

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11 April 2011 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE District Cllr Wilcox, Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

County Cllr Eagland

2 Declarations of interest

None

3 Minutes

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 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 11 April 2011'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn
Some information has been received from the Countryside Officer at LDC regarding the protection of bats and 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

Cllr Stanhope advised that Portfolio Holders and Officers from SCC had visited the proposed sites near Alrewas with members of the Gravel Group and indicated that they understood how difficult it would be to extract in that area. They re-confirmed the commitment to seek an extension to existing sites rather than opening up new locations.

Further consultation is due.

d LDF Core Strategy Consultation

The formal report is being prepared by LDC. It was agreed that a presentation at a Parish Forum meeting would be a good way forward. Clerk to advise LDC. **Clerk**

e Conservation Area Management

Cllr Stanhope gave a review of the properties as requested by LDC and it was agreed that the Clerk would summarise the comments and forward the list to LDC. **Clerk**

f Condition of barn in front of the old vicarage in Church Road

LDC have agreed to investigate if action can be taken to protect the barn.

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5 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

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

6 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of March 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 apologised for being unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded a summary of incidents in the village which was presented by the Clerk.

The Neighbourhood Watch advised that an Alrewas resident had received a Police Commendation for his action in 2010 that led to the apprehension of two burglars. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the resident to thank him for his vigilance.

Clerk

8 Footpaths

- a Condition of bridge over Mill Stream (FP97)

A summary of the proposals from the meeting of the working group was given by Cllr Butcher and it was **RESOLVED** that an application for an award under the Community Paths Initiative would be submitted by the Parish Council. Cllr Chapman to provide details to the Clerk.

**Cllr
Chapman
and Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to obtain advice on the legal aspects raised by the working group.

Clerk

9 Highways

- a Condition of pavements and road surface along Main Street
Indicative start date 10 May 2011.

The Clerk was asked to contact SCC to request that care is taken not to mark the new surface outside the shops.

Clerk

- b Condition of tree on pavement in Main Street opposite electric sub-station

Alrewas Civic Society have confirmed that Gareth Hare at LDC has been approached regarding replacement of 2 trees along this section of Main Street. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Gareth Hare and SCC to liaise to try to schedule replacement.

Clerk

10 Projects – to receive updates on:-

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

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11 Allotments

- a Nothing further to report regarding our solicitor's correspondence with the former landowners to agree access. Cllr Butcher and the Clerk will continue to take the matter forward.

**Cllr
Butcher
and Clerk**

Cllr Coates advised that private allotments have been made available in Daisy Lane Fradley.

12 Play area Walkfield

- a Improvements to play area
Orders have been placed as agreed.

Additional information on a softer latex surface for the toddlers play area equipment has been requested.

Clerk

- b Request from Alrewas Tennis Club for a lease
The informal meeting with both the Tennis and the Cricket Club is to be held on 14 April 2011.

**Cllrs
Butcher,
Pegg and
Clerk**

13 Parish Forum

A brief summary of matters discussed was provided by Cllr Stanhope.

14 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Reduction of bus service
It was noted that the Parish Council had not been consulted regarding the amendments to the timetable and that the concerns raised should be passed to County Cllr Eagland for SCC to take up with Arriva.

Clerk

- b Noise pollution
County Cllr Eagland has been contacted regarding noise from scramble motor cycles in a field alongside Fox Lane.
The police are investigating.

- c Dog mess on Walkfield
It was agreed to ask LDC to put up notices regarding clearing up dog mess at Walkfield. Cllr Reilly will also put a reminder in her column in the Lichfield Mercury.
Anyone having information about offenders should contact LDC so that further action can be taken.

Clerk

Cllr Reilly

15 Brief items

- a Invitation to 10th Anniversary Stakeholders Evening at the National Memorial Arboretum 17 May 2011 from 4.30pm.
In view of forthcoming election unable to confirm who will attend.

Clerk

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16 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
None
- b Future Dates
Parish Assembly – same format as last year, on 18 April 2011.

17 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 16 May 2011, Annual Parish Council meeting followed by ordinary Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date