

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12 October 2009 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs David Butcher, Tony Coates, Patrick Curran, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly and Margaret Stanhope.

IN ATTENDANCE District Cllr Mike Wilcox, PC Dave Griffiths and Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs T Powell and R Sanders

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr J Reilly in relation to Item 11a

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 September 2009

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 September 2009 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

4 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 12 October 2009'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn
Progress on this matter was reported and after discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should write to Richard King expressing the continuing concerns about the deterioration and asking for clarification of action that could be taken under s215 Town and Country Planning Act (as amended) to preserve these buildings.

Clerk

c Gravel extraction update

The statement made by SCC rejecting the Government's target for sand and gravel extraction in the County was noted.

5 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

a There are no LDC decisions for September 2009.

6 Financial Statements

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of September 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 month 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.

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- c Budget 2010/11
Notification of projects for inclusion in the budget for 2010/11 to be given to the Clerk by 23 October 2009. **All**
A draft budget will be available for consideration at the November meeting. **Clerk**
- 7 **Police report**
- PC Griffiths gave a summary of the incidents reported in the village from the beginning of September. The police surgery held on 10 October was attended by 5 residents and the main complaint was about enforcing the parking restrictions on the yellow lines.
- The Clerk was asked to contact Sgt Holroyd about co-ordinating future surgeries with the Parish Council surgery. **Clerk**
- 8 **Football pitches rental agreements**
- It was reported that the junior team has paid in full and that 50% or more of the rental has been paid by both senior teams. Payment in full to be received by 31 December 2009. **Clerk**
- 9 **Alrewas as a Fairtrade Village**
- a It was **RESOLVED** to support the initiative proposed by the Parochial Church Council to promote and encourage Alrewas to become recognised as a Fairtrade Village. **Clerk**
- b It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Curran would represent the Parish Council on the Steering Group. **Cllr Curran**
- 10 **Parish publicity**
- a Website update – Cllr Reilly and the Clerk have provided information to Eric Roy and the Clerk will attend a training session on 15 October 2009. The website should be operational shortly thereafter. **Clerk**
- b Newsletter update – Printing is scheduled for this week and Cllrs will share the delivery. **All**
- 11 **Grants**
- a It was noted that there are still funds available for grants to be awarded in this financial year.
The Scouts have submitted an application for a grant towards the costs of the bonfire event on 7 November 2009.
It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £250 should be awarded to pay for the high visibility jackets and the skip hire. **Clerk**
- b It was noted that grant application forms for 2010/11 have been issued to Alrewas Arts Festival and the Scouts.
- c Cllr Coates asked if the summer play scheme could be re-located to Walkfield which may reduce the costs incurred but restrictions apply which make this impossible.

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12 Footpaths

- a Misuse of Dark Lane (FP51)
The initial reply from the owners of the land has suggested closing the gate would cause significant inconvenience to walkers. A second letter has been sent confirming the request to close the gate to vehicles only.
- b Bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)
No further information on the meeting to be organised by County Cllr Eagland with representatives from SCC on site and which Parish Cllrs will be invited to attend. **County Cllr Eagland and Cllrs**
- c Overgrown area by litter bin Fox Lane to Walkfield (FP59b)
No further action at present.
- d Tree root damage Fox Lane to Walkfield (FP59b)
This footpath was inspected by rangers from SCC last year who reported no problem. It will be scheduled for inspection again this year. **Clerk**
- e Overgrown hedge (FP6)
The ownership of this hedge is being investigated by SCC and in the meantime SCC has arranged for the hedge to be cut back.
- f It was noted that SCC are now implementing clearances in April and September each year so if we can provide a list of areas requiring attention these could possibly be included. Details to Clerk asap. **All**
- #### 13 Highways
- a Condition of entrance to village at A38/ Micklehome Drive
It was noted that concerns over the sewage problem in this area should be reported to Severn Trent and some of the litter problem related to private land. Cllr Curran to advise residents who have complained to him. **Cllr Curran**
- b Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit
Following the transfer of the maintenance contract to Amey they have inspected the site and made the resolution of the flooding problem a high priority issue. Clerk to follow up. **Clerk**
- c Removal of "High Street" sign
The site agent from Amey is identifying who installed this sign. Clerk to follow up. **Clerk**
- d Enforcement of parking restrictions
Following the devolution of enforcement powers to LDC it was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to LDC requesting details of how often officers patrolled the village and asking that the area be given a high priority to alleviate congestion along Main Street. **Clerk**

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14 Projects – to receive updates on:-

- a Area outside shops
Nothing further to report at present.
- b Improvements to drainage on football pitches
Further investigation when flooding occurs. **Clerk**
- c S106 improvements to Village Hall
LDC have acknowledged the request for S106 monies to be allocated to improving the Village Hall and asked for a formal 106 application to be submitted.
The Village Hall Committee will advise the Clerk when the proposals have been finalised and the application can be made. Clerk to inform LDC. **Clerk**

15 Allotments

Provision of allotments – update
Nothing further to report.

16 Re- instatement of area beside MUGA

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the kerbs and infill with stone at a cost of £700 plus VAT. Clerk to place order with LDC. **Clerk**

17 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Bulbs at Mill End Lane
Cllr Coates will refer request to the Civic Society. **Cllr Coates**

18 Parish Surgery

Matters arising from the Parish Surgery held on Saturday 10 October 2009 in the Crown Inn.

- a Community Service projects
These will be actioned when suitable projects arise.
- b Improvements to bus services to NMA
Correspondence with bus company is on-going according to Charlie Bagot Jewitt from the NMA.
- c The pavement along Exchange Road by the Doctors surgery is being damaged by parked cars
Bollards not considered appropriate in this location. Better enforcement required by LDC see Item 13d.

19 Brief items – the following were noted:

- a The Sustainable Communities Act 2007 Amendment Bill – request for support.
- b Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on Draft Statement of Principles – No comments.

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20 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates

- b Future Dates

21 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 09 November 2009, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Friday 30 October 2009.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date