

# LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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## Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Lowdham Parish Council held at The Community Building, off Southwell Road, LOWDHAM, NG14 7PS on THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 6.45 pm

07/09/23/105

### Councillors:

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

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner; Minute taker Wendy Fenn; Cllr. Roger Jackson and two residents.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received from Cllr. Brickell, Cllr. Simmons
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Chairman's announcements:** None
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023** were accepted and signed as a true record.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business.** A member of the public drew attention to the overgrown hedge along The Leys footpath from Main Street to the A6097 and asked for support to have it cut back. Members asked the clerk to write appropriately to the school. Cllr. Jackson agreed to refer the matter to the VIA Rights of Way team.
6. **County Council Matters:** Cllr. Jackson reported upon:
  - i) A resident of Ton Lane/Plough Lane has been asked to cut back overhanging branches
  - ii) Excessive car parking in The Leys is being investigated.
  - iii) The reservoir plans have been given approval by Government minister, Mr. Robert Jenrick.
  - iv) A resident reported regular inconsiderate parking, obscuring vision, on Ton Lane/Plough Lane and has provided a photograph for use by Highways.
  - v) Cllr. Jackson confirmed that the white lines on Ton Lane/Lambley Road will be repainted.
  - vi) The request for camera enforcement to be installed outside the Co-op has been declined.
7. **District Council Matters:** Cllr. Wendels had sent his apologies for absence.
8. **Amenities and Village:**
  - i) Flood alleviation: Members approved a request by the EA to reposition some trees recently planted along the Playing Fields adjacent to the Cocker Beck so that machinery used by IDB in the future can gain better access. Where necessary, trees will be replaced on a like for like basis.
  - ii) Lengthsman Scheme: Members considered the invitation to join the NCC Lengthsman Scheme but decided not to pursue this because of the extensive work needed to manage the scheme.
  - iii) Lowdham Environment Group Update: Cllr. Kew reported that she had attended a UK Green Tech event promoting such items as electric charging points and solar panels and suggested she organises a similar event. Members agreed but would like to see a statement of how it would benefit the people of Lowdham - Cllr. Kew agreed to proceed. It was made clear that Social Media support is being sought principally for the benefit of the council, to include any Environmental Group requirements.
  - iv) Trees - The Clerk confirmed that some urgent tree work had been done and, following receipt of the detailed tree survey on the condition of all Parish Council trees, suggested council creates a 5-year maintenance programme. This was approved by members. The estimated cost of the work is £25K.
  - v) Coronation Benches – The 2 locations in the Village were confirmed as i) outside the Post Office and ii) next to the play area on Old Tannery Drive - there will be a slight delay as the play area is due to be refurbished by NSDC.
  - vi) Christmas 2023 Planning: Cllr. Poyzer reviewed progress to date and said he was still to hear from Santa. The Choir needs details of what to sing and where to be situated. The route for the reindeers to be decided, so that they are not overcrowded. Possibility of a road closure to be investigated. Cllr. Jackson agreed to forward details for getting in touch with Lowdham Young Farmers and confirmed he would be happy to switch on the Christmas lights.
  - vii) NCC Land at Gunthorpe Road: The Clerk reported that a small area of land next to the A6097 is unused. It is owned by NCC and their Estates Dept has received an enquiry to lease the land to a market gardener. NCC suggest that the Parish Council may wish to administer the lease of the land. Members decided that NCC should stay responsible for arranging for its future use.
  - viii) Playing Fields (football pitch) – A meeting with the EA to resolve the problems with the A6097 gate closure and hedge repairs is planned. Concerns have been raised by the VH&PFC about bare patches and ruts on the football pitch following the seeding carried out by the EA contractors. A site meeting is to take place with the EA and contractor to discuss how to resolve the issue. Because the pitch was not satisfactory at the Bank Holiday, the cricket club were unable to hold the car boot sale so are asking EA for compensation.

An Oak Tree was damaged when a neighbouring tree was removed. An additional oak tree will be planted nearby. Young trees damaged by the strimmer will be replaced.

