

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 07 November 2024 at 6.45 pm

07/11/24/129

Councillors

Derek Brickell (Vice Chairman); Alison Glazebrook; Paul Harrison (Chairman); Caroline Kew;
Stephen Platt; Mike Poyzer; Denise Whitt, Liam Wiltshire (following co-option).

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Communications Officer Dermot Daly, County Cllr. Roger Jackson; 9 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence.** None. Apologies received from District Cllr. Tim Wendels
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Received from Cllr Paul Harrison on item 9. 24/01763/LDCE and from Cllr Alison Glazebrook on item 9. 24/01834/HOUSE
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Casual Parish Councillor vacancies – there is a further interested party to be followed up. Future canvassing will be done in pairs. Thanks to Cllrs Derek and Denise for doing the deliveries. Still 50% of the village to be covered. It was RESOLVED to co-opt Liam Wiltshire as a Councillor.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting of 03 October 2024 for approval.** It was RESOLVED to approve with a correction to the Francklin Road car park agreement item.
5. **Open Public Session.** Railway level crossing markings worn away – VIA/Highways contacted, being the responsible authority. Issue is to be resolved.
6. **County Council Matters:** The Chair thanked the County Cllr for pressing VIA to resolve resurfacing work to parts of the A6097. Cllr Jackson advised that the section of A6097 near Cottage Pasture Lane is next on the list to be repaired. The faded road markings on and around the railway crossing have been reported. The Councillor also reported that potholes and other road repairs have been dealt with. There is a shortfall in the budget of £30m because of the increased NI cost - the Council Leader has resigned. Photo evidence is requested of inconsiderate parking outside of the Lowdham doctor's surgery (Derek to provide). The seats at the bus shelter on Main Street opposite the Old School are missing – to be investigated. Notts TV has reported about land purchased to the rear of Ridge Hill / Barker Hill / Mount Pleasant.
7. **District Council matters:** None presented.
8. **Amenities and Village:**
 - i) Roundabout – No further progress.
 - ii) Flood alleviation – Environment Agency meeting reported progress on the flood relief scheme and the challenge to completion dates. FLAG have identified flood water diversion aims.
 - ii) Lowdham Cricket Club: No update.
 - iii) Lowdham Environment Group update – Redavon representatives explained their land management and environment focus – they felt that LEG had a reasonable level of knowledge, intelligence, and are willing to debate – to make a difference requires community support – a long-term view is needed, that is Parish Council led, with support from LEG and the community – a target of 100 supporters. Aim to present certificates for positive effort and red kite plaques for exemplar locations. Children version is called GoldCrest – encouraging presentations in schools.
 - iv) Christmas 2024: To aim for a living Christmas tree for next year; purchase a temporary tree as usual for this year; Friday 29th November is the light switch-on date.
 - v) Francklin Road Car Park – Long-term car parking issue – Correction: There is to be a COL increase of 33% in the annual rent following the 5-year review of the lease
Cllr Glazebrook agreed to amend the draft car park sign and circulate to Cllrs for approval at the next PC meeting.
Cllrs agreed a height barrier was not required at present (which would be c.£1,500).

- vi) Village Hall Car Park – Use of village hall is being affected by inconsiderate parking. Email from resident to be answered to explain the general problem
- vii) Railway Level Crossing – poor no parking markings – noted by VIA. The problem needs Police enforcement.

9. Planning Applications:

- 24/01122/FUL** – Land at Grove Farm - Demolish existing open sided agricultural store and weighbridge building and erect a replacement agricultural unit and weighbridge buildings - Do Not Object
- 24/01614/LDCE** – Low Meadow, Lambley Road - Certificate for Lawfulness for existing building works which started before the permission expired - No comment
- 24/01752/HOUSE** - 6 Russet Close - Single storey extension - Do Not Object
- 24/01763/LDCE** – 48C Main Street - Application for lawful development certificate to confirm use of land, previously agricultural, has been used as residential garden since 2000 - No Comment
(Cllr Harrison left the room; Vice Chairman took the meeting)
- 24/01779/LDCE** - Cockerbeck House, Lambley Road - Lawful Development Certificate to continue the existing use of land as residential garden - Do Not Object
- 24-01834-HOUSE** - 30 Ridge Hill - Two storey side and single front extensions - Do Not Object
(Cllr Glazebrook left the room)
- 24-01864-S73** - 10 Lime Tree Gardens - Variation of Condition 02 to 24-00066-HOUSE to amend external wall finish from a buff brick to a smooth render finish - No Comment
- 24/01364/FUL** - Land off south side of Epperstone Road - Remove existing outbuildings and erect new builders' yard and storage unit – application not discussed as not all Cllrs had had sight of the application – Cllrs to review application and submit any comments to the Clerk.

10. Planning Decisions:

- 24/01583/HOUSE** - Lowdham Mill - Retention of single storey WC extension and conservatory - Grant Planning permission - Noted
- 24/01584/LBC** - Lowdham Mill - Retention of single storey WC extension and conservatory - Listed Building Consent – Noted

11. Finance and Assets:

- a) October payments to be authorised – It was RESOLVED to approve the payments.
- b) VHPFC Grant application – This needs to be approved by the VHPFC before consideration.
- c) Budget considerations 2025/26 – A robust spend profile this year. There is a need to budget for a possible FLAG grant approach; VHPFC expected to submit grant applications; staff costs will be higher as will environment costs. Higher tree maintenance anticipated; possible improved village facilities – in general a higher spend profile is expected for next financial year. Precept about £88K; Free Reserves about £110K. There was a call for members to present projects at the next meeting.
- d) Footbridges painting – quotes available to be presented at next meeting, work expected around April.
- e) Solar panels – Six quotes in range of £5- £15K – village hall has not yet discussed this potential.
- f) It was RESOLVED to obtain tarmac quote for the Community Building car park where the storage containers were previously sited.

- 12. General Matters:** Remembrance Sunday arrangements – Cllr Alison Glazebrook will represent the Parish Council and lay a wreath. Gunthorpe PC will also be represented. Large lamp-post poppies have been put up in village.

- 13. Councillors' Reports:** Notts TV discussion with Chair regarding land to rear of Ridge Hill / Barker Hill / Mount Pleasant. The Chair has had a discussion with pharmacy regarding reinstatement of Village Hall car park fence following building works. Cllr Platt requested an agenda item regarding the wildlife trust article on biodiversity net gain (swift and wild). The Clerk advised that one of the larger plots at The Leys allotments is being split into two smaller plots. Two of the defibrillator batteries are due for renewal in December and one in the New Year. Defibrillator training was requested.

- 14. Reports from Outside Organisations:** None

- 15. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 05 Dec 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

It was RESOLVED 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.

- 16. Meeting – in camera**

Signed: Chairman

Date