

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Jean Burton (Clerk)

**1 Apologies for absence**

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 11 October 2010

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 October 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 November 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

Nothing to report.

d The list of properties and photographs were viewed and it was agreed that the photographs would be discussed with Claire Haines at the December meeting following her presentation on the Alrewas Conservation Area Management Plan.

Cllr Pegg will provide the revised list.

**Cllr Pegg**

e Flooding Survey

The forms have been forwarded to SCC.

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

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

**6 Licensing applications**

The applications on behalf of Alrewas All Saints Primary School were noted.

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#### 7 Financial Statements

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

- c Budget 2011/12

This item discussed in confidence.

#### 8 Police report

PC Griffiths sent apologies for himself and PCSO Horton but current working patterns make it unlikely that the police will be able to attend many Parish Council meetings. He will provide details of recent incidents to the Clerk.

The report shows 4 events including 2 thefts from building sites and 1 from an unlocked car.

#### 9 Christmas lights

It was **RESOLVED** that payment for the provision of Christmas tree lights estimate £300 be approved

Clerk to liaise with RJK.

**Clerk**

#### 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 now been received from Nick Bell Chief Executive.

The Ramblers Association are sending copies of the summary information supplied to their leading expert on the law in relation to footpaths and hope to have a response available for the January meeting.

**Clerk**

- b Tree root damage Fox Lane to Walkfield (FP 59b)

The footpaths officer at SCC has been asked to consider writing to the owner of the hedge so he is on notice that the hedge is causing damage.

**Clerk**

- 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 continue to follow up.

**Clerk**

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#### 11 Highways

- a Condition of pavements and road surface along Main Street  
At the meeting held on 11 October 2010 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. This decision cannot be re-visited for 6 months but Cllrs Pegg, Moss, Chapman, Peter Coates and Tony Coates asked that their preference for replacement kerb stones be noted in the Minutes.

County Cllr Eagland has advised that work is scheduled to start in Main Street in January/February 2011.

- 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 Ice Busters initiative  
The letter from SCC regarding the Community Focus for Ice Busters was considered and Cllrs asked to forward any volunteer details to the Clerk by 15 November 2010.

All

- d Enforcement of waiting restrictions  
The letter from Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch was noted.

#### 12 Projects – to receive updates on:-

- a Area outside shops  
The order for the street furniture has been placed by the landscape architect – delivery end November.  
The site survey with the contractor will take place nearer the start date and will address where the support services for the contractor will be located.
- b S106 improvements to Village Hall  
Nothing further to report.  
The S106 monies must be used by June 2015.

#### 13 Allotments

- a The revised draft lease supplied by the Royal British Legion Head Office has been received. It was agreed that legal advice should be taken to conclude this as soon as possible and also to assist with the formation of the Allotments Association.

Clerk

Once this is available a working party comprising Cllrs Pegg, Sanders and Tony Coates, together with the Clerk will take this forward.

Cllrs Pegg,  
Sanders, A  
Coates  
and Clerk

#### 14 Play area Walkfield

- a Improvements to play area  
The recommendations from the working party's initial meeting are to prioritise the toddler area, immediately secure the perimeter fencing and gates, and look to replace the surface beneath any new pieces of equipment, keeping bark chippings in place elsewhere.

Cllrs  
Coates,  
Moss,  
Pegg and  
Reilly

A second meeting to cost the options will take place as soon as possible.

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b Annual Site Inspection

The report together with the comments from the handyman was considered and it was agreed to replace the fencing as necessary and repair the gates. Additional items will be monitored by the handyman and dealt with as necessary.

15 **Parish Forum**

Nothing to report.

16 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

a The vegetation behind the George and Dragon is overgrown – Clerk to ask SCC Neighbourhood Highway team to cut back.

**Clerk**

b The rag and bone man is calling more frequently and the noise from the horn is becoming more intrusive. Concerned residents can report this to the Environmental Health department at LDC.

c Cllrs wished to record that the bonfire event organised by the Scouts had been a very good evening and was extremely well organised. Clerk to write to the Scouts to express thanks.

**Clerk**

d SCC have left items in a compound at the end of Fox Lane where the Christmas tree is sited. Clerk to request removal.

**Clerk**

17 **Brief items**

Nothing noted.

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**

Remembrance Day National Memorial Arboretum 11 November 2010 – Cllr Butcher representing the Parish Council

Remembrance Day Parade 14 November 2010 – Cllr Butcher representing the Parish Council

19 **Date of Next Council Meetings**

Monday 13 December 2010, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Friday 03 December 2010.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**