



Minutes of the Lawford Parish Meeting held in the Main Hall, Ogilvie Hall, Wignall Street, Lawford, CO11 2JG at **7.30** on **Monday 26 March 2018**.

The formal meeting began following the 'Meet and Greet' and viewing of Stalls at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors Ashley, Baker, Langstone, O'Mara, Brown, Miles, Woods, Elkin, Pretty and Adcok-Jones
 Clerk: Mrs Peachey
 60+ members of the public

Apologies:

Councillors Payne, C & V Guglielmi and Smith

PM/18/01 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 11 May 2017 having previously been circulated, were accepted as a true record.

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

PM/18/02 Matters Arising:

Clerk asked council's handyman to cut back the growth on Cox's Hill	Completed
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PM/18/03 Cllr O'Mara gave Chairman his letter of resignation – Cllr O'Mara has been a dedicated member of Lawford Parish Council for 20+ years but he and his wife will shortly be moving to Ireland. Council wishes him and his wife all the very best for the future.

PM/18/04 County Councillors Report:

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

PM/18/05 District Councillors Report:

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

PM/18/06 Chairman's Report:

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

PM/18/07 Following his report the Chairman tendered his resignation to council to take effect from the close of this meeting. Cllr Ashley has recently moved out of the area following 10 years' service to Lawford Parish Council. Council wishes him and his family the very best for the future.

PM/18/08 Chairman invited questions/comments:

- a) Cllr Raynor (Mistley Chair) congratulated Cllr Ashley on all he had achieved in the office of Councillor, Vice Chairman and latterly as Chairman of Lawford Parish Council.

Residents raised the following concerns:

- b) A concern was raised about the parking permit issued to Tendring residents by TDC. It is restricted to one vehicle and residents with 2 or more vehicles have to pay £20 (cost to those outside Tendring is £50) to have a permit for another of their vehicles and £5 if they change their vehicle. *District Councillor Baker advised that the change was made because this system is more cost effective. It had also been brought to TDC's attention that residents not using their permit would give it to friends/relatives who lived outside Tendring. He was surprised a resident had been charged £5 to change his vehicle and he stated he would look into it and Cllr Baker would prefer it to be free.*
- c) A resident raised concerns about the overdevelopment of the area. He did not believe the area could sustain the 30-40% increase in housing and asked what the Parish Council can do. *Council advised it had objected to the application at Grange Road and others. Councillors reminded residents objections to any application have to be on planning grounds. Cllr Raynor (Mistley) advised the meeting that the Government are reviewing the planning framework and the presumption is in favour of development. He also advised there had been an amendment of the word **significant** to **severe** in relation to the effect a proposed development will have on an area, severe being hard to quantify as it can be subjective.*
- d) A reduction in the speed limit on Coxs Hill was raised – Councillors advised they had submitted a requested for a 40mph speed limit for the length of the road, but the schemes take time to be approved and input.
- e) A request was made to clear the weeds that are spreading over the footpath on Coxs Hill thereby reducing the width of the path. *Councillors advised a request had been made of ECC.*
- f) A request was made that the Parish Council considers the older child when play equipment is next being installed. *Councillors agreed that this would be a consideration in coming projects.*
- g) A query was raised about the upgrading of the sewers given the amount of development that has been agreed and is being proposed in the area. *Councillors advised reports of upgrading the sewerage system would be part of the planning strategy and are very technical reports that councillors would not see.*

There being no further questions/comments the formal meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signature (Chairman): **Date:**