

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 9 November 2009 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

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

1 **Apologies for absence**

None received

2 **Declarations of interest**

None

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 October 2009

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 October 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
None received

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn – update following letter to R King 20 October 2009
No reply received to date and the Clerk was asked to follow up

Clerk

c Gravel extraction –
The response from WMRA by a letter dated 20 October 2009 from David Clarke Policy Officer – Principal Planner was noted.

It was agreed to ascertain if a public meeting in the Village Hall would be useful to encourage residents to register their concerns with the authorities. Cllr Stanhope will liaise with Anne Anderson.

**Cllr
Stanhope**

5 **Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**

a The summary of LDC decisions for October 2009 was noted.

6 **Financial Statements**

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

c Budget 2010/11 – *in confidence*

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7 Police report

PC Griffiths gave a summary of the incidents reported in the village from the beginning of October noting that there was nothing major to report.

The Council recorded thanks to the police for distributing leaflets regarding parking infringements in the village and also for marshalling the Remembrance Day Parades on Sunday.

PC Griffiths was also asked to thank Sgt Holroyd for his attendance at the bonfire event on Walkfield on 7 November 2009.

8 Football pitches rental agreements

It was reported that all rents have been received.

9 Christmas lights

It was noted that there are unlikely to be any costs incurred by the Parish Council this year.

Fox Lane corner is overgrown and consideration should be given to cutting back the vegetation.

Clerk

10 Parish publicity

a It was noted that the website is fully operational.

b The newsletter has been distributed. Spare copies are with the Clerk.

11 Grants

a The grant application received from Alrewas Arts Festival for a contribution towards the purchase of a projector was considered. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would purchase a projector to a maximum cost of £570 plus VAT for use by the community. Alrewas Arts Festival would be responsible for security and maintenance of the equipment and for making it available to community groups.

Clerk

12 Footpaths

a Misuse of Dark Lane (FP51)
The second reply from the owners of the land states that they are not prepared to close off the gate at Micklehome Drive.

b Bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)
The Clerk was asked to write to County Cllr Eagland noting that the promised meeting to be organised by her with representatives from SCC on site and which Parish Cllrs will be invited to attend was outstanding and requesting this to be arranged as a matter of urgency.

Clerk

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13 Highways

- a Condition of pavement at 67 Main Street
An elderly resident has been injured following a fall caused by broken tarmac on the pavement which has been eroded by vehicles parking and driving along it. This accident has been reported to Wayne Mortiboys at SCC but to date he has not responded. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Mortiboys formally expressing the concerns over the condition of the pavement and requesting a site visit to discuss fully the highway issues in this area. **Clerk**
- b Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit
Amey have confirmed this is being progressed by Amey Consulting as a matter of urgency. Clerk to follow up. **Clerk**
- c Removal of "High Street" sign
The site agent from Amey is still trying to identify who installed this sign. Clerk to follow up. **Clerk**
- d Traffic management and parking in Main street
The response from John Roobottom at LDC and the Operations Manager from APCOA was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to LDC requesting clarification of the time limit applied to the no waiting infringement. **Clerk**

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
Nothing further to report at present.

15 Allotments

Provision of allotments – update
Nothing further to report at present.

16 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Sewage backing up Park Road
The Clerk was asked to write to Severn Trent regarding the sewage backing up and asking what action is being taken to cure the problems at the pumping station. **Clerk**

17 Parish Surgery

Matters arising from the Parish Surgery held on Saturday 7 November 2009 in the Crown Inn.

- a Condition of footpath on Exchange Road
This will be discussed at the meeting with Wayne Mortiboys. **Clerk**

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- b Car parking in the village
See Item 13d
- c Overgrown bushes on A38 sliproad towards Micklehome Drive
These are the responsibility of the property owners and should be reported to Clarence.

18 Brief items – the following were noted:

- a The bonfire held at Walkfield on 7 November 2009 was very successful and a well managed event.

19 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates

Remembrance Day Service on 8 November 2009

- b Future Dates

Armistice Day Service at National Memorial Arboretum on 11 November 2009

The Parish Forum is organising a conference on 30 January 2010 to address reducing the carbon footprint.

20 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 14 December 2009, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

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

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date