

# 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 04 April 2024 at 6.45 pm

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### Councillors:

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

**Also present:** Clerk Bill Banner; District Councillor Tim Wendels and 10 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Minute taker Wendy Fenn. County Cllr. Roger Jackson did not attend.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**  
Cllr Alison Glazebrook declared an interest in the Planning Application 24-00471-HOUSE – 31 Ridge Hill
3. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman welcomed Denise Whitt who had expressed interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. After a short presentation by Denise, she was duly elected to be a member of Council. Acceptance forms were completed, and she joined members after item 7.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 07 March 2024** were accepted and signed as a true record.  
*Standing orders were suspended at 6.50pm*
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business.**  
Two neighbours to 31 Ridge Hill raised objections to the new planning application and said that the proposed pitched roof would be an overbearing feature and would limit sunlight. The proposed rendering was said to be not in keeping with other properties in the area. The owners of 31 Ridge Hill spoke to say they do not consider a pitch roof to a single height extension to be over-imposing and that they have altered their plans in other respects to comply with wider views. The owner said that the proposed rendering could be reconsidered.  
*Standing orders were reinstated at 7.10pm*
6. **County Council Matters:** Cllr. Jackson had planned to attend but had been delayed.
7. **District Council Matters:** Cllr. Wendels reminded members that the kerbside glass collection scheme is to start next week.
8. **Amenities and Village:**
  - i) **Flood Alleviation** – Work on the reservoir continues to make progress. It was noted that Lambley Road was to be shut for a period of 8 weeks from 22 April so that drainage can be realigned to flow beneath the road.
  - ii) **Cricket Pavilion** – No developments: Cricket Club members are still working on their proposals and will attend a future meeting. Cllr Stephen Platt requested that the clerk send details of the Community Ownership Fund to the Cricket Club
  - iii) **Footbridges over the Cocker Beck** – No developments. The Surveyor is to do an under-bridges physical check to conclude his report – to be done once the beck water levels have dropped.
  - iv) **Village Signage** – The Clerk confirmed that the new signs are to be fixed shortly.
  - v) **Lowdham Environment Group** – Members considered purchasing 50 Hedgehog Highway Surrounds at £3 each – to be available without cost to residents at the Annual Parishioners Meeting next week - Agreed
  - vi) **Village Hall Playground** – Frequency of play equipment inspections was discussed. It was agreed to have monthly inspections – these will be paid for by the Parish Council. The Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee to implement the inspection results.
  - vii) **Cemetery** – The resident's request for a path to the bench at the top of the Cemetery was reconsidered. It was proposed and agreed that instead of having a path to the top bench, that Council places another Coronation-style bench in a position at the top of the road where it can be used at all times.

**9. Planning Applications:**

24-00450-HOUSE - 37 Plough Lane - Proposed single storey rear extension and porch extension to side – Do Not Object

Cllr Alison Glazebrook had declared an interest and left the meeting.

24-00471-HOUSE - 31 Ridge Hill - Single storey front and rear extensions - Cllr Tim Wendels commented that a flat roof extension was within Permitted Development, but a pitch roof was a NSDC Planning matter - Do Not Object (members vote: 4 Do Not Object; 2 Abstain)

Seven members of the public left the meeting. Cllr Alison Glazebrook returned to the meeting.

24-02165-FUL - Cliff House, Southwell Road - New dwelling including separate composter and charging point - Object by majority decision - Not in keeping with area (members vote: 2 Object; 1 Do Not Object and 4 Abstain)

24-00484-FUL - Cockerbeck House, Lambley Road - New cladding, vehicle doors and personnel door sets, to facilitate permitted change of use of buildings to B8 storage as per Schedule 2 Part 3, Class R - Do Not Object

24-00531-HOUSE - Walnut Tree House 22A, Ton Lane - proposed detached double garage - Do Not Object

24-00532-HOUSE - Walnut Tree House 22A, Ton Lane - proposed replacement of 6m perimeter conifer hedge with 5m timber fence - Object - Loss of natural boundary and overbearing

**10. Recent District Council Decisions:**

23-02244-LDCP - 23 The Priors - Cert. of lawfulness for proposed side extension and conversion of car port to a bedroom

24-00124-HOUSE - 2 Brookside - proposed single storey extension - Grant permission

24-00141-HOUSE and 24-00142-LBC - Station House - raise parapet wall and add two Air Source Heat Pumps to flat roof to rear of property - Grant permission

**11. Finance & Assets**

a) March payments were approved.

b) MUGA – members were informed that a pair of goals need to be replaced - cost £2.5K - approved

c) Community Building extension work is to start 15 April for some 8 weeks, during which time there will be minimum daytime availability.

c) The Grant Application from Lowdham Horticultural Society for £250 was able to be considered and approved by a quorate of councillors. Cllrs Harrison, Kew and Poyzer had declared an interest and left the meeting during this discussion.

**12. Annual Parishioners Meeting** – Members were reminded of the forthcoming APM on Wednesday 17 April 2024 – 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The Chairman said that he intends to raise the issue of future capital project funding for the Village Hall & Playing Field Committee.

**13. General Matters:** Christmas lights switch-on date of Friday 29 November 2024 was agreed.

**14. Councillors' Reports:**

i) Cllr. Platt reminded members of NCC request that the net zero survey to be done by 2 April 2024 and that, as agreed, he had completed it as a resident. It was confirmed that this topic will be discussed at the next monthly meeting.

ii) Cllr. Platt requested approval for the LEG members to attend a Biodiversity training course on the 10 April 2024 at a cost of £45 per person. Approval was given for he and Cllr Poyzer to attend. This item will be added to May's agenda.

iii) Cllr Platt recommended Council fund two copies of a Wildlife book at a cost of £20 each - one for the library and one for the Primary School – approved.

**15. Reports from Outside Organisations:** None.

**16. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 02 May 2024 – To include the Annual Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 09.02pm

Signed: Chairman .....

Date .....