

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT Cllrs David Butcher, Will Chapman, Tony Coates, Peter Coates, Donna Moss, Jane Reilly, Roger Sanders and Margaret Stanhope.

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Paul Hogan and Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr John Pegg.

2 Acceptance of Office

Cllr Peter Coates made his declaration of acceptance of office and was welcomed to the Parish Council.

3 Declarations of interest

None

4 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 September 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 September 2010 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

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 11 October 2010'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn
LDC has advised that there is evidence of bats roosting in the barn and legal advice has been requested regarding the impact this would have on any enforcement action undertaken – nothing further to report.

The Clerk was asked to continue to follow up with LDC.

Clerk

c Gravel extraction

County Cllr Eagland advised that there is a meeting of the Kings Bromley/Orgreave action group scheduled and she will pass on any information.

**County
Cllr
Eagland**

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

The Council thanked Cllr Pegg for his hard work in compiling the disc containing the photos of approximately 40 properties for consideration by all Cllrs. It was agreed to refine the list before asking Debbie Boffin at LDC to meet members to discuss options available to preserve these buildings.

Deferred to next meeting so the list can be refined.

**All and
Clerk**

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- e Rural Masterplanning Project Consultation – invitation to rural villages workshop
Cllrs Butcher, Chapman and Stanhope are planning to attend. Anyone else interested to advise Clerk asap. **All and Clerk**
- f Flooding Survey
Cllr Pegg has co-ordinated completion of the forms for the SCC survey and will pass to the Clerk. **Cllr Pegg**
- 6 **Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**
- a The summary of LDC decisions for September 2010 was noted.
- 7 **Licensing applications**
None to consider.
- 8 **Financial Statements**
- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of September 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.
- 9 **Police report**
Not available.
Cllr Stanhope reported one incident logged on the Neighbourhood Watch OWL and Cllr Sanders advised that the police had searched the allotments in Mill End Lane during the night 10/11 October and found some stolen property from a house burglary.
- 10 **Footpaths**
- a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)
A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive and Leader of Staffordshire County Council noting the concerns in relation to this footpath.
A holding letter has been received from Philip Atkins Leader of the Council (via email since the original letter is incorrectly addressed) but nothing has been received from Nick Bell Chief Executive.
Cllrs expressed their dissatisfaction with the response from SCC and agreed to enlist the support of the Ramblers Association and Open Spaces Society. **Clerk**

Cllr Chapman

Cllr Chapman to provide contact details for the Open Spaces Society.

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- b Tree root damage Fox Lane to Walkfield (FP 59b)
The footpaths officer at SCC has inspected the path and advised that the end near Fox Lane is due to be re-surfaced following damage caused by the builders but no other repairs are currently necessary. **Clerk**

Cllr Tony Coates will trace the owner or his agent so he can be advised that the hedge is causing damage. **Cllr Coates**

- c Provision of lamppost Fox Lane to Walkfield (FP 59b)
No response to date to the request to the footpaths officer at SCC to consider lighting this area. Clerk to follow up. **Clerk**

11 Highways

- a Condition of pavements and road surface along Main Street
A summary of the information from the site meeting with Darren Corcoran and other officers from SCC was provided by Cllr Butcher and the alternative proposals considered – Replace existing kerbs with “conservation kerbs” (as in Abbots Bromley) or retain and re-use existing granite kerbs. After discussion it was agreed to advise SCC that retaining the existing kerbs is preferred and likely to be the option that meets with approval from the conservation officers at LDC. **Clerk**

- b Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit
Amey have advised that this project will be allocated to the budget for 2010/11. No date available yet.

- c Operation Snowflake
County Cllr Eagland advised that SCC will be issuing a statement shortly detailing measures in place to deal with severe weather conditions affecting the roads during winter.

12 Projects – to receive updates on:-

- a Area outside shops
The order has been placed by LDC and the Contractors are starting to schedule the works, targeting a start date in October/November.

- b S106 improvements to Village Hall
Revised drawings are in hand, costings to be obtained – nothing further to report.

A fund raising meeting is due to be held week commencing 18 October 2010.

The S106 monies must be used by June 2015.

13 Allotments

- a The initial draft lease supplied by the Royal British Legion Head Office includes items which need to be amended, including the notice period necessary when providing allotments, so the legal officer is currently taking advice.
No further information from RBL received despite chasing. Local representatives from Alrewas RBL will raise at a regional meeting later in October. **Clerk**

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14 **Play area Walkfield**

- a Improvements to play area
The working party has yet to meet.

Cllrs
Coates,
Moss,
Pegg and
Reilly

b Alrewas Tennis Club

The concerns raised by a resident from the Cricketers were noted. The Clerk was asked to advise the resident that the development of Walkfield for community use is incorporated in the Local Development Framework for the District and pre-dates the residential development. The provision of tennis courts there is a longstanding ambition for some residents and still at the early stages. The Parish Council have given approval in principle for tennis courts to be located at Walkfield so that a planning application can be submitted by the Tennis Club.

Clerk

Any concerns raised can be raised with LDC in response to the planning application to be made by the Tennis Club. If granted there are still several matters to be resolved (eg fund raising, use of Cricket Club facilities, rental agreement etc.).

Further correspondence at this stage is not considered necessary.

c Alrewas Cricket Club

Cllr Butcher and the Clerk met with Tim Aston and Andy Oliver, representatives from the Cricket Club, and an increase of £200 to £1450pa is proposed.

It was **RESOLVED** that the annual rental for Alrewas Cricket Club be increased to £1450pa for the five years commencing 01 October 2010. The next review date will be 01 October 2015.

Clerk

15 **Parish Forum**

Nothing to report.

16 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

- a Cllr Stanhope provided a brief summary of trees in the area which are diseased or damaged and need to be felled.
- b Cllr Reilly reported that a complimentary message has been posted on the website by a guest saying this is the "most professionally presented and helpful" website he has found while researching for a book about the Leicestershire Canal Ring.

17 **Brief items**

- a The request from South Staffordshire NHS Primary Care Trust consultation on Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment on www.southstaffordshirepct.nhs.uk responses by 13 November 2010 was noted.

All

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18 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past Dates

b Future Dates

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association AGM and conference to be held on 13 November 2010.

Cllr Moss

19 Date of Next Council Meetings

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

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

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date