

LOWDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of
Lowdham Parish Council held at The Village Hall, Main Street, Lowdham on
THURSDAY 05 December 2024 at 6.55 pm

05/12/24/131

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Communications Officer Dermot Daly, District Cllr Tim Wendels; 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence:** No apologies from Parish Councillors. County Cllr Roger Jackson has apologised
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Alison Glazebrook – item 11(b) village hall grant application.
3. **Chairman's announcements:** Apologies for the delay in the meeting and the faulty shutters at the Community Building. There has been more interest in the casual Councillor vacancies from residents. It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve Alan Reed as a co-opted Councillor.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 07 November 2024 for approval:** It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Minutes as circulated.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:**

Standing Orders suspended 7.05pm.
(Cockerbeck House)
Standing Orders reinstated 7.12pm.

A resident gave background information relating to Planning Application 24-01791-LDCE
6. **County Council matters:** None.
7. **District Council matters:** Cllr Tim Wendels reported –Two trees are available free to residents – a Beech and a Wayfaring (Viburnum) whip - apply through NSDC website by 20/12/24 - collection from Southwell or Newark in January. There are ongoing meetings with the NSDC Planning Director about strengthening planning policy in the District - particularly relevant for Lowdham (addressing flooding matters).
8. **Amenities and Village:**
 - i) Roundabout: no further update.
 - ii) Flood alleviation progress report: no further update. FLAG have recorded an item for BBC's The One Show.
 - iii) Lowdham Cricket Pavilion: no further update.
 - iv) Lowdham Environment Group: Native primroses are to be planted near the war memorial. Some Redavon red kite awards have been awarded to residents.
 - v) Christmas 2024: the event went well despite Santa not turning up. Good display of lights. Cllr Liam Wiltshire volunteered to arrange next year's event.
 - vi) Francklin Road Car Park: Signage Notice draft was considered - comments made about vehicle dimensions, fine, and use of apostrophe. A request has been made for lighting - this would be very costly to install and difficult as the Parish Council does not own the facility.
 - vii) Village Car Parking: this should be a subject for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting.
9. **Planning Applications:**

24-00923-OUT: 38 Nottingham Road - Outline planning application for erection of a detached dwelling (all matters reserved except access) – **Do Not Object**

24-01636-FUL: Land at The Green - Proposed 40m x 20m manege, enclosed by a post and rail perimeter fence, incorporating one access gate - **Do Not Object**.

24-01791-LDCE: Cockerbeck House - Application for lawful development certificate for change of use of building from garage to annexe ancillary to the main dwellinghouse - **Do Not Object**

24-01801-HOUSE: 71 Main Street - Two-storey rear extension - **Do Not Object**.

10. Planning Decisions:

24-00916-HOUSE: 20 The Green - Creation of dormers and gable roof. Single storey side extension - **Refuse Permission**

24-01498-HOUSE: 21 Lambley Road - Erection of single storey conservatory - **Refuse Permission**

24-01752- HOUSE 6 Russet Close - single storey extension - **Grant Permission**.

11. Finance and Assets:

a) The November payments were approved

b) VHPFC Grant application for fence renewal was approved *(Cllr Alison Glazebrook left the room during this item)*.

c) Budget considerations 2025/26: Tree maintenance budget should be higher than at present. Other considerations include pre-spend to projects, village hall requirements, LEG requirements - all expected to be a focus for extra spending. The precept will need to increase due to pressures of consumed services increasing. The Parish Council precept has not been increased for five years (COL in this period + 33.82%). To be decided at the January meeting.

d) Footbridges painting quotations: A quotation for £1,760 was approved. The painter will be advised. The work to be done April 2025 onwards.

e) Solar panels: this matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

12. General Matters: Advertising banners on railings at Magna and Ton Lane junctions are obscuring the view for emerging traffic – to be reported to NCC Highways.

Rural funding digest was mentioned as a possible source of funding.

There is match funding available for defibrilators – there are presently 5 devices in Lowdham.

13. Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Stephen Platt spoke of the Swift & Wild publication by Notts Wildlife Trust (NWT) – principally aimed at housing estates - to encourage the biodiversity principles with developers. It was not thought that the Parish Council has enough of a sphere of influence over this matter and is more a Planning Authority responsibility. A Neighbourhood Plan is to be reconsidered – the clerk will research papers from when this was last discussed a few years ago.

14. Reports from Outside Organisations: Cllr Glazebrook advised that the VHPFC had not received a reply to its letter from the Chemist and the car park fence had not been reinstated. Cllr Harrison agreed to have another conversation.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 02 January 2025 items for discussion to include Neighbourhood Plan – including flooding issues

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

The Chairman moved 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. Councillors Meeting – in camera

Signed: Chairman

Date

Post meeting: Subsequent confirmation from NALC that the meeting is a valid Council Meeting despite holding it at a different location than advertised. The delay in the start time enabled late arrivals to attend.