

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14 December
2009 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Patrick Curran and Mike Wilcox

2 Declarations of interest

None

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 November 2009

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 November 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 14 December 2009'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn – update following letters to R King 20 October 2009 and 18 November 2009

The reply received from Chris Hibbs at LDC dated 11 December 2009 was circulated

The Clerk was asked to ensure a further update was received

Clerk

c Gravel extraction –

The WMRSS Phase Three Special update November 2009 was noted.

Cllr Stanhope reported that Anne Anderson is hoping to arrange a meeting with Robert Marshall Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Infrastructure and Matthew Griffin Team Leader – Minerals Policy at SCC for an update on progress. The Parish Council will fund the costs of hiring a meeting room and will be kept informed.

Cllr Stanhope

It was agreed to ask County Cllr Eagland for her advice on the current situation.

Clerk

5 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

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

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6 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of November 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 It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk is authorised to set up payment of PAYE/NI contributions by DD

Clerk

7 Police report

Not available.

The new Inspector David Chalinor has confirmed that the neighbourhood policing team is unchanged.

8 Removal of tree at the junction of Fox Lane and the A513

The cost of £150 to tidy this area, payable to LDC was approved.

9 Consultation regarding treatment of mature trees

Cllr Stanhope as Tree Warden for the Parish Council is advised about requests to prune or fell trees made to the Arboricultural Officer at LDC and will inform Cllr Sanders of future notifications.

Cllr Stanhope

It was noted that an up to date survey of trees in the Parish would be useful.

10 Alrewas Arts Festival use of Walkfield

The Arts Festival Committee have asked to use Walkfield on the August Bank holiday Monday for a fun event involving stalls and workshops.

Deferred to next meeting and Clerk to ascertain if the Cricket Club is planning an event on that day.

Clerk

11 Tennis on Walkfield

The request from the informal and non-elected committee of the proposed Alrewas Tennis Club that the Parish Council apply for planning permission for two tennis courts and floodlighting on the agreed site at Walkfield was refused.

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It was noted that the Parish Council has agreed in principle to allow tennis courts on the land behind the cricket club, subject to agreement on an appropriate rental being paid but there is no commitment by the Parish Council for future funding.

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12 Play inspection report

The annual play inspection report was noted. The handyman will take remedial action as required.

Clerk

13 Grants

The purchase of the projector for use by community groups was noted.

14 Footpaths

a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)

The reply from the Legal Officer at SCC dated 9 December 2009 was considered and it was agreed that the Chairman would contact County Cllr England to ask for her assistance as a matter of urgency on this and the gravel extraction.

**Cllr
Butcher**

b Maintenance and street lighting Fox Lane to Walkfield

The reply from Walton Homes was noted.

The street lighting at the far end of the footpath will be addressed once the housing has been finished.

15 Highways

a Condition of pavement at 67 Main Street

A meeting has been arranged with representatives from SCC highways on 17 December 2009 to view the footpaths in the village.

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b Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit

No response from Amey to request for update made on 8 December 2009. Clerk to follow up.

Clerk

c Removal of "High Street" sign

No response from Amey to request for update made on 8 December 2009. Clerk to follow up.

Clerk

d Traffic management and parking in Main street

The reply from John Roobottom at LDC regarding the code of practice for enforcement was noted together with the letter from Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch detailing the response from Kevin Smith Traffic Regional Manager at SCC. Clerk to follow up clarification.

Clerk

16 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.

17 Allotments

Provision of allotments – nothing substantive to report at present but negotiations are on-going.

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18 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Sewage backing up Park Road
The reply from Severn Trent stating that recent problems were caused by a system failure due to a blockage on the rising main which has been rectified was noted.

19 Parish Surgery

Matters arising from the Parish Surgery held on Saturday 12 December 2009 in the Crown Inn.

- a Improving safety on A38
Two residents from Barton are starting a campaign to improve safety along the A38 from Streethay to Branston. It was confirmed that although this is not a matter that the Parish Council can address it is supportive of this initiative.
- b P Coates petition re condition of footpaths
The Clerk has already acknowledged receipt of a copy of this petition and advised Wayne Mortiboys at SCC of its contents. Details to be available at the meeting with SCC representatives on 17 December 2009.
- c P Coates "SAVE MAIN STREET" letter dated 14 December 2009
Request that a 20mph limit be imposed along Main Street.
This will be followed up at the meeting with SCC representatives on 17 December 2009 and discussed further in the future.

20 Brief items

Nothing to report.

21 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
Armistice Day Service on 11 November 2009 at National Memorial Arboretum.
- b Future Dates

22 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 11 January 2010, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Friday 01 January 2010.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date