

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY LONG LAWFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th JUNE 2021 AT 7.30PM IN THE CAR PARK OF THE MEMORIAL HALL, LONG LAWFORD

Present: Chairman Cllr. Mr S Jones (SJ) Cllr. Mrs J Slack (JS)
Ms D Groves – Clerk (Clerk) Cllr. Mr J Steed (JSt)
Cllr. Mr M Davison (MD) Cllr. Mr S Fletcher (SF)
Cllr. Mrs L Davison (LD) Cllr. Mr D Goodwin (DG)

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01	Welcome and Apologies for absence Meeting was opened at 7.30pm. A warm welcome was offered to those present.	
02	To Receive Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interests None	
03	To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 13th April 2021 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Slack, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison to accept the minutes of 13 th April 2021 as a true record, 7 votes in favour.	
04	<p>To consider Lawford Utd's use of Parish Council Parks for Football Season 21/22 The Chairman read the following:</p> <p>We have not been able to hold our regular parish council meetings due to new covid regulations. However, we, as a Parish Council have still been able to communicate with each other. And as a result of these communications, we have now called an Extraordinary Meeting to ratify our deliberations</p> <p>Football Pitches 2021/2022 Season The first subject we wish to address is that of the football pitches. For the ensuing season. This is in reply to several requests we have had from Lawford United. At first Lawford United. asked for sole use of the pitches available. Something that the Parish Council was very reluctant to do, as it would have required the council to ask the Caldecott team to stop using a pitch that we have granted them for more than 5 years. At the last Parish Council Meeting Lawford Utd were asked to reach an agreement with the Caldecott team as to the fair use of the King George football pitch. It is now 8 weeks since that meeting and the Parish Council has received no response from Lawford Utd or the Caldecott team that an agreement has been reached. Therefore, the PC has reached the conclusion that no agreement has been reached and we are keen for this matter to be resolved. The Caldecott team has already reached an agreement with Parish Council. This means that as a PC we need to make some decisions about how Lawford Utd will be allowed to use the King George football pitch. I have a list of proposals which I will ask the council to endorse individually by taking a vote on each of these proposals,</p> <p>1. 8 weeks has elapsed since our last meeting, and had we held our normal meeting these items would have been discussed and decided then, therefore it is Parish Council's view that sufficient time has been allowed for an agreement to have been reached therefore: - The first proposal is 'not to allow more time' proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Davison, 7 votes in favour.</p> <p>2. A request has been made for the provision of 2x 9 a side pitches. The PC has several concerns over this proposal. The main concern is over wear and tear to the field, not only from the players on the pitches but from the number of parents and supporters. Concerns were also raised about the proximity of 2 pitches to the road. There was also concern about the impact of having so many people attending the games on</p>	

parking in the village. It was also felt that other family use of the park areas for the majority of the villagers could be restricted if large amounts of time were dedicated to Football.

Therefore, the proposal is to allow 1x 9 a side pitch. Proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison, 7 votes in favour.

3. If the Parish Council vote to allow one 9 a side pitch we then turn our attention to how often this pitch can be used. The PC were concerned about the overuse of the field for football, and they had to consider that other residents may want to use the field for family activities, running, other games and walking their dogs etc. The PC is keen that matches do not clash, and the pitch has some time to recover between matches and therefore should only be used once a week for a match this being on a Saturday.

It is proposed 'the 9 a side pitch be used on a Saturday at a time to suit'. Proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mr Goodwin, 7 votes in favour

4. A request had been made to use the King George field for training sessions. In line with points already made regarding wear and tear it was felt that only one training session should be allowed, either Tuesday or Thursday and limited to 2 hours per week.

It is proposed to allow one training session, one night a week for one team only Lawford Utd to confirm which day and what time training would take place. Proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mr Fletcher, 7 votes in favour

5. Having now decided to allow training once a week on the 9 a side pitch, we can turn our attention to the 'little lightnings' team training. It was felt by the PC that their training should be 'off pitch' at the King George field without any time restrictions.

It is proposed to allow 'little lightnings' to train 'off pitch' at the King George Playing Field. Proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Slack, 7 votes in favour

6. Lawford Utd had requested part use of the POD.

It is proposed to agree to Lawford Utd using part of the pod at their own risk and with care taken of Council padlocks etc. Proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mr Goodwin, 7 votes in favour.

7. Following discussion re the use of Cherwell Way, the PC request that Lawford Utd provide the PC with a schedule of the usage of Cherwell Way facilities. Proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mr Davison, 7 votes in favour.

8. It is proposed to allow use of the Ryelands with a single 5 a side pitch to accommodate occasional matches for the U7s and U8s teams on a Trial basis for season 21/22, Lawford Utd to pay for line marking this pitch. – Proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mr Steed, 7 votes in favour.

9. It should be stressed that these proposals cover Lawford United for the coming season only, and no further discussions or considerations can be accepted for the 21/22 Season. Should Lawford Utd wish to accept the offer in its entirety, or if not in its entirety then they should inform which elements they wish to accept, by contacting the Council via the Clerk by 30th June latest; failure to confirm acceptance in full or in part, then the Parish Council will only allow usage of Cherwell Way and trial usage of the Ryelands as per 2020/21 agreement. Proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Davison, 7 votes in favour.

If Lawford Utd wish to accept the offer, as usual, fees, public liability insurance proof

	<p>alongside a schedule of usage for Cherwell Way including confirmation of what days/times of usage and confirmation of which day and time training on King George for one team will need to be received by 31st July latest at which point an agreement will be posted out for signature and copy returned to the Council for its records.</p> <p>The Chairman also commented that until the Council can meet face to face no decisions will be made regarding use of pavilion as a pop-up café as there are things that the Council need to determine before decisions can be made. There have been changes in planning rules and regulations and classes of use which has resulted in a change of category for the Pavilion, the class under which the pavilion was classed has been revoked, the building is now classed under EB use which is mixed use so the Council will have to look at what it can now do that it couldn't previously do. It has to be noted that the kitchen is very small and does not meet conditions for use as a commercial kitchen as it wasn't built with this in mind due to the class under which it was previously held.</p>	DG
05	<p>To consider outline planning application No. R20/0134 – Land at Lawford Fields Farm, Bilton Lane, Rugby, CV23 9DU Outline planning application for the demolition of existing buildings and construction of up to 351 residential dwellings, an Early Years and Childcare (Nursery) and Community Facility, x4 no. sports pitches and associated changing rooms and a new Country Park with associated landscaping, infrastructure and access – It was proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr. Mr Fletcher that the Parish Council are in agreement with Rugby Borough Council on this issue and has nothing further to add to the submission.</p> <p>In support of the Football Clubs in the village, the Parish Council have only asked for the provision of football pitches, changing rooms and parking facilities should this planning application be successful</p>	DG
06	<p>Public enquiry relating to R17/1089 Land North of Coventry Road, Long Lawford due to be held on 15th June at 10am virtually – It was proposed by Cllr. Mr Jones, seconded by Cllr Mr Steed that no further observations to be made, the Parish Council has nothing further to add to original submissions, 7 votes in favour</p>	DG
07	<p>Date and Time of the Next Meeting The next Meeting of the Parish Council is due to be held on Tuesday 13th July 2020 at 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion, King George Park, Long Lawford - meeting is subject to all Covid restrictions being lifted. Meeting was closed at 7.55pm</p>	

Signed:

Mr S Jones
Chairman

Date: