

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 6th April 2023 at 6.45 pm

06/04/23/97

Councillors:

Derek Brickell; Jacqueline Finn (Chairman); Alison Glazebrook; Paul Harrison (Vice Chairman); Caroline Kew;
Stephen Platt; Mike Poyzer; Serena Simmons

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Cllr. Tim Wendels; Cllr. Roger Jackson

Before starting the Agenda, it was confirmed that this is the last monthly meeting before elections. All members other than Jacqueline Finn have applied for re-election. At this time there are 4 vacancies for the new council

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared.

3. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2023** were accepted and duly signed.

4. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** Two members were present. The chairman confirmed that matters raised would be dealt with in the agenda.

5. **County Council Matters:** Cllr Jackson referred to the resurfacing of a stretch of the A612.

He referred to the awaited car park at the station and said that Mr David Moore had contacted him on behalf of Friends of Lowdham & Burton Joyce Stations who would like to take on the upkeep of the proposed car park. They are now liaising with Network Rail on the matter. Cllr Jackson reported being pleased to have this encouraging involvement.

Cllr Alison Glazebrook asked when the central white lines on the bend on Ton Lane would be repainted as they are no longer visible and an accident waiting to happen. Cllr Jackson said he would raise again with Highways. Cllr Glazebrook also raised the matter of the poor surface at the Ton Lane / A6097 junction. Cllr Jackson said he would also raise this. He advised that the damaged railings in this location would be repaired shortly.

6. **District Council Matters:** Cllr. Wendels referred to Amended Planning App Consultation – 22/02188/FULM - Hunters Hill Farm - Construction of on-line flood storage reservoir – to be discussed later in the agenda.

7. **Amenities and Village:**

i) **Lowdham Roundabout:** No further updates.

ii) **Flood Alleviation: EA progress** – As previously mentioned, funding has been allocated from the Newark and Sherwood Community Grant scheme to help improve the footpath between the Brookside and Village Hall bridges. The EA are being consulted in order to agree the exact specifications. The clerk agreed to remind them.

Cllr Finn said that there could be possible delays facing the alleviation scheme following a potential delay in the planning application going to committee. This may be very significant as the engineers say they may not be able to dig out clay on site over winter. A June decision may mean that substantial work has to be delayed until the following spring 2024 and the reservoir will not be available to provide relief until 2025. Cllr Tim Wendels said he would do what he could to get it approved at an earlier committee meeting.

iii) **Green Champions Scheme** – no further update: The name of the group is to be changed to be Lowdham Environment Group.

iv) **Christmas:** Cllr Poyzer informed the meeting that it was possible to hire two reindeer for the time of the Christmas tree light switch on at a cost of £750 for 2 hours. By majority, members agreed to proceed.

v) **Cemetery Dogs Sign:** Cllr. Glazebrook proposed a draft sign and members agreed for two to be fixed. Clerk to obtain quotes.

vi) **Trees survey:** Cllrs agreed to obtain a quote from NSDC to undertake a survey of all PC trees in the village.

8. **Planning Applications:**

23/00361/HOUSE - 34 Ton Lane - side and rear extension - Do Not Object

23/00371/HOUSE - 11 Lime Tree Gardens - single storey side extension - Object - overbearing and out of character with the area. There is concern about the increase in water run-off and lack of amenities to neighbouring properties from flooding.

23/00449/HOUSE - 16 Willow Holt - two storey rear extension - Object - too large for area.

Amended Planning App Consultation - 22/02188/FULM - Hunters Hill Farm - Construction of on-line flood storage reservoir.
Strongly support and urge to proceed with all speed.

9. Recent District Council Decisions

22/01834/FUL - Creation of 2 wildlife ponds - land off Red Lane - Grant Permission.

10. Finance & Assets

a) **March payments to be authorised:** Duly approved.

b) **Grant Applications:**

i) **Lowdham Village Hall:** The application considered last month was represented with extra details. Members approved £500 for the maintenance of Willow Trees.

ii) **Lowdham C of E Primary School:** The request for funding towards DARE was agreed. Cllrs agreed to donate £500. However, the request for funding towards SIAM training was declined. It was not thought to be appropriate for the Parish Council to contribute to staff training costs.

c) **Service of Commercial Water Heater** at the Community Building to include smart controls - £670 + VAT – Approved.

d) **Replacement LED fluorescent tubes in the community room:** Approved

e) **Cemetery path request** – benches were considered to commemorate the Coronation 2023. Three benches were approved – one to go on the vacant plinth in the Cemetery, the others to go in the village Main Street – outside the Pharmacist and the Post Office. The request for a path was not to be progressed.

f) **Review Council Finance Regulations:** Details had been circulated by the Clerk. The Clerk proposed that no changes were needed. All agreed.

g) **Review Council Standing Orders:** The Clerk proposed that they remain the same as they are currently. All agreed.

11. General Matters: None

12. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr. Glazebrook advised that the pedestrian gate on the Playing Fields alongside the A6097 still won't open so people are walking through the newly planted hedge instead. The Clerk agreed to contact the EA to ask them to resolve the issue.

Cllr Glazebrook also advised that the NCC Historic Building Conservation Officer would be holding volunteer workdays on 17, 18 and 20 April to help with repair work to the Barn.

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

14. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 11 May 2023 – at the Community Building (includes the Annual Council Meeting)
The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: Chairman

Date