

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 02 January 2025 at 6.45pm

02/01/25/133

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

Also present: Clerk Bill Banner; Communications Officer Dermot Daly; District Cllr Tim Wendels; County Cllr Roger Jackson; No members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** It was RESOLVED to accept the apologies for Cllr Derek Brickell (Vice Chairman).
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Chairman's announcements:** It was RESOLVED to agree the co-option of Gary Clarke to a casual councillor vacancy.
4. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 05 December 2024:** It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes as circulated.
5. **Open Session for Members of the Public to Raise Matters of Council Business:** No residents in attendance at this point.
6. **County Council matters:**
No news on the roundabout. Still chasing pothole repairs for A6097. Work on the yellow parking lines and white lines near railway crossing has been recorded. Bus stop seats opposite Old School have been replaced. Concerns expressed over lack of on-street electric car recharging. Further evidence of inconsiderate parking at Francklin Road/Main Street junction is needed. Questions to be resolved about impending unitary authority.
7. **District Council matters:** Christmas tree recycling service is being repeated from 13 to 31 January 2025 - a slot must be booked for £5 fee – tree to be left out.
8. **Amenities and Village:**
 - i. Flood alleviation progress report: slow progress is being made. A meeting was held with Cllr Mike Pringle regarding designating Lowdham as a 'critical drainage area'. Neighbourhood Plan discussions might be impacted by changes in principle authority layers, but clarity will be required.
 - ii. Lowdham Environment Group: Spring Equinox event being planned with Redavon covering the Red Kite award, native primroses, survey presentation, school involvement, etc.
 - iii. Village Hall Car Park: Fence panel still not reinstated by Pharmacy - Cllr Harrison to pursue. Parking issues for village as a whole to be taken to the Annual Parish Meeting.
9. **Planning Applications:** None
10. **Planning Decisions:**
24-01122-FUL - Land at Grove Farm - Demolish store and erect agri. unit - **Grant permission**

24-01614-LDCE - Low Meadow, Lambley Road - Certificate for lawfulness for existing building works which started before the permission expired - **Certificate issued**

24-01779-LDCE - Cockerbeck House - Lawful Development Certificate to continue the existing use of land as residential garden - **Certificate issued**

24-01444-HOUSE - 48B Main Street - Single storey rear extension for swimming pool. Conversion of day room to two changing rooms – **Grant Permission**

24-01464-ADV- Grove Farm - New sign to grassed area of the farm entrance - **Refuse Consent**

24-01864-S73 - 10 Lime Tree Gardens - Variation of condition 02 attached to planning permission

24/00066/HOUSE to amend the external wall finish from a buff brick to a smooth render finish (off white colour) - **Grant permission**

11. Finance and Assets:

- i. December payments: It was RESOLVED to approve the payments as circulated.
- ii. Budget precept decision 2025/26: There has been no precept rise for 6 years. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the precept be raised by 9% for 2025/26.
- iii. Solar panels: Three suppliers are investigating. Cllr Poyzer will report findings to Richard Bowler of the Village Hall & Playing Fields Committee.

12. General Matters:

- (i) Issues with unauthorised access to tennis courts.
- (ii) Cllr Harrison and Cllr Glazebrook to review Cemetery rules ready for discussion at the February PC meeting.

13. Councillors' Reports: New Councillors training has been arranged.

14. Reports from Outside Organisations: None.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 06 February 2025

Meeting closed at 8.02pm

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