to put on hold for another month. It was noted that the Community Room has been offered to the Doctors' practice for vaccinations. Cllr. Wilson confirmed that government guidelines were being awaited and once known Dr. Hatton will confirm if needed.

c) Budget 2021/22 considerations – The Clerk presented the budget with a nil precept increase. Cllr. Harrison proposed and members agreed unanimously.

#### 12. General matters:

a) Website: Cllr. Poyzer confirmed the cost of £75 to make amendments to the website for the visually impaired. A link to be set up to and from Website and Facebook so that what is on the website automatically appears on Facebook. Cllr. Wilson would like photos from the nursery and photos of defibrillators to go on website, with more information about the defibrillators in the village. Cllr. Finn asked that information regarding the Library Click 'n' Collect service be added to the website.

b) Insulation Survey: The Clerk informed the meeting that the insulation report for the Community Building had shown that nothing needs to be done. The gap in the roof space that lacks insulation is located over the porch because this is a designed cold roof area. Cllr. Platt enquired about having roof solar cells for the Community Building. It was agreed to add this item to a future agenda.

c) The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received quotes from Green Energy suppliers for gas at the community building and these will be brought to the next meeting for a decision.

13. Correspondence: Cllr. Platt had received correspondence from Nottinghamshire CC regarding the Covid Winter Grant Scheme and Nottinghamshire Recycles. Information to be sent to Cllr. Poyzer to add to website.

14. Councillor's Reports: None

15. Reports from Outside Organisations: None

16. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021 by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)

Signed: Chairman .....

Date .....

The meeting closed at 08.26 pm