

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 13 April 2010 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE District Cllr Mike Wilcox and Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Jane Reilly and County Cllr Janet Eagland

2 Declarations of interest

None

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08 March 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08 March 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 13 April 2010'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn
LDC have advised that the S215 notices have been complied with.
There remain concerns about the reduction of the chimney and loose tiles on the roof. Clerk to notify LDC.

Clerk

c Gravel extraction

Cllrs Stanhope and Butcher attended the demonstration outside LDC offices on 17 March 2010 when the minerals allocation for the area was determined. For the first time the total amounts of gravel to be extracted in the area have been reduced. It was noted that no further action is to be taken at the present although it is likely that this is only the beginning of the process to achieve a satisfactory settlement.

Cllrs recorded their thanks to Anne Anderson for her considerable efforts in organising the protests.

5 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

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

6 Premises licences

The application for Club Machine permit by Alrewas and District Royal British Legion Club was considered appropriate.

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7 Financial Statements

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

- 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.

8 Police report

Sgt Holroyd advised crime in the area has significantly reduced year on year largely as a result of concerns being reported by residents and subsequent prompt police action.

It is important to remain vigilant.

9 Parish Assembly

There are 9 tables to be filled by representatives from some of the village organisations.

The Clerk will confirm the timings and location of tables to each representative.

Clerk

10 Footpaths

- a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)
The National Grid have confirmed that the Deed of Conveyance dated 10 June 1969 makes it clear that the landowner is responsible for the maintenance of the bridges and has given full indemnity to the Gas Council in respect of any costs etc. arising in connection with these bridges.

County Cllr Eagland has offered to arrange for Michael Murphy, the Legal Officer at SCC dealing with this matter, to attend the next Parish Council meeting to advise on the options available.

Clerk to confirm 7.15pm start before the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Clerk

- b Community Path Initiative – Bids for 2010/2011
The Principle Rights of Way Officer has advised that they have no record of Dark Lane being recorded as a bridleway and that the Community Path Initiative is not available to assist in getting the route upgraded.

It was agreed no further action required.

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11 Highways

- a Condition of pavements and road surface along Main Street
Nothing to report regarding County Cllr Eagland arranging with County Cllr Maryon to attend a Parish Council meeting in order that Cllrs can enlist his support in dealing with the significant problems in the area. **County Cllr Eagland**
- b Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit
Amey have advised that this project will be allocated to the budget for 2010/11. Nothing further to report.
- c Removal of "High Street" sign
Amey have now advised that "Main Street" cannot be used. Clerk has requested complete removal of sign.

12 Projects – to receive updates on:-

- a Area outside shops
LDC have confirmed that Wolverhampton City Council Landscape and Ecology Practice have the capacity to design and take through to implementation improvements to the shop frontages. They should be on site in May to produce a sketch design for consultation in June. Clerk to obtain updates as project proceeds. **Clerk**
- b Improvements to drainage on football pitches
The detailed programme of work has been received and it was **RESOLVED** to instruct the contractor to start work as soon as possible. **Clerk**
- c S106 improvements to Village Hall
Nothing further to report at present.

13 Allotments

The Clerk will continue to liaise with the Royal British Legion head office and the local representative. **Clerk**

14 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Use of Methodist Hall and outside space by a play group
The concerns of the resident were noted but unless and until a planning application is made this matter falls outside the remit of the Parish Council. The Chairman has advised the resident accordingly.
- b The large inflatable sign near Leavesley International is causing concerns. This is in Fradley and Streethay Parish and will be passed onto the Clerk there for action. **Clerk**
- c There are 5 wheelie waste bins partially blocking the path on Exchange Road by the shops – Cllr Butcher will investigate. **Cllr Butcher**

15 Parish Surgery

No member of the public attended the Parish Surgery held on Saturday 10 April 2010 in the Crown Inn.

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16 Brief items

- a Details of the Expert Patients Programme Community Interest Company were noted.

17 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
None
- b Future Dates
Parish Assembly in Alrewas Village Hall on 26 April 2010 at 7.30pm

18 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 10 May 2010, Annual Parish Council meeting followed by ordinary Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items including any proposed amendments to the Standing Orders or Financial Regulations – Friday 30 April 2010.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date