

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10 August 2009 in Alrewas Village Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs David Butcher, Tony Coates, Patrick Curran, Donna Moss, Jane Reilly, Roger Sanders and Margaret Stanhope.

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Cllrs Mike Wilcox and Jean Burton (Clerk)

**1 Apologies for absence**

J Pegg and T Powell

**2 Acceptance of office**

It was agreed to defer T Powell's acceptance of office to the meeting in September.

**3 Declarations of interest**

None

**4 Minutes**

- a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2009

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2009 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

- b To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2009

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 June 2009 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

**5 Planning matters for decision – to consider any planning applications**

a

Planning applications

These are shown, together with recommendations made on the attached schedules entitled 'Planning Applications – for Parish Council decision 10 August 2009'

- b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn

The further deterioration of Essington Farm house and cottage was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write in the strongest possible terms to Richard King and the Conservation Officer at LDC asking for action to be taken to preserve this house of distinction located in a conservation area.

**Clerk**

- c Gravel extraction

Cllr Butcher summarised the consultation document prepared by the West Midlands Regional Assembly regarding gravel extraction in Staffordshire. It was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to WMRA advising of the objections already lodged with SCC and drawing attention to the gas pipes running through the area. The letter should also express the concern that the Parish Council have not been directly advised of this consultation and question whether WMRA are genuinely interested in obtaining local knowledge and views before preparing a proposal.

**Clerk**

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10 August 2009 in Alrewas Village Hall

#### 6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

- a The summary of LDC decisions for June and July 2009 was noted.

#### 7 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the months of June and July 2009.

The income and expenditure account and balance sheet with notes were presented by the Clerk. It was **RESOLVED** that the financial statement for the two months be approved.

- b To approve the payments on the cheques for payment list  
It was **RESOLVED** that the cheques for payment list as attached is approved and passed for payment.

#### 8 Police report

The police sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Curran advised that the police have issued warnings to HGV drivers contravening the weight restriction along Main Street.

#### 9 Storage facility

It was **RESOLVED** to approve payment to Mr Whitehead, the handyman, of half the cost of renting a garage for storage of tools and equipment used in maintaining the play areas in the Parish.

#### 10 Parish publicity

It was **RESOLVED** to re-instate the original website adapted and personalised for Alrewas only and in accordance with the proposals outlined by Eric Roy. Future updates to be forwarded to Eric Roy via the Clerk. Cllr Reilly and the Clerk will arrange the set-up.

**Cllr Reilly  
and  
Clerk**

It was **RESOLVED** to issue a newsletter once a year and when there is something major to notify to residents. Cllrs Moss and Reilly will bring a draft to the September meeting to advise of the new Council members and contact details and other useful information.

**Cllrs Moss  
and Reilly**

#### 11 Grants

The Parish Council has a modest amount of money available to award as grants and it was **RESOLVED** that grants should be awarded to projects which provide a direct benefit to the local community and/or enhance the quality of life in this village.

#### 12 Footpaths

- a Misuse of Dark Lane  
Residents are using Dark Lane as a short cut for cars to Micklehome Drive and it was **RESOLVED** to write to the owner of the field at the end of Dark Lane to ask for the gates to be closed to vehicles.

**Clerk**

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10 August 2009 in Alrewas Village Hall

b Bridge over Mill Stream  
The Statfold Lane footpath over the Bailey bridges has been closed for 18 months pending clarification of ownership and responsibility for repair. It was **RESOLVED** to write to SCC requesting urgent action to make the footpath safe and for the owners to cut the hedges on either side to allow access. **Clerk**

c Maintenance  
The grass area under the litter bin located along the footpath from Walkfield to Fox Lane is overgrown and it is not clear who is responsible for the maintenance. It was agreed to obtain a quote to concrete or tarmac beneath the bin. **Clerk**

d Damage  
The footpath from Walkfield to Fox Lane is being damaged by the roots from the neighbouring hedge. It was agreed to report this to SCC footpaths officer. **Clerk**

#### 13 Projects – to receive updates on:-

a Area outside shops  
This project is on hold pending agreement on the capital programme by LDC but it was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to Richard King at LDC, copied to Cllrs Roberts and Wilcox pointing out that this project was already in progress and requesting early confirmation that funds will be made available to complete it. **Clerk**

b Improvements to drainage on football pitches  
It was agreed to obtain quotes for consideration at the next meeting. **Clerk**

#### 14 Residents Complaints/Requests

a Tennis on Walkfield  
The letter submitted on behalf of the Alrewas Tennis Club Project Group was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that the approval in principle to allow tennis courts on the land behind the cricket pavilion on Walkfield would be confirmed by this Parish Council subject to agreement on an appropriate rental being paid. **Clerk**

b Games on Walkfield  
The letter from Alrewas Parish Church and Alrewas Methodist Church was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to grant permission for games on Walkfield on 19 September 2009 as requested, providing Health and Safety issues are properly addressed by the organisers and noting that there may be a football game in progress at the beginning of the session. **Clerk**

c Allotments  
Cllr Coates advised that there is growing demand for allotments from residents. Cllr Butcher asked all Cllrs to keep a look out for suitable pieces of land and confirmed the matter would continue to be addressed but may take some time to resolve.

**ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10 August 2009 in Alrewas Village Hall**

**15 Parish Surgery**

Two items arising from the Parish Surgery held on Saturday 8 August 2009 in the Crown Inn:

Overgrown hedges on corner of Micklehome Drive and Burton Road  
The contract for Highways Agency work has been passed to Amey wef 1 July 2009. Hedges should be reported to SCC but previous correspondence has indicated they are the responsibility of the householder.

Speeding traffic along the slip road towards the A38 should be reported to the police.

**16 Brief items – the following were noted:**

- a The letter detailing proposed changes to visitors' moorings was noted.
- b The request from Cruse Bereavement Care was refused – not in accordance with grant criteria.

**Clerk**

**17 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

- a Past Dates
- b Future Dates  
Battle of Britain Service 3pm 13 September 2009 in St Stephen's Church Fradley.

**Cllr  
Butcher**

**18 Date of Next Council Meetings**

Monday 14 September 2009, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.15pm for a presentation by Charles Bagot Jewitt about development proposals at the NMA.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Friday 4 September 2009.

.....

**Chair/Vice Chair**

.....

**Date**