

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 17 January 2011 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Eagland (part), Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Donna Moss.

2 **Declarations of interest**

None

3 **Minutes**

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 December 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 17 January 2011'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn
LDC has confirmed that as there is evidence of bats roosting in the barn no action can be taken at present. Any bat survey would need to take place in late spring and as the land is in private ownership this is an added complication. Clarification has been requested regarding advice from Natural England.

The Clerk was asked to obtain information from the Bat Conservation Trust and to continue to press LDC for a solution.

Clerk

c Gravel extraction

There will be a presentation to LDC on 7 February 2011 by Anne Anderson the leader of the campaign against the extraction proposed in the area.

Nothing further to report from SCC.

d LDF Core Strategy Consultation

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should respond making the following points:

Clerk

Pleased to note that previous comments have been taken into account regarding the constraints that exist

Approve the conclusion that the community will remain largely as is while not shutting the door on reasonable development

Any new housing should be aimed towards young couples/families and also the elderly

Travel aspects also need to be addressed

Leisure facilities considered to be good

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- e Conservation Area Management
Nothing further to add to the list submitted to LDC

5 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

- a The summary of LDC decisions for December 2010 (none received) was noted.

6 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of December 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 To approve the budget and Precept for 2011/12

It was **RESOLVED** that the budget presented by the Clerk identifying expenditure of £37,900 is approved and that the Precept for 2011/12 is to be set at £34,000.

Clerk

- d The Interim Internal Audit report for 2010/11 was received and the comments noted.

7 Police report

PC Griffiths sent apologies for himself and PCSO Horton, current working patterns meant that they were unable to attend the meeting, but a brief report of recent incidents in the village was presented by the Clerk.

A copy of the Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch report was also provided which contained details of personnel changes and confirmed that PC Griffiths and PCSO Horton would remain responsible for Alrewas.

8 Footpaths

- a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)
The detailed reply from Richard Ackroyd at SCC was considered together with the response from the Ramblers Association and information supplied by a resident who is a Civil Engineer.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should respond to SCC as suggested by the Ramblers Association to seek a way forward to keep the footpath open and also to enquire if a workable compromise would be to fit a narrow plated footpath over the existing structure noting that the costs to remove the bridge once declared unsafe would be significantly greater.

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9 Highways

- a Condition of pavements and road surface along Main Street
Work due to start shortly.
- b Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit
Work completed.
- c Ice Busters initiative
Cllrs Tony Coates and Chapman meeting with Mary Lee from SCC on
25 January 2011.
- d Enforcement of waiting restrictions
Details from LDC regarding attendance of enforcement officers in the
village were noted. LDC have also advised that this is an area likely
to be reduced as a result of wider cut backs affecting Local
Government.

10 Projects – to receive updates on:-

- a Area outside shops
Completion has been delayed by the weather but the surfacing
should be finished on 23 January 2011.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Sanders for the generous contribution made by the Alrewas Conservation Group towards the cost of the new notice board.

Cllrs Moss, Reilly and Sanders will manage the Community side of the notice board and draw up a list detailing sizes of notices, type of entries, standing information, etc.

**Cllrs Moss,
Reilly and
Sanders**

The Parish Council side will contain Cllr and Clerk contact details as well as the usual notices. Cllr Butcher will maintain this side. Clerk to arrange for removal of old notice board at the pharmacy and thank the owners for allowing the board to be located there until now.

**Cllr
Butcher**

Clerk

It was agreed to arrange a formal opening in March to thank all who have participated in delivering this project.

Clerk

- b S106 improvements to Village Hall
Two options for improvements on display at the Village Hall.
The S106 monies must be used by June 2015.

11 Allotments

- a Our solicitor is currently chasing the Royal British Legion for copies of Deeds and is aware that the timescale is critical.

It was agreed that the working party should draw up a plan of the site and schedule of what needs to be done to prepare the plots to pass to the Clerk for consideration at the February meeting.

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Coates,
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Sanders**

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12 **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.

Quotes requested.

The working party will report to the February meeting on additional suggestions.

Clerk

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

13 **Parish Forum**

Next meeting 24 January 2011.

14 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

a Parking along Fox Lane during bonfire event at Walkfield

The comments regarding parking concerns were noted.

b Removal of leaves from MUGA

Clerk to arrange

Clerk

c Recycling bins at The Crown

Cllr Chapman advised that the landlord has requested LDC to supply recycling bins and British Waterways to provide signage at the canal.

15 **Brief items**

a Electoral review of Staffordshire – consultation on division patterns for 62 elected members, information available on www.lgbce.org.uk, comments to Clerk by 14 February 2011.

It was agreed to support this proposal.

Clerk

b The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 – letter from Staffordshire Office of the Lieutenancy regarding beacons

Discuss at meeting on 14 February 2011

c Royal British Legion celebrating 90 years with a "Great Poppy Party Weekend" 10-12 June 2011

Discuss at meeting on 14 February 2011

d Community Council of Staffordshire Diary of Village Festivals and Events 2011 – details to Clerk by 17 March 2011

Cllr Reilly

e Community Council of Staffordshire Best Kept Village closing date 25 February 2011

f Training for new Cllrs

It was agreed to arrange a joint evening with Fradley and Streethay Parish Council

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16 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

17 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 14 February 2011, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 03 February 2011.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date