#### 9. Planning Applications:

08.11pm Cllr Jackson left the meeting

23/01117/HOUSE - 37 Lime Tree Gardens - Proposed two storey side and single storey rear extensions. Object - too large for space available and not in keeping with existing area.

23/01077/HOUSE - 9 Lambourne Crescent - Proposed 2 storey side extension - No comment.

23/01099/HOUSE - 17 Blenheim Avenue - Demolish existing conservatory and replace with single storey extension - Do not object.

23/01230/LDCE - Hywinds Farm, Lambley Road - application for a Lawful Development Certificate - No comment

23/01332/HOUSE - 19 Willow Holt - Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, new porch - Object - Overbearing impact the second storey extension would have on No.18 Willow Holt; loss of privacy to rear garden of No.18; out of character with other chalet bungalows on the street.

23/01358/FUL - 49A - 51A Main Street - Conversion of existing flats into 6 person HMO including first floor extension and cycle shed - Do not object.

23/01458/LDCE - Land at south side of Epperstone Road - For a lawful development certificate to continue use of land and buildings a builders storage yard - No comment.

23/01543/HOUSE - Joyland 19a Lambley Road - demolish and replace single storey extension - Do not object.

23/01637/FUL - The Dutch Barn - Southwell Road - Conversion of existing building to residential and demolition of existing stable with replacement ancillary garaging and store - Do not object

#### 10. Recent District Council Decisions:

22/01643/HOUSE - Threshing Barn East, Church Lane - single storey side extension - Grant Application

23/00866/PRIOR - Cockerbeck House, Lambley Road - Agricultural buildings - change of use to B8 storage - Granted.

23/00907/HOUSE - 5 Sidings Lowdham - proposed new extension and conversion of existing garage to provide accessible living space - Grant Application

23/01049/HOUSE - 3 Grove Farm - conversion of existing garages to office and storage space - Granted.

23/01077/HOUSE - 9 Lambourne Crescent - Proposed 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension - Granted.

23/01117/HOUSE - 37 Lime Tree Gardens - proposed two storey side and single storey rear extension - Grant Application

23/01317/TWCA - 3 Red Lane - Fell 3 x conifers - No Objection

23/01637/FUL - The Dutch Barn, Southwell Road - Conversion to residential - Grant Full Permission

#### 11. Finance & Assets

a) July and August Payments were approved.

b) Audit 2022/23 - Conclusion of External Audit: Auditors found a failure to publicise on the website that public access to the Accounts was available from 01 July 2023. Council was reminded that it is required to note this when doing the return next year.

c) MUGA - Lowdham Colts FC lighting cost contribution: Following a two-year fixed price contract, the forthcoming impact of the large increase in electricity cost was discussed. Members were told that there had been a meeting with Lowdham Colts FC and a new annual rent of £7,750 was proposed for two-year period. Members felt that this was barely adequate to cover costs, but as a compromise agreed a one-year price fix of £7,750 to be further increased for the 2024/25 season. The clerk will advise the Colts.

d) Insurance Renewal - 01 Oct 2023: Details had been circulated previously by the Clerk. The renewal was agreed.

e) Community Room - Terms and conditions: The Clerk confirmed that a revision is needed and will prepare details.

f) Community Building Extension Project: NSDC Planners have confirmed receipt of the application and requested a supplementary flood assessment report. The clerk reported that several builders have expressed an interest in providing a quote.

g) Tetrapak - consider provision: The meeting discussed the cost to provide Tetrapak recycling. Having noted the commercial nature of the provision members decided not to proceed.

12. General Matters: Future meeting dates were agreed.

#### 13. Councillors' Reports:

i) Cllr Harrison raised the possibility that the village hall might contain RAAC concrete. It was agreed this should be explored.

ii) Cllr. Platt expressed his wish to respond to the Waste Local Plan, circulated by NCC. He confirmed he would prepare a response for the next meeting.

14. Reports from Outside Organisations: No reports.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The meeting closed at 09.00pm

Signed: Chairman .....

Date .....