

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 08 February 2010 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs David Butcher, Tony Coates, Patrick Curran, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly (from Item 7 onwards) and Roger Sanders.

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland and Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Margaret Stanhope

2 Declarations of interest

None

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2010 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 08 February 2010'

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

LDC have advised that Notices are being drafted under S215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 but guidance from the Countryside Officer is required in relation to the barn. The Clerk was asked to ensure a further update was received.

Clerk

c Gravel extraction – update from County Cllr Eagland

County Cllr Eagland advised a Technical Consultation is to be undertaken and a press release giving an update will be available following a meeting at SCC on 10 March 2010.

Cllr Butcher thanked County Cllr Eagland for her hard work in this matter.

5 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

a The summary of LDC decisions for January 2010 was noted.

Cllr Pegg expressed his surprise that application number 09/1147/COU regarding the conversion of existing agricultural buildings to office use had been refused.

6 Financial Statements

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of January 2010.

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.

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- 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.
- 7 **Police report**
PC Griffiths advised that 5 incidents had been reported since the beginning of January. Following a call from a resident 2 males from Leicestershire have been arrested.
- 8 **Parish Assembly**
It was agreed to invite representatives from village organisations to set up small stalls demonstrating their activities at the annual Parish Assembly. Initial invitations to be co-ordinated by the Clerk and Cllr Reilly to advertise in the Village News. **Clerk and Cllr Reilly**
- 9 **Grants**
It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £700 would be made towards the provision of the Summer Play Scheme organised by LDC in the village.
- 10 **Training opportunities**
It was **RESOLVED** to ask the SPCA to provide training on planning regulations at a separate meeting for all in the Village Hall on a Monday in March if possible. **Clerk**
- 11 **Footpaths**
- a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)
Enquiries have been made with the National Grid and an acknowledgment received that our letter is receiving attention. **Clerk**
- b Action regarding dog fouling along the section from Mill End Lane to the field (FP38)
The increased levels of dog fouling in the village generally were also noted and it was agreed to ask the dog warden at LDC for assistance in dealing with this problem. Cllr Reilly will also raise awareness via the Village News. **Clerk and Cllr Reilly**
- 12 **Highways**
- a Condition of pavement at 67 Main Street
A formal response to the information received from Richard Rayson at SCC Highways will be considered following the next Parish Council meeting.

County Cllr Eagland will invite County Cllr Mike Maryon Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment to attend the Parish Council meeting on 8 March 2010 to explain what can be done in the village. **County Cllr Eagland**
- b Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit
No response from Amey. Clerk to continue to follow up. **Clerk**
- c Removal of "High Street" sign
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d Neighbourhood Highway Teams

A letter from SCC has been received advising that the Neighbourhood Highway Teams have been diverted to pothole repair works following the recent icy weather.

Existing grit bins will be replenished when stocks allow. Requests for new grit bins in particularly dangerous places can be forwarded via County Cllr Eagland.

13 Projects – to receive updates on:-

a Area outside shops

Nothing further to report at present.

b Improvements to drainage on football pitches

A site meeting with the contractor who relaid the pitches in 2005 has been arranged for 10 February 2010.

**Cllrs Pegg
and
Coates
Clerk**

c S106 improvements to Village Hall

Nothing further to report at present.

d Purchase and renovation on ancient barn rear of the George and Dragon

It was noted that a previous investigation into preserving this barn had shown the building was of no historical interest and costs to renovate the basic structure were estimated at c£80,000. Both English Heritage and LDC Conservation Officers have confirmed it is not worth saving. No further action to be taken.

14 Allotments

Provision of allotments

Discussions with a potential landlord have been unsuccessful and alternative sites are being sought.

**Cllr
Butcher
and Clerk**

15 Residents Complaints/Requests

a Overgrowing trees on Rykneld Street – report to Clarence.

b Stile on footpath across show field broken – confirmed no stile along path across show field

c A van is being parked at the weekends on the open space at the corner of Fox Lane and the A513 – Cllr Curran will speak to the owner.

Cllr Curran

d Action required on footpaths in the village – Wellfield Road to school needs resurfacing; Inge Drive to Rykneld Street needs clearing. Clerk to advise SCC footpaths officer.

Clerk

e Tim Aston is organising a 2 mile fun run (twice around Walkfield) on 21 March 2010.

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16 Parish Surgery

No member of the public attended the Parish Surgery held on Saturday 06 February 2010 in the Crown Inn.

17 Brief items

a Following her recent visit to the Environment Agency Cllr Moss reported that in 2011 there will be a major Flood Awareness Campaign with a presentation to the Parish council. In the meantime flood updates can be found on the Environment Agency website and it is possible to register for flood warnings. Representatives are happy to talk to anyone anytime to improve communications.

b Confirmation has been received that the Mobile Library Service review has been completed and there will be no change to the weekly service in Alrewas.

c Parish Forum
Cllr Moss reported on the topics discussed at the last Parish Forum including the Staffordshire Hoard and the plans for the short, medium and long term proposed by LDC for dealing with climate change.
Parish Plans were also on the agenda and it was agreed to re-visit the plan prepared by Alrewas and Fradley with Streethay Parish Council and consider preparing a new plan for the new Parish.

Cllr Moss

d SPCA Area Committee
Cllr Moss agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish.

Cllr Moss

18 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past Dates
Cllr Butcher attended the latest screening at the Flea Pit and was thanked by the Arts Festival Committee for the projector recently supplied by the Parish Council.

b Future Dates

19 Date of Next Council Meetings

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

Last date for notification of agenda items – Friday 26 February 2010.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date