

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 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; Denise Whitt.

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; County Cllr. Roger Jackson; District Cllr. Tim Wendels and 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None. Communications Officer Dermot Daly had sent apologies.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Casual Councillor vacancies.
4. **Minutes of the Council meeting held on 04 July 2024** were approved and signed. 6.50pm Standing orders were suspended
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:**  
Two residents were present and raised the pollution problem arising from the increase in garden bonfires at a property in Southwell Road, particularly bad on warm days when windows are open. NSDC Environmental Health team are involved and have written to the house occupant to request consideration for neighbours. 6.55pm Standing Orders were reinstated
6. **County Council Matters:**  
Cllr. Jackson informed members that A6097/A614 improvement project (which includes Lowdham roundabout) is being reviewed. He mentioned that the A1 road is to be resurfaced in a month or so, necessitating overnight road closure and to expect some redirected traffic onto the A6097. There have been complaints about excessive noise at The Old Volunteer Pub at Caythorpe
7. **District Council Matters:**  
Cllr. Wendels reminded members that the Stage 4 Tour of Britain Cycling Event was at a location nearby on the next day. He also referred to the Robert Kiddey work of eight pieces of sculpture and the NSDC Website request for the residents to express a view about funding £81,000 to provide a permanent home at Castle House, Newark  
NSDC is to run a series of local business support sessions on their website
8. **Amenities and Village:**
  - i) Roundabout update: It has been confirmed that the Compulsory Purchase Order letter received relates only to subsoil rights and the scheme will not be acquiring any land owned by the Parish Council.
  - ii) Flood alleviation: Nothing further to report. The Flood Action Group request to make use of the spare container to store items currently in the open was approved. The two containers will be moved to the front gate area, to enable extra car parking space near to the MUGA
  - iii) Cricket Pavilion: Nothing to report.
  - ii) Footbridges over Cocker Beck: Repairs have been completed, but not as required. The contractor is to rectify the work. Quotations for the bridges to be painted are awaited.
  - v) Lowdham Environment Group (LEG): Cllr. Poyzer updated the meeting that he awaiting responses to invitations made to wildlife speakers
  - vi) MUGA – Unauthorised Access and Usage: Members were told that remedies had been made to improve gate security and these seem to be working well.
  - vii) Franklin Road Car Park – Parking Issue: A meeting has been arranged with NSDC Parking Officer.  
A suggestion has been made by the NSDC Car Park Officer that Council should consider having an overhead barrier installed to prevent high vehicles using the facility.
9. **Planning Applications:**  
23-02209-FUL - 8 Longmoor Avenue – Further amended information - replacement dwelling – Decision made by NSDC prior to meeting - Do Not Object  
24-01236- LDCE - Cliff Mill House, Southwell Road - Change of use to residential garden - Decision made by NSDC prior to meeting – Do Not Object

24-01295-HOUSE - Apple Croft House, Plough Lane - Two storey and single rear extensions, two storey front extension – Decision made by NSDC prior to meeting - Do Not Object  
24-01311-FUL - Field Reference 0739 off Old Epperstone Road - Change of land use to dog walking field - Do Not Object

**10. Planning Decisions:**

23-02209-FUL - 8 Longmoor Avenue - Replacement building - Grant Full Permission  
24-00558-FUL – Land to rear of 50A Main Street – Five 2-bedroom townhouses – Refuse Permission  
24-00569-FUL - Lambley Paddocks - Retention of horse walker - Grant Full Permission  
24-00804-TPO - 26 Blenheim Ave - Lime 1 and Lime 2 - Felling and stump removal – Refuse Permission  
24-01204-TWCA - 15 Ton Lane - Tree (x3) work - No objection  
24-01100/TELNOT – Longmoor Avenue – Notification of the intention to install fixed line broadband apparatus - Noted  
7.40pm Cllrs. Jackson and Wendels left the meeting

**11. Finance and Assets:**

- a) July and August payments were approved.
- b) The renewal of the annual insurances was approved
- c) Community Building Extension project was completed satisfactorily mid-July
- d) Signage for the Community Building has been ordered and is due for delivery this month.
- e) VHPFC – Playground – wet pour repairs were considered and the quotations (circa £5K) for repair were discussed. It was noted that neither contractor would guarantee the longevity of the repair. The Monthly Inspection Reports categorise the Risk as Low. Members felt that was sufficient assurance and that the work will not be progressed.  
Cllr Kew will advise the clerk of a perceived fault with an item of equipment
- f) Solar Panels at the Community Building – Cllr. Poyzer wished to investigate the options further.

**12. General Matters:**

Following approval of the biodiversity policy document at the July meeting, action priorities will be prepared for discussion at the next meeting. Some incorrections in the original draft will be addressed.  
Cllr. Platt proposed that an audit of the village be undertaken at a cost of £4,500. Members felt that the money would be more effectively spent on projects from which there would be an immediate benefit and there was no seconder for the motion.

- 13. Councillors' Reports:** Cllr. Platt highlighted some information he had received on current topics and which he thought could be featured on the website. After discussion, it was agreed that items which related to the village only should be featured.  
Cllr Platt requested that the Parish Council should advertise that electric blankets can be checked for free on set days and places in October. It was confirmed that this information was already on the website.  
An electronic version of items for the website or Facebook was requested in order to avoid retyping information.

**14. Reports from Outside Organisations:**

Speaking on behalf of the VHPFC, Cllr. Glazebrook said that the installation of the guttering at the barn has been done  
She informed members that the Committee are to address the problem of a vehicle that is left in the car park accessing an electric car charging point through a hole made in the perimeter fence

**15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 03 October 2024**

The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 16 on the grounds that it involves the likely discussion of exempt information as defined in Section 1 of the public (Admission to meetings) Act 1960  
The meeting closed at 9.00pm

**16. Councillors Meeting – in camera**

Signed: Chairman ..... Date .....