



**Minutes** of the **Lawford Parish Assembly** held in the Main Hall, Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford, CO11 2JG at **7.30** on **Thursday 11 May 2017**.

***The formal meeting began following the 'Meet and Greet' and viewing of Stalls at 7pm.***

**Present:**

Councillors Ashley, Baker, C Guglielmi, V Guglielmi, Langstone, Payne (*arriving at 8.30pm*), O'Mara, (*arriving at 8.30pm*), Brown, Miles and Adcok-Jones  
Clerk: Mrs Peachey  
50+ members of the public

**Apologies:**

Councillors Rolfe M.B.E. Pretty and Woods

**Not in Attendance:**

Councillor Elkin

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14 April 2016 having previously been circulated, were accepted as a true record.

**Proposed:** Cllr C Guglielmi **Seconded:** Cllr Baker ***agreed by all those present at the meeting***

**Matters Arising:**

*None*

**County Councillors Report:**

*(The report was available at the meeting and previously circulated to Councillors and will be published on Council's website)*

**District Councillors Report:**

*(The report was available at the meeting and previously circulated to Councillors and will be published on Council's website)*

**Chairman's Report:**

*(The report will be published on Council's website)*

**Chairman invited questions/comments.**

***Residents raised the following issues:***

- a) Highways report ref Colchester Road – concern over coaches being on Colchester Road. *Cllrs advised the Summers Park coach park is hoped to be operational September 2018 and parking restrictions will follow.*
- b) Parking at Queensway - annoyance was expressed at the amount of cars being parked on Queensway following the restrictions on the main road. Also raised was where these vehicles will move on to once the restrictions are input on Queensway. *Cllr C Guglielmi advised there are plans to increase the amount of parking at the station and not necessarily in the existing car park.*
- c) Parking on Colchester Road and the number of Lorries using the road as a short cut (the road has a 7.5 ton weight restriction) which is dangerous. *Residents were advised to get the registration of the Lorries and report them to Trading Standards.*

- d) Layby at Garden City – the café is causing many issues especially since the gravel for resurfacing roads has been deposited in the layby. Lorries cannot get into the layby to load as the café and its patrons are blocking the layby, they therefore stop on the highway to load gravel causing a hazard not only for road users but residents opposite who find it difficult and dangerous getting out of their drive. Lorries use the layby as an overnight stop with the noise from refrigeration disturbing local residents. Drivers urinate in full view of residents and passers-by. The area is noisy and unsightly with refuse being thrown out of Lorries and residents getting abuse from the Lorry drivers sitting outside the café.

The resident advised the meeting she has been told by Neil Forman of TDC that their legal team will take no action and that she will have to put up with it.

*Cllr C Guglielmi advised Council has a 'Soft touch' policy towards all roadside café's, however he will continue to pursue the matter.*

- e) The speed vehicles travel on Cox's Hill was raised the resident stating it was terrifying walking up/down the hill as the pavement is so narrow and made worse by vegetation encroaching on the pavement. *Clerk to ask council's handyman to cut back the growth.* **Action**

***There being no further questions/comments the formal meeting closed at 8.35 pm and residents were invited to continue viewing stalls and have refreshments, which were served by councillors.***

***Signature (Chairman): ..... Date: .....***