

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the extraordinary parish council meeting held on Monday 23 February 2015 in Alrewas Methodist Church**

**PRESENT** Cllrs Tim Aston, David Butcher, Peter Coates, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Graham Slight and Margaret Stanhope.

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Cllr Mike Wilcox and Jean Burton (Clerk).  
Approximately 150 members of the public.

1 **Apologies for absence**  
Cllr A Coates

2 **Declarations of interest**  
Cllr Pegg confirmed that it was a matter of public record where Cllrs lived and that everyone who lived in the village was clearly affected by this application.

Cllr Stanhope made a declaration of interest.

3 **Public Participation**

a Cllr Pegg gave a resume of action taken in relation to the first application made in respect of the land north of Dark Lane and outlined the proposal in the new application for 121 houses on the same site. The key difference is the reduction in houses largely achieved by amending the western boundary to exclude building in the conservation area.

Traffic will still impact on the centre of the village and there is an inconsistency in the proposed traffic flow between documents submitted with the application. Clarification has been sought from LDC.

The statement of community involvement is dated October 2013 and relates to the first application – a new application should require a new consultation.

Previous responses will not be considered so individuals must make new representations.

Significant changes to the matters to be taken into account by LDC when this application is considered include the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan which was lodged with LDC for the second stage consultation on 12 February 2015 and the Lichfield Local Plan which was adopted on 17 February 2015 and includes a housing supply in excess of 5 years requirement.

b Members of the public drew attention to the perception of a good bus service at variance with the reality of needing to leave at 7.30am to be at a desk in Lichfield by 9am, the condition of the road along Fox Lane, the restriction suggested in Exchange Road and concerns that despite the objections registered the planning officer at LDC had recommended approval of the first application.

Cllr Stanhope confirmed that LDC was in a different position this time following the adoption of the Local Plan and submission of the Neighbourhood Plan but it is key that objections are registered: the traffic will impact on the conservation area and Micklehome, areas in the village do not have footpaths and increased traffic will affect the safety of pedestrians, the development includes the bridle path which is not in the ownership of the developer.

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Cllr Wilcox noted that in considering the first application Cllrs on the Planning Committee had taken into account the objections raised and rejected the Planning Officer's recommendation. Concerns raised will influence the members of the Committee so objections on this application must be sent through to LDC. He also advised that following its adoption any application that falls outside the Local Plan should fail.

**4 Advice in respect of Planning Application 15/00120/FULM**

The Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 considered appointing professional consultants to advise on:

- a General planning considerations – estimated cost £1000
- b Traffic management – estimated cost £500

It was **RESOLVED** that Brooke Smith be appointed to advise on general planning considerations and include a traffic assessment prepared by Alan Bailes for fees capped at £1000 and £500 respectively, such expenditure, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**