

# LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Lowdham Parish Council  
held by Internet Conferencing (Zoom)  
on THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.45 pm**

**04/03/21/54**

**Councillors:**

Andrew Coles (L); 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 and six residents

1. **Apologies for Absence:** District Cllr. Tim Wendels
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's Announcements:** None
4. **Casual Vacancies:** Applications from David Williams and Caroline Kew were approved. Forms had been submitted to the Clerk and both became members of the Lowdham Parish Council
5. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04 February 2021:** The minutes were accepted unanimously.
6. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** Peter Cross said that NSDC's Strategic Flood Risk Assessment document, written in 2017, did not cover the situation in Lowdham - no mention was made of Lowdham in the 115-page document. He recommended that something be put in writing to express surprise that nothing had been done to include the flood problems of Lowdham.
7. **County Council matters:**
  - i) Cllr. Jackson reported that District Councillor Tim Wendels was now out of hospital having been there for a few days with Covid-19 – members sent their good wishes for a speedy recovery.
  - ii) Complaints have been received from pedestrians about the poor traffic visibility at the roundabout created by cyclist flicker boards. Two boards have been removed – the others have been retained, being in the safety interests of cyclists.
  - iii) Talks are ongoing with Network Rail about creating a car park for 34 spaces on scrubland near to the station.
  - iv) The planned Environment Agency work near to the football pitch is to start in June 2021.
  - v) The Village Green status application made by the Parish Council some 18 months ago for land by the cricket pitch has now been approved.
  - vi) The creation of a reservoir is seen as a vital long-term solution to Lowdham's flooding problems.
  - vii) 10 Epperstone Road - the developer is only permitted to work on the main building as the site work has been stopped and the developer must obtain permissions before proceeding with further work.
  - viii) The Government has provided an allocation of an additional £8.2m to NCC for the repair of potholes. He encouraged people to take pictures of potholes and report them by using the MyNotts App.
  - ix) Cllr Emma Wilson agreed to remind her VIA contact about the creation of a crossing at Station Road
8. **District Council matters:** Cllr. Wendels was unable to attend due to ill health.
9. **Amenities and Village:**
  - i) Roundabout proposals: Cllr. Jackson informed the meeting that work on the roundabout is likely to start in 2 years' time.
  - ii) Flood Alleviation/Critical Drainage Area/ Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Jacqueline Finn reviewed the position and recommended that the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan be explored. Cllr Emma Wilson proposed that the preparation be pursued actively with different elements of the Neighbourhood Plan being prepared by sub-groups in order to spread the workload. It was noted that preparation involves consulting the residents.

*Cllr Andy Coles joins the meeting: 7.20pm*

- iii) Ongoing impact of Covid 19: Nothing to report. It was agreed to take this item off future agendas. **04/03/21/55**
- iv) MUGA resurfacing completion – Use and rental agreement: The clerk confirmed that the work to install the new surface has been completed. Discussions were held regarding securing the facility and to the use of the area. It was agreed it should be available for tennis and other sports from April to September and football from October to March (when current lockdown limitations have been lifted). Thanks were extended to Cllr. Coles for his work to enable its completion.
- v) Public Space Protection Orders – Dogs – The 3-year orders need to be reviewed. Members decided to renew the present orders and to add Cemetery as a further location. The orders relate to responsible dog walking – i) dog fouling - imposing the requirement to clean up and ii) dogs to be put on a lead when directed by an officer of the council. Persistent dog fouling was discussed, and appropriate posters will be sought from NSDC. Cllr Emma Wilson suggested running a poster competition with the school to create a dog fouling poster to which members agreed - Cllr David Williams recommended having a stronger wording on the posters. The NSDC dog patroller will be invited to visit the village.
- vi) Anti-social behaviour – Cemetery and St. Mary's Church areas: Reports of certain areas being used for anti-social behaviour have been reported to the police. At the cemetery, when gates are locked vehicles are unable to turn around and it is dangerous to reverse. It was agreed to find out the cost of a car barrier to stop cars reaching the gates.

#### **10. a) Planning Applications:**

- 21-00294-HOUSE – South Sherrards Nurseries – creation of new vehicular access - Do not object  
20-00373-FUL – Victoria Cottage, Station Road – proposed re-use to 9 apartments – Appeal noted.  
21-00420-HOUSE – 30 Ton Lane - Erection of a garden outbuilding within the rear garden – Do not object  
17 Gunthorpe Road – the clerk was asked to enquire of NSDC planners about the rear extension planning reported on the NSDC planning portal

#### **b) Planning Decisions:**

- 20-01738-FUL – 47-51 Main Street – alterations to chemist shop - Full Planning Permission  
20-02253- FUL – 10 Epperstone Road – Full Planning Permission - development problems were noted.  
20-02458- HOUSE – 19 Lambley Road – Grant Application  
2002239HOUSE - 5 Lambley Road - Swallow - demolish single storey side extension and construct two storey side and rear extension - Refuse Application.

#### **11. Finance & Assets:**

- a) Members noted a change of gas supplier to Octopus 3-year fixed contract for Green Energy Gas from July 2021.  
b) The February payments were authorised.  
c) Re-opening of the community building was considered, and hope was expressed that this can be done in May. A decision to be taken at the April meeting.

#### **12. General matters:**

- a) Annual Parishioners Meeting: Agreed for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at the Village Hall. The Clerk to book the room.  
b) Trees: Cllr. Platt raised the difficulty in getting the trees planted because of Covid restrictions. It was agreed to ask Geoff Burton to do this for us.

#### **13. Correspondence:**

Website: a) Cllr. Platt agreed to forward posting information he had received to Cllr. Mike Poyzer, relating to Scam Alerts; Ebooks/Magazines and Whats On. b) Cllr. Poyzer said he welcomed receiving any comments on the navigation and articles and he would provide feedback to the designer.

**14. Councillor's Reports:** Cllr David Williams wished to compliment the work achieved by FLAG and the collaborative partnership.

**15. Reports from Outside Organisations:** Cllr Alison Glazebrook advised members that the VHPFC has been successful in receiving the £6239 lockdown grant from NSDC. She also advised that last year's VE Day event which was re-scheduled for 8 May 2021 has been cancelled due to continued Covid restrictions. An event will now be held on Sunday 5 June 2022 to tie in with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**16. Date of Next Meetings:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. (by Internet Conferencing – Zoom)  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to include the Annual General Meeting

Signed: Chairman .....

Date .....

The meeting closed at 20.47pm