

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of
Lowdham Parish Council held at The Community Building, off Southwell Road, NG14 7PS
on THURSDAY 29 July 2021 at 6.45 pm 29/07/21/60**

Councillors:

Andrew Coles, Jacqueline Finn (Chairman); Alison Glazebrook; Paul Harrison (A); Caroline Kew;
Stephen Platt; Mike Poyzer; Emma Wilson (A)

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, Minute taker Wendy Fenn, District Cllr Tim Wendels and one resident

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Emma Wilson and Paul Harrison. David Williams has resigned as councillor.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None other than to say it was good to be back having proper face to face meetings again.
4. **Casual Vacancy:** The resident, Serena Simmons, applied to fill a casual vacancy and was duly elected. Following completion of the forms, she was able to participate as a Councillor.
5. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 06 May 2021** 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:** Cllr. Jackson was absent
8. **District Council matters:** Cllr. Tim Wendels reported:
 - i) He has passed on the concerns over speeding in Southwell Road to Cllr. Jackson.
 - ii) He has reported details of the homeless gentleman in the village to the N&SDC's team for the homeless and is awaiting an official response.
 - iii) It was confirmed that a Litter Bin (as part of the Green Champions Scheme) had been provided at the Village Hall. Cllr. Wendels agreed to chase up a request for a litter bin at the Community Building. Following a complaint received from a resident, Cllr. Glazebrook raised the issue of an excessive amount of rubbish being dumped regularly at the bin on Station Road near the paper shop. NSDC are currently investigating the matter. Cllr. Wendels to raise the matter too.
 - iv) Plot 3 Land at 10 Epperstone Road – Planning Application 21/01250/FUL for a 2 storey, 4 bedroom dwelling has been refused by the Planning Committee.
 - v) Station Car Park - A technical survey is to be done of the land for the car park, but grounds maintenance work is needed to complete the survey.
 - vi) 17 Old Tannery Drive - Overhanging Trees on the playing fields and the Beck. The question had arisen as to who the trees belong to. The Clerk has written to the IDB to enquire.
 - vii) Cllr. Wendels sent his apologies for the next meeting in September.
9. **Amenities and Village:**
 - i) Roundabout proposals: No further updates.
 - ii) Flood alleviation: EA Update, Critical Drainage Area status and Neighbourhood Plan:

Regarding the main scheme, Cllr. Finn reported that matters are proceeding well and at a reasonable pace with work set to start next Spring. Ecological surveys have been done, with signs of otters and rare species of bats, but no sign of a suspected lost village as yet. Models of the scheme show that when the Beck is in spate, properties are not affected. There is to be a meeting with the EA and FLAG on 30th July 2021.

Playing Fields: Cllr. Finn informed the PC that she would be carrying out a walk through on site with other members, VHPFC representatives and Eric Burgess on 6th August regarding the proposed work on the playing field. Cobbles and stones are to be put down to accommodate heavy machinery. Access to the cricket pitch will be restricted and the football pitch will be out of action for a whole season. It is hoped an improved path will be relaid to enable better access.

CDA Status and Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Finn reported that CDA status is still to be decided, but it was thought that it may be of help in a planning situation to determine if a property is likely to flood. There was still doubt about going forward with a Neighbourhood Plan, due to the amount of work and involvement needed. However, it was agreed to invite Matthew Norton of NSDC to the September Parish Council meeting to provide more information about it.

- iii) Old School Clock: Cllr. Glazebrook enquired about the contractor's progress in dealing with the faded numbers on the clock face.

The Clerk confirmed he had reported the matter to the contractor and they had agreed that work needs undertaking.

10) Planning Applications:

21/01250/FUL - Plot 3 land at 10 Epperstone Road - decision referred to NSDC full planning committee

21/01551/HOUSE - Spring Ridge, Southwell Road - Do not object

21/01590/HOUSE - 58 Nottingham Road - Do not object, but concern expressed that the work started before the planning application had been made. Vote:: 6 approved, 1 objection.

11) Planning Decisions:

21/00672 – Lazonby House, Old Epperstone Road – first floor extension – grant application

21/00753 – 17 Gunthorpe Road – replace garage - grant application

21/00810 – 17 Gunthorpe Road – proposed first floor – grant application

21/00915 – 9 The Green – remove porch and erect extension – grant application

21/00962 – 16 The Green – single storey rear extension – grant application

21/00998 – Southwell Road, J Harrison Ltd – proposed car wash – grant application

21/01963 – Victoria Cottage – convert to 7 apartments – grant application

20/02239 - 5 Lambley Road – demolish side extension and replace - appeal against decision

12. Finance & Assets:

- a) Payments arising May and June were approved.

7.40 pm - Cllr Tim Wendels left the meeting.

- b) Allotments – new tenant request for permission to erect a shed. Approved.

- c) Re-opening of Community Building: Bookings are now being taken. A regular booking on Fridays and Sundays has been made by a Performing Arts group.

- d) MUGA – Gate security – It was reported that the gate was regularly being found open and litter being discarded. The meeting discussed when the area should be open and for whom and that this should be detailed on a board, to inform users. Cllr. Poyzer reported that he and Cllr Harrison have visited Mercury to look at the NET 2.0 security system and believed the system of each user being issued with a fob to gain access was worth implementing. After some discussion, Cllr Poyzer proposed the Parish Council proceed to purchase the security system. This was agreed unanimously.

13. General matters: Child's Disability Swing. A request had been received to donate towards installing a child's disability swing. Cllr. Glazebrook reported that discussions had been held at the Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee and, whilst the committee agreed in principle to a disability swing, concern was raised as to the potential disappointment the removal of one of the current swings would have on other users and whether there is room for an additional swing. Discussions followed regarding removing a swing and replacing it, finding room for an additional swing, or the possibility of an interchangeable swing. Before considering the request for a donation, it was decided to await the decision from the VHPFC as to whether or not they could accommodate the installation. It was suggested that the committee seek advice from HAGS regarding the options available. It was also noted that there are 2 swings on the NSDC playground on Old Tannery Drive so this could be an alternative location for consideration.

14. Correspondence: Cllr Platt informed the meeting of the following correspondence received:

- i. Code of Conduct: It was decided to add to the agenda for the next meeting.
- ii. Enquiry from a Nottingham University student about flooding has been forwarded to Peter Cross of FLAG who has agreed to respond.
- iii. NCC Bus Service Improvement Plan for Nottinghamshire -Link to the survey to go on Facebook.
- iv) Local Development Framework Plan Review from Newark & Sherwood: Cllr. Platt to explore details. The item will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

15. Councillor's Reports: Cllr Glazebrook advised that the VHPFC is receiving enquiries about stalls for the Christmas Market at the Village Hall. The VHPFC would like to know if the Parish Council is intending to hold the usual Christmas lights switch on this year. Cllrs agreed to hold the switch on. This will take place on Friday 3 December 2021. Cllr. Coles agreed to contact Amy from Lowdham Young Farmers Group regarding bringing tractor support for Santa. The Clerk will order the Christmas trees.

16. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

17. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 02 September 2021 – at the Community Building

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm

Signed: Chairman

Date