

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14 March 2011 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Eagland, District Cllr Wilcox, Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Tony Coates.

2 Declarations of interest

None

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 February 2011

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 February 2011 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 14 March 2011'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn
The Clerk will continue to press LDC for a solution to the problem regarding bats in the barn and the guttering on the farmhouse previously repaired under S215 enforcement which has fallen off.

Clerk

c Gravel extraction

It was noted that a response had been sent to the National Planning Policy Framework.

d LDF Core Strategy Consultation

The formal report is being prepared by LDC.

e Conservation Area Management

Cllrs Stanhope and Peter Coates will provide to the Clerk additional information on the properties as requested by LDC – carried forward to April meeting.

**Cllrs
Stanhope
and P
Coates**

5 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

a The summary of LDC decisions for February 2011 (attached) was noted.

b The revised programme for the proposed Willington C Gas Pipeline was noted.

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6 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of February 2011.

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.

7 Police report

PC Griffiths presented a brief report of recent incidents in the village.

8 Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

The letter from the Staffordshire Office of the Lieutenancy inviting the Parish Council to participate by lighting a beacon during the weekend of 2-5 June 2012 was considered but the invitation was declined.

The letter from dcms was noted.

Clerk

9 Royal British Legion "Great Poppy Weekend" 10-12 June 2011

It was agreed to ascertain how the Alrewas branch of the Royal British Legion Carry was intending to celebrate.

Clerk

10 Grants

It was **RESOLVED** that grants be awarded in accordance with the attached schedule.

Clerk

11 Footpaths – this Item was moved and considered after Item 17

- a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)

The matter of how to respond to the letter dated 01 February 2011 from Richard Ackroyd at SCC was considered and, after discussion, it was agreed that a working party should be set up to review all information on hand before submitting a strategy for consideration by the Parish Council.

Cllrs
Butcher,
Pegg,
Chapman,
Sanders,
Stanhope
and Clerk

Cllrs were reminded that the Parish Council is a separate corporate body which can only act by reference to the powers granted to it and decisions to act must be taken by the whole body. Any subsequent action can only be taken by the Clerk as the proper officer of the council.

- b Lighting request Fox Lane to Walkfield (FP 59b)
This Item was deferred for consideration by the new Council.

- c Diversion Order FP 3 – noted

- d Community Paths Initiative

Bids for 2011/12 to be submitted by 29 April 2011 – the working group from Item 11a will draft an application.

Clerk

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12 Highways

- a Condition of pavements and road surface along Main Street
Indicative start date 10 May 2011.
- b Condition of tree on pavement in Main Street opposite electric sub-station
Clerk to chase Alrewas Civic Society regarding replacement of 2 trees along this section of Main Street.
- c Land in Furlong Lane belonging to George and Dragon
It was noted that SCC Neighbourhood Highways team will deal with the overgrown vegetation.
- d Micklehome Drive drain cover at A38 exit
Some groundworks unfinished – Amey advise should be completed week commencing 21 March 2011.

Clerk

13 Projects – to receive updates on:-

- a Area outside shops
The formal opening will take place on 17 March 2011 at 10.30am.
- 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.

14 Allotments

- a Our solicitor is in correspondence with the former landowners to agree access. Cllr Butcher and the Clerk will continue to take the matter forward.

**Cllr
Butcher
and Clerk**

15 Play area Walkfield

- a Improvements to play area
In addition to replacing some of the fence posts (already approved) the working group recommended the following improvements which were approved:
 - i The large gate is to be locked with a padlock which can be opened by LDC as necessary for maintenance works.
 - ii The small gate is to be repaired as a self-closing gate.
 - iii The seating on the Richter Cross scales to be replaced.
 - iv The toddlers play area equipment is acceptable but the bark should be replaced. The recycled tyre surface is considered too hard and further information on a softer latex surface is to be obtained.
 - v The area under the big swings needs a firmer surface. A sketch of a possible solution was given to the Clerk.
- b Request from Alrewas Tennis Club for a lease
It was agreed that the terms of a lease should properly be agreed by the new Council following the elections in May but that an informal meeting with both the Tennis and the Cricket Club to identify expectations would be helpful.

Clerk

**Cllrs
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Pegg and
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See also Item 17e below.

16 Parish Forum

Next meeting 6 April 2011.

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17 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Location of burger van opposite 7 Main Street
The Enforcement Officer at LDC has confirmed that action is being taken regarding this and signage along Rykneld Street.
- b Condition of barn in front of the old vicarage in Church Road
It was agreed to ask LDC to investigate and take action to protect the barn if possible. **Clerk**
- c Fair Trade Village
Refreshments at the Parish Assembly will be provided by the Fair Trade Committee.
- d Litter along verges
To be reported to Ruth Plant at LDC **Clerk**
- e Grass cuttings at Cricket Club
The letter detailing problems associated with the grass cutting was considered and it was agreed to include this for discussion at the informal meeting reference Item 15b above. **Cllrs Butcher, Pegg and Clerk**

18 Brief items

- a Community Council of Staffordshire Diary of Village Festivals and Events 2011 – details to Clerk by 17 March 2011 **Cllr Reilly**
- b Election timetable – details already circulated
- c Guide to dealing with the Unexpected – website noted.

19 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
- b Future Dates
Lichfield Rural North visit by Nick Bell 15 March 2011 – this meeting has been cancelled but County Cllr Eagland is trying to arrange a visit by the new Deputy Chief Executive Dr Catherine Raines.

Parish Assembly – same format as last year, on 18 April 2011.

20 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 11 April 2011, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 31 March 2011.

..... **Chair/Vice Chair**

..... **Date**