

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 13 December 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 England.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Reilly Item 5a Tennis Club planning application

3 Minutes

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08 November 2010 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

4 Conservation Area Management

a Prior to the start of the meeting Claire Hines from LDC provided a summary of the Alrewas Conservation Area Plan and requested feedback via the formal consultation process.

b The revised slide show of important properties not covered by the conservation area was presented by Cllr Pegg and a copy given to Claire Hines for consideration for Local Listing under Article 4 Direction of the Alrewas Conservation Area Management Plan.

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 13 December 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 LDF Core Strategy Consultation

The Clerk was asked to request additional copies of the Non-technical Summary so that each Cllr could be prepared for a full discussion at the January meeting in order to agree the response to be submitted.

**Clerk
All**

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6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

- a The summary of LDC decisions for November 2010 was noted.
- b A brief summary of the Rural Masterplanning exercise held on 23 November 2010 was given by Cllr Stanhope.

Detailed notes are being prepared by LDC and will be distributed when available.

7 Financial Statements

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

PC Griffiths sent apologies for himself and PCSO Horton but current working patterns meant that they were unable to attend the meeting. Cllr Stanhope provided brief details of recent incidents in the village.

9 Footpaths

- a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)
A detailed reply from Richard Ackroyd at SCC has been received in relation to the letters sent to the Chief Executive and the Leader of Staffordshire County Council noting the concerns in relation to this footpath.

This has been passed to the Ramblers Association and their response has been circulated.

Cllrs requested that this matter be marked forward for a full discussion at the January meeting and asked the Clerk to advise SCC accordingly.

Clerk

- b Tree root damage Fox Lane to Walkfield (FP 59b, 1R/2864)
The footpaths officer at SCC has advised they have no powers to take action, either in terms of enforcement, notice or remedial works regarding the present condition of this footpath.

- c Provision of lamppost Fox Lane to Walkfield (FP 59b, 1R/2864)
The footpaths officer at SCC has advised that this could be initiated approaching the County Council Lighting Team. Clerk to follow up.

Clerk

- d Creation of new public footpath Catholme, Barton-under-Needwood, Alrewas and Wychnor
The creation of the new footpath was approved.

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10 Highways

- a Condition of pavements and road surface along Main Street
Following the questions raised at the last meeting Cllr Butcher provided a summary of events and information available and clarified the respective responsibilities of the County, District and Parish Councils.

Cllrs confirmed their understanding of the present position and Cllr Butcher advised that with support from County Cllr Eagland work was due to start in January 2011, weather permitting.

- 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
Cllrs Tony Coates and Chapman volunteered to liaise with SCC. Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

- d Enforcement of waiting restrictions
The letter from Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch circulated last month was considered and it was agreed that the Clerk should request details from LDC regarding attendance of enforcement officers in the village.

Clerk

- e Enforcement of weight restrictions
Following the complaint from a resident regarding lorries travelling along Main Street and Wellfield Road it was noted that everyone should be encouraged to provide evidence and report offenders to the police.

It was agreed to contact the Neighbourhood Watch to identify what assistance the Parish Council could offer in relation to Items 10d and e.

Clerk

11 Projects – to receive updates on:-

- a Area outside shops
Work has started but is delayed by the weather.

Cllr Sanders advised that the Alrewas Conservation Group would like to contribute towards the cost of the new notice board.

- b S106 improvements to Village Hall
Nothing further to report.
The S106 monies must be used by June 2015.

12 Allotments

- a There is a site meeting with our solicitor arranged for 16 December 2010.

Once details of the access have been ascertained the owners of the houses directly affected will be contacted.

**Cllrs
Butcher,
Moss and
Pegg and
Clerk**

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13 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.

A second meeting to cost the options will take place as soon as possible – now scheduled for the new year.

**Cllrs
Coates,
Moss,
Pegg and
Reilly**

14 Parish Forum

Key information covered in Item 6b.

15 Residents Complaints/Requests

Nothing to report.

16 Brief items

Nothing noted.

17 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past Dates

b Future Dates

Lichfield Rural North visit by Nick Bell 15 March 2011 – details to be confirmed by County Cllr Eagland

18 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 17 January 2011, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Friday 07 January 2011.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date