

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14 June 2010 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs David Butcher, Tony Coates, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Roger Sanders and Margaret Stanhope (from Item 5).

IN ATTENDANCE District Cllr Mike Wilcox (from Item 9), County Cllr Janet Eagland (from Item 9) and Jean Burton (Clerk)
PCSO Tracey Horton (until Item 5)

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Patrick Curran

2 Declarations of interest

None

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10 May 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10 May 2010 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

b To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 May 2010

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4 Co-option of member

This item was discussed in confidence at the end of the meeting.

5 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 June 2010'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn

It was noted that the railings have been removed for safekeeping.

LDC have been requested to look at the reduction of the chimney and loose tiles on the roof. Clerk to continue to chase LDC.

Clerk

c Gravel extraction

Nothing to report.

d Action to be taken regarding important properties in the village not covered by the conservation area.

Cllr Pegg to complete photo collection for consideration at the next meeting.

Cllr Pegg

Clerk to write to Civic Society to thank them for their offer to conduct a survey of properties in the village.

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6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

- a The summary of LDC decisions for May 2010 was noted.

7 Financial Statements

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

PCSO Horton had been called away to an incident in the village but her report indicated very few crimes in the last month and year on year a significant reduction in crime, burglary and anti-social behaviour across Staffordshire.

9 Footpaths

- a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)
A copy of the engineer's report has been issued to a resident and was considered by the Cllrs. Concerns were expressed over the information supplied by Michael Murphy in relation to this matter and in particular his reasons for not releasing the report to the Clerk. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek to obtain the report and write to the Chief Executive and Leader of Staffordshire County Council noting that a paramount responsibility of the County Council is to preserve rights of way and it is not acceptable that this footpath is closed and also to advise of the concerns raised regarding the information provided by Mr Murphy.
- b Footpath from Main Street to Furlong Lane
Cllr Butcher reported that he has spoken with Edward Gould regarding his request to maintain this footpath and agreed with Edward that a better place for him to look after exists at the church.

Clerk

10 Highways

- a Condition of pavements and road surface along Main Street
County Cllr Eagland has nothing to report but will continue to push this along.
- 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.

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Eagland**

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11 Projects – to receive updates on:-

a Area outside shops

There will be a meeting with the Landscape Architect on Wednesday 16 June 2010 to review an initial proposal. Cllrs and the Civic Society will be represented. The shop owners will also be kept informed.

Clerk to obtain updates as project proceeds.

Clerk

b S106 improvements to Village Hall

Nothing further to report at present although a plan may be available for consideration by the Village Hall Management Committee at their next meeting.

The S106 monies must be used by June 2015.

12 Allotments

The legal officer at the Royal British Legion Head Office has been on leave but has promised the draft lease will be available imminently.

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

Clerk

13 Newsletter and website

a Newsletter – the working party is meeting to approve the content on 17 June 2010. The final copy to be passed to the Clerk who will arrange printing. Cllrs will deliver.

All

b Website – It was agreed that the short film depicting life in Alrewas shown at the Parish Assembly should be linked to the website.

Clerk

14 Play area Walkfield

a It was noted that the manufacturers have confirmed the Cross Scales are in good working order.

b Removal of the elder trees growing through the fencing at the play area was approved.

Clerk

c The request from Alrewas Arts Festival Committee for permission to use Walkfield to build a willow structure as a youth project during the Festival was approved in principle. Cllrs Coates and Reilly will discuss with the Committee where this can take place and to identify a possible permanent location for consideration at the next Parish council meeting.

Clerk

**Cllrs
Coates
and Reilly**

15 Residents Complaints/Requests

a Mr Oldham has contacted Cllr Reilly regarding the maintenance company responsible for the access road to Walkfield. The advice from the Solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council at the time the agreement regarding maintenance costs was reached confirms the Parish Council has no liability unless additional use of Walkfield leads to a substantial increase in vehicle movements along this road. It was agreed the Clerk should write to Mr Oldham confirming this position.

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b It was agreed that permission should be given for parking at Walkfield during the Alrewas Open Gardens weekend 26 and 27 June 2010. **Clerk**

16 Brief items

a It was noted that the Gravel Group is meeting at The White Swan Fradley Junction on 19 June 2010 at 11.15am – all welcome.

b Fradley and Streethay have expressed an interest in the notice board purchased in 2002 for location in Alrewas and currently in storage at RJK's premises. In line with the agreement reached regarding allocation of assets when the Parishes separated it was agreed that this could be purchased by Fradley and Streethay for half the original cost. **Clerk**

c It was agreed to keep the rental for the football pitches at the same level for 2010/11 but advise the teams that there is likely to be a review in 2011/12. **Clerk**

d Cllr Stanhope thanked County Cllr Eagland for her contribution to the bridge and whist clubs in the village.

17 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past Dates

b Future Dates

John Taylor High School summer awards 08 July 2010 – Cllr Butcher will attend.

Cllr Pegg will attend the laying of the foundation stone at Whitemoor Lakes on 16 July 2010.

18 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 12 July 2010, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Friday 02 July 2010.

No meeting in August.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date