

LOWER WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Hall on Monday 27th April 2015.

Present:

Councillors: Alwin Thompson (Chair), Jackie Blackburn, Paul Duffy, Richard Massey, Peter Stephenson, Alan Brocklehurst and Rachel Robinson.

Members of the public: Mr Barlow, Mr Roberts and Mr Barber

Before the meeting was officially opened, The Chairman invited the member of the public to raise any issues of concern.

Lapwing Lake Footpath - Cllr Robinson and Cllr Blackburn described the information they had discovered from conversations with previous Parish Councillors, Sibelco and from past quarry planning applications. The footpath and direct access onto Lapwing Lane is clearly shown on the application from 1995 (5/707545). The car park accessed from Congleton Lane (not implemented) is also shown on the same map.

A long discussion about the issues of parking on verges on Lapwing Lane, safety of walkers, land ownership bordering the footpath, speed of traffic and the results of the traffic count on Saturday 25th April were then discussed. It was acknowledged that the number of cars counted as non-residents on that day (36 cars) was considerably above what would be expected from a dead-end country lane.

ACTION - Cllr Robinson to contact Sibleco to put this item on their agenda for the next quarry meeting. This will be attended by Cllr Brocklehurst and one other councillor as Cllr Blackburn cannot attend.

The meeting was then formally opened by the Chairman, Alwin Thompson

- 1) **Apologies** - Councillor Lesley Smetham (CEC) and Bernard Kellett
- 2) **Declarations of personal or prejudicial interest.** - Paul Duffy (re: land ownership near quarry footpath)
- 3) **The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th March 2015** were approved and signed as a correct record.
- 4) **Issues arising from the March meeting:**

Lapwing Lake actions - see above (discussed at start of meeting)

Defibrillator - Cllr Blackburn had a meeting with Mr Blair from North West Ambulance and it was agreed that the Parish Hall was the better location as there are generally more people around. Once the device has been installed then her will come back to check exact location before adding it to their formal database.

Website - The website is now ready and the new email address of clerk@lowerwithington.com is active.

ACTION - Cllr Robinson to contact Adam Keppel-Garner to allow access to the website so that it can be updated. It was noted that there is a requirement for a page for the Tennis Club.

ACTION - Cllr Robinson to contact Lyndsey Green Illustrations to see if the logo can be amended and swap

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the fox for a farm animal.

Newsletter and Annual Report - Cllr Blackburn has written both of these and the Spring Newsletter will be distributed over the Bank Holiday weekend, in advance of the litter pick on Saturday the 9th May.

ACTION - All to deliver the newsletter as per the new distribution map.

ACTION - Cllr Robinson to complete the finances for the Annual Report and also the Audits

5) Finance

- Council approved payment of £315 to Adam Keppel-Garner for the new village website
- After discussion of the various quotations, Council agreed to renew the current policy for one year only.

ACTION - Cllr Robinson to confirm insurance renewal

6) Planning

- There were no new applications received. Applications 15/0609M and 15/0488M had both been approved since the last meeting.

7) Community

- Parish Resilience Plan - this was discussed and will be put forward for the Annual Public Meeting on the 18th May.
- Reminder that the Litter Picking day has been set for the 9th May 2015. Everyone is welcome.

8) Reports

- Highways
- Cllr Blackburn had a meeting with Paul Kenyon from Cheshire East to discuss the location of the traffic counters. Funding had been granted for those on Salters Lane from Lower Withington through Siddington, but they also agreed to put one in at Glead Moss near the Black Swan to assess the traffic there. The Parish Council awaits the results with great interest.
- The Cheshire East gullies schedule was discussed and Lower Withington/ Henbury will be done in November. Hence any other individual gully problems need to be reported through the Cheshire East website:
- The grass verges on Salters Lane are now impeding the footpath and will be reported.
- An incidence of fly tipping on Lapwing Lane was reported and has already been dealt with.

9) Any Other Business

- There is a vacancy for a Parish Tree officer - if any one is interested they should contact Christine Barratt via the clerk. (clerk@lowerwithington.com)

The meeting closed at 9:10pm with the Chairman, Alwin Thompson thanking the Parish Council for all their hard work and wishing those remaining and those new to the Council a good term in office.

NEXT MEETING: at the Parish Hall, 7.30pm Monday 18th May 2015.