

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11 January 2010 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Mike Wilcox and Jean Burton (Clerk)

**1 Apologies for absence**

Patrick Curran

**2 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Reilly Item 9

**3 Minutes**

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 December 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 11 January 2010'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn – update following LDC meeting with the owners

Due to adverse weather conditions the meeting has been postponed to 13 January 2010.

The Clerk was asked to ensure a further update was received

**Clerk**

c Gravel extraction – update from County Cllr Eagland

County Cllr Eagland introduced County Cllr Robert Marshall Lead Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Infrastructure who gave a brief summary of the technical report prepared in relation to the Sub-Regional Apportionment of Aggregates in the West Midlands noting that the current guidelines do not provide the most sustainable balance of supply of aggregates; the previous method of apportionment based on past sales is clearly flawed and demand should be assessed by reference to supply, growth, environment, equal weighting and demand and resource.

It is important that a response highlighting these issues is returned to the WMRA no later than 22 January 2010.

**All and Clerk**

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

a There were no LDC decisions received.

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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 To approve the budget and Precept for 2010/11  
It was **RESOLVED** that the budget presented by the Clerk identifying expenditure of £36,790 is approved and the Precept is to be set at £34,000.

**Clerk**

#### **7 Police report**

PC Griffiths was unable to attend the meeting but advised that three burglaries, two ASB incidents, one theft and two thefts from vehicles have been reported.

#### **8 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.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve this request subject to confirmation that the Health and Safety issues had been properly addressed and a copy of the risk assessment being given to the Clerk by 13 August 2010.

**Clerk**

#### **9 Grants**

It was **RESOLVED** that in addition to the schedule of applications submitted for consideration at this meeting further applications could be considered later in the year. All applications must be from a properly constituted group with a mechanism for the return of funds or equipment in the event the group ceases to exist or the project for which the funds are granted does not proceed. The projects must provide a direct benefit to the local community and/or enhance the quality of life in this village.

The schedule of grant applications submitted for the year to 31 March 2011 was considered and amounts approved as shown on the attached schedule.

The Clerk was asked to advise the applicants of the decisions made and arrange payment in due course.

**Clerk**

#### **10 Grounds maintenance contract**

The proposal from LDC was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to enter into a three year agreement with LDC at the prices quoted

**Clerk**

#### **11 Footpaths**

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Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)  
County Cllr Eagland will continue to ask for sight of the survey report on the condition of the bridges.

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Eagland**

The bridges are the only access to the gas mains to the north of the village and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries with National Grid to ascertain their rights and responsibilities over the bridges.

**Clerk**

#### **12 Highways**

- a Condition of pavement at 67 Main Street  
Following the meeting with Richard Rayson from SCC Highways on 17 December 2009 he has advised that the footways are intended to be resurfaced in the summer of 2010. This is not a full reconstruction and kerbs will not be relayed or the carriageway resurfaced. An assessment of the carriageway has shown its condition for its classification is within acceptable limits and as such is only likely to be surface dressed.

Any work undertaken ideally should be co-ordinated with improvements to the area outside the shops.

County Cllr Eagland will invite County Cllr Mike Maryon Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment to come to a Parish Council meeting to explain what can be done in the village.

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Eagland**

- b Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit  
No response from Amey. Clerk to follow up.
- c Removal of "High Street" sign  
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- d Traffic management and parking in Main street  
The reply from John Roobottom at LDC has confirmed to observation rule and this has been confirmed by correspondence to Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch.

**Clerk**

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

- a Area outside shops  
Nothing further to report at present.
- b Improvements to drainage on football pitches  
It was noted that the pitches are wet now and information from a specialist regarding possible improvements should be obtained.
- c S106 improvements to Village Hall  
Nothing further to report at present.

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#### **14 Allotments**

Provision of allotments – nothing to report.

#### **15 Residents Complaints/Requests**

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No new complaints reported.

**16 Parish Surgery**

No member of the public attended the Parish Surgery held on Saturday 09 January 2010 in the Crown Inn.

**17 Brief items**

- a Go Green meeting organised by LDC for 30 January 2010 book via Christine Cole 01543 687545
- b Steven Lightfoot Community Transport Officer at LDC provided information on the availability of mini-bus transport for groups in rural locations to be passed on by all. **All**
- c The Community Council of Staffordshire is compiling a diary of village events being held in Staffordshire in 2010. Details to the Clerk by 22 February 2010. **All**
- d British Waterways are offering a free training day "Access for All" on 29 and 30 January 2010. Confirm with Clerk by 15 January 2010 **All**
- e Cllr Moss is visiting the Environmental Agency on 15 January 2010 at 10am. Cllrs welcome to attend also. **All**

**19 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

- a Past Dates
- b Future Dates

**22 Date of Next Council Meetings**

Monday 08 February 2010, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Friday 29 January 2010.

..... **Chair/Vice Chair**

..... **Date**