

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 02 September 2021 at 6.45 pm**

02/09/21/62

Councillors:

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner, and one resident

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Andy Coles; District Cllr Tim Wendels and Wendy Fenn also apologised.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 July 2021** were accepted unanimously and duly signed.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:**
A resident asked for council to consider providing an extra dog bin for the far end of the church car park. The clerk will review the present number and locations in the village and determine costs
The resident also said that the Colts Football Club and the Village Hall Committee were concerned to ensure the flood alleviation work to be undertaken by the Environment Agency will be properly reinstated, to include the first grass cut of the playing field.
He also wished to complain about the standard of work undertaken by the maintenance contractor and has written specially to the clerk listing the areas of concern. This is being taken up with the contractor.
6. **County Council matters:** Cllr. Jackson joined the meeting at 7.35pm
He reported that little progress has been made to improve the Newark Train Service timetable.
He had nothing further to report about the roundabout proposals, nor the flood alleviation plans.
He asked that the Big Notts Survey be promoted.
7. **District Council matters:** Cllr. Tim Wendels was absent.
8. **Amenities and Village:**
 - i) Neighbourhood Plan – Matthew Tubb of NSDC Planning reviewed the process to be followed to produce a successful Neighbourhood Plan and offered NSDC help if Council decided to proceed. The question of usefulness was discussed. It was said that its value would help council as a document to refer to when discussing planning matters, enabling the Parish Council to have a bigger say as to what the village needs.
The whole process takes about a year.
He will send the clerk some website links to help with the consultation and referendum process - for circulation.
There is a financial benefit to having a Neighbourhood Plan as the Parish Council receives 25% of CIL money.
 - ii) Roundabout proposals: No further updates.
 - iii) Flood alleviation: There was a meeting on 30 July and Cllr Finn updated members on progress to date.
The clerk was asked to write to the EA about proper provision of a path along the Cocker Beck, improved drainage for the football pitch and initial maintenance of the playing field.
The gateway onto the A6097 which is being made wider to allow access for works machinery should be reinstated as now.

iv) Francklin Road Car Park: It was noted that some vehicles are being parked on a long stay basis.

10) Planning Applications:

21/01647/TEL24 – Land adjacent Magna Charta, Southwell Road – proposed 5G telecoms installation – to determine whether prior approval is required – object as it would be overbearing and out of keeping in that area.

21/01667/FUL – revised applications 21/01250/FUL – Plot 3 land at 10 Epperstone Road – erection of dwelling – Object as the property proposed would be too large and overbearing for the plot.

Subsequently received:

21/01830/FUL – Land adjacent The Old Grain Store, Old Epperstone Road - re-siting of biomass boiler – No objection*

21/01876/HOUSE and 21/01877/LBC –Lowdham Mill, Epperstone Road - demolition of conservatory and erect single storey extension – No objection.

**Subsequent to the meeting, additional information became available, and the decision was revised to Object - overbearing impact on the neighbourhood*

11) Planning Decisions:

21/01395/LDC – 12 Nottingham Road – repairs and conversion of garage to office – Approved.

21/01764/TPO – Land off Blenheim Avenue - work to trees – Work granted.

12. Finance & Assets:

a) Payments arising July and August were approved.

b) The clerk confirmed the conclusion of an unqualified audit of 2020/2021 year.

c) MUGA – Letting policy from 1 October 2021 was agreed.

The tennis nets and posts are to come down for the 6 months from 1 October.

It was agreed to order 20 door access fobs.

An invoice will be sent to Lowdham Colts Football Club for the agreed 6 months letting of the MUGA.

A request from Cllr Andy Coles to explore having the car park marked out for baseball was agreed. The clerk will get quotations, to include free-standing basketball nets.

13. General matters: None.

14. Correspondence: None.

15. Councillor’s Reports:

Cllr Platt presented notes on the NSDC Draft Open Space Assessment and Strategy. Members felt that it contained some inaccuracies and there were no action points arising.

Cllr Platt suggested arranging for Notts Wildlife Trust to walk the village and members agreed for him to make suitable arrangements.

He also reminded members of funding available from NSDC to support a safer Lowdham.

Interactive Speed Signs were discussed – the clerk will contact NSDC to see if this is appropriate for funding.

16. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

17. Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday 07 October 2021 – at the Community Building

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm

Signed: Chairman

Date