

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 2nd December 2021 at 6.45 pm 02/12/21/68**

Councillors:

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

Cllrs Glazebrook and Platt attended remotely in order to continue to take an active part and represent residents but were not permitted to vote.

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Minute taker Wendy Fenn and two residents

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Chairman's announcements:** None

4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 04 November 2021.**

Cllr. Harrison requested an amendment be made under item 6 x). He requested that the reference to 'Ton Lane' crossroads be amended to read 'East Bridgford Newton' crossroads. Following the amendment, the minutes were accepted unanimously and duly signed.

5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** No matters raised

6. **County Council matters:** Cllr. Jackson had sent his apologies but had sent in a written report regarding:

- i) Network Rail Car Park: The area is slowly being cleared and some surveys have been done.
- ii) Roundabout: As yet there is no progress on the Lowdham roundabout. Planning applications have gone in. The direction of the work is from north to south.
- iii) Laurel hedge, Gunthorpe Road: The residents have been given notice to remove the Laurel hedge.
- iv) Cllr Finn added that the application for the area of land known as the Lowdham Playing Fields to be a Village Green has been approved and is a new entry in the Register of Town or Village Greens.

7. **District Council matters:** Cllr. Wendels had sent his apologies. No report on this occasion.

8. **Amenities and Village:**

- i) Roundabout proposals update: Outlined earlier.
- ii) Flood alleviation EA progress: Cllr. Finn reported that work is well in advance for putting the piles into the Beck. All is currently well on track.

Cllr. Finn also informed the meeting that, following an exchange of emails with Peter Cross of FLAG, who is very keen for Lowdham to be designated as a Critical Drainage Area, she has been invited to attend a meeting with him and the EA, as a representative of the village.

9. **Planning Applications:**

21/02418/FULM – Hunters Hill Farm - Construct reservoir - Do Not Object

21/02481/FUL - Lowdham C of E School - Replace and extend canopy - Do Not Object

10. Recent District Council Decisions:

- 21/01255/TPO – 32 Blenheim Avenue – Re-pollard trees with TPO – Grant works
 21/01815/HOUSE – 49 Lambley Road – Single storey rear extension – Grant approval
 21/02119/ADV – The Old Grain Store – Replacement fascia sign and 1 free standing sign – Grant Consent
 21/02242/FUL - Plot 3, 10 Epperstone Road – Erection of bungalow - Grant Full Permission

11. Finance & Assets:

- a) November payments were approved.
- b) Hearing Loop: The Clerk confirmed he had obtained and presented details of 3 quotes to the meeting. After discussion it was proposed to go with the lowest quote received from a local electrician whose work is well-known. All were in favour.
- c) Provisional Budget for 2022/23 – At the last meeting Councillors were requested to come along and put forward any projects they may have to the December meeting. Cllr. Kew asked if a contingency plan of funding for the Climate Change group could be incorporated in case the bid made to the Lottery's "Together for our Planet" funding pot was unsuccessful. It was agreed to discuss this in the next meeting in January.
- d) Interactive Speed Sign – Southwell Road. The Clerk reported that almost 50% funding offer has been received from the District Council under their Safer District Initiative. An application to the County Council has been made and if successful, there will be a balance of £350 to pay. He sought agreement that the Parish Council would meet the shortfall. This was agreed. The Clerk informed the meeting that, if successful, the County funding would be available after 01 April 2022.

12. General matters:

- a) Christmas Arrangements: Cllr. Coles confirmed that arrangements are all in order for the following day - 3rd December.
- b) Small parcel of unused land at Gunthorpe Road: The Clerk informed the meeting that County Council Finance enquired whether the one-year allotment lease provided to the Parish Council in 2008 had been renewed (it was £50 per annum) but it seems to have not been. The clerk said that there have been a number of interested parties over the years, all of whom have been referred to the County Council Estates Dept. After discussion as to how it could be used, Cllr. Wilson agreed to make enquiries at the nearby Pre-School Nursery as they may like to use it as an outside area for the children.

13. Councillor's Reports: No reports.**14. Reports from Outside Organisations:**

- i) Cllr. Harrison highlighted the email that had been circulated by the Clerk regarding the environmental protection of groundwater in relation to cemeteries. Members are invited to complete and return the questionnaire by 22 December.
- ii) Cllr. Platt wished to thank all for agreeing to go ahead with the Hearing Loop system.
- iii) Cllr. Poyzer reported that the Key-pad and Fob security system is working really well.
- iv) Access to the Cricket pitch: Cllr. Finn reported that the size of gate will be as before, and the footpath will be made to mirror the existing path.

15. Date of Next Meeting:Thursday 6th January 2022 – at the Community Building

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm

Signed: Chairman

Date