

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 6.45 pm 07/10/21/64**

## Councillors:

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

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner; Minute taker Wendy Fenn; County Cllr. Roger Jackson; District Cllr Tim Wendels and one resident

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Andy Coles, Stephen Platt, Mike Poyzer.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 02 September 2021** were accepted unanimously and duly signed.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** A resident attended the meeting to highlight his concern regarding a planning application to which the Parish Council had objected. It related to the position of a biomass boiler used for his business. He said that smoke produced from the boiler resulted in a neighbour complaint. The boiler has been moved to a position that appears to resolve the matter, but planning permission is needed for the move. District Cllr. Wendels advised that there were no deadlines if the Parish Council wished to send an alternative response to the application. Members said it would be discussed under Item 9.
6. **County Council matters:** Cllr. Jackson reported:
  - i) Big Notts Survey. The main finding is that NCC are not communicating very well with Parish Councils and this needs to be improved.
  - ii) Change of governance will entail reverting to the cabinet system with more powers.
  - iii) East Midlands Freeport and the HS2 development will lead to creation of business and employment.
  - iv) Flood Defence Scheme: Work has started on the football pitch. Work is to start on Old Tannery Drive on 18/10/21.
  - v) Main Scheme: This is on track with the EA covering the funding gap.
  - vi) A tree came down on Francklin Road on the roadside near the Parish Council car park and has been removed. Cllr Glazebrook asked if the remaining trees on the road could be assessed for safety.
  - vii) Network Rail Car Park. The survey is still to be done.
  - viii) The East Midlands Railway Timetable is to be revised in December.

Cllr. Kew reported that the speeding monitoring equipment in Southwell Road would have been better positioned further down the road, picking up vehicles leaving the village. This was noted. Results from readings taken would take a few weeks to come through. Cllr Kew also reported that the interactive speed sign is currently not working.
7. **District Council matters:** Cllr. Wendels reported:
  - i) He said he had attended a Planning Committee meeting with Cllr. Harrison regarding the Parish Council's objection to the application to build a three-bedroom property on Plot 3, land at 10 Epperstone Road. The property would be situated very near to No.12. He confirmed that the Planning Committee turned down the application. A two-bedroomed bungalow, in line with the properties already there, would be considered.
  - ii) Proposed Interactive Speed Camera in Southwell Road: The Clerk has discussed funding for this (from the Safer District Initiative) with Mr. Andy Hardy at NSDC. The Clerk is waiting to hear back. Cllr. Wendels agreed to chase up.
  - iii) Cllr. Jackson added that an outside company, trialled in Ashfield and Rushcliffe, has been contracted to deal with issues such as anti-social behaviour, litter, and dog fouling. He said to report any offences to the Environment Officer at NSDC.
8. **Amenities and Village:**
  - i) Roundabout proposals: No further updates.

- ii) Flood alleviation update: Cllr. Finn reported that work on drainage for the playing field is to start during October and November and planned to be finished just before Christmas. Himalayan Balsam is to be cleared from the Beck.  
The Main Scheme, Cllr. Finn reported that there is not likely to be any further objections to work going ahead.  
Old Tannery Drive: The pipes are not connected properly; contractors will be starting mid-October to resolve the problem.

*7.45 pm Cllr. Roger Jackson, Cllr Tim Wendels and the resident left the meeting*

### 9. Planning Applications:

- 21/01949/S73 - 47/51 Main Street - to vary condition to allow flexibility to subdivide the unit - Do Not Object.  
21/01815/HOUSE - 49 Lambley Road - single storey rear extension - Do Not Object.  
21/01830/FUL - Biomass Operation - Land adjacent The Old Grain Store, Old Epperstone Road - No comment on the Planning Issues - Abstain. Members viewed this to be a neighbour's dispute and is for NSDC to resolve.

### 10. Recent District Council Decisions:

- 21/01647/TEL24 – Land adjacent Magna Charta, Southwell Road – proposed 5G telecoms installation – prior approval required and refused  
21/01590/HOUSE – 58 Nottingham Road – domestic garage – Refuse application  
21/01605/LDC – Cocker Beck – repair flood defences – Certificate of Lawful Development  
21/01955/LDC - Spring Ridge, Southwell Road - replace Conservatory roof - Certificate of Lawful Development

### 11. Finance & Assets:

- a) September payments were approved.  
b) Grant Application – Lowdham Cricket Club: Cllr. Kew declared an interest. The Cricket Club needs a new roller (£12,195) and applied for a grant towards the total cost. Other applications towards the total had been made elsewhere. After discussion, it was agreed to donate £250, subject to proof of funding of the balance, that it has been received and confirmation that the purchase will proceed.  
c) Repairs to 2 stiles – A request by the Volunteer Footpath Wardens (Dave Johnson and John Day) for timber needed to effect repairs to 2 stiles on the Playing Fields. More information was requested - Cllr. Glazebrook also requested consultation with the Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee.  
d) A quote has been received to remove 2 trees at Francklin Road Car Park: Cllr. Glazebrook declared an interest. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain one or two further quotes and to go ahead with the most suitable one.  
e) Flower bed near Roundabout: The Clerk informed the meeting that NSDC has completed a makeover without costs to the parish council. Members were told that more substantial work could be done. As anticipated work for the new roundabout may impact on the area, it was decided to leave as now.  
f) Covid-19 related Building Risk Assessment has been done. Also, a Public Notice has been prepared.  
g) Council Insurances: Members agreed to the renewal.

**12. General matters:** Cllr. Kew informed the meeting of the “Together for our Planet”. funding pot (up to £10K) from the Lottery (Application deadline 18/11/21) and asked what the Parish Council could do together with the local community. It was suggested that Cllrs. Platt and Poyzer and Russ Blenkinsopp (FLAG) be asked to look at this opportunity. The Clerk was asked to forward the link to Cllr. Wilson. It was agreed that the item should go on the next Agenda.

### 13. Correspondence:

- a) NSDC: New Street Naming: Councils are asked to create and maintain a list of suitable historical names for use for future housing developments.  
b) Notts Police: KINS: Details had been received about this for communities with certain challenges e.g., drugs, and other issues between police and the community. The clerk will ask for a police member to attend a future meeting.

**14. Councillor's Reports:** Following on from the request from a resident at last month's meeting about the siting of a dog bin near the church car park, Cllr Finn requested that NSDC be asked to reposition the dog bin currently on The Leys footpath so that it is closer to the junction with Church Lane. Members requested the clerk to action this.

**15. Reports from Outside Organisations:** No reports.

**16. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – at the Community Building

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: Chairman .....

Date .....