

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 13 June 2011 at 7.30pm
in Alrewas Village Hall**

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Councillor Janet Eagland and Clive Bennett (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence
Councillor Graham Slight.

2 Declarations of interest

Councillor Butcher in respect of item 5a application
11/00493/FUL

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish
Council meeting held on 16 May 2011.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council
meeting held on 16 May 2011 were a true record and could be
signed by the Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

b To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council
meeting held on 16 May 2011.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held
on 16 May 2011 were a true record and could be signed by the
Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

4 Public Participation

No members of the public attended the meeting for this item.

**5 Planning matters for decision – to consider any planning
applications**

a Planning applications

These are shown, together with the recommendations made on
the attached schedule entitled “Planning Applications for Parish
Council decision 13th June 2011”

Councillor Butcher declared an interest and was not present
when application 11/00493/FUL was considered.

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b Condition and Deterioration of Essington Farmhouse and Barn

It was noted the Clerk was following up this item with the District Council.

Clerk

c Gravel Extraction

It was noted the County Council was opposed to extraction in the local area and the County would be keeping the Parish Council informed of any further news regarding the matter.

d LDF Core Strategy

It was noted the District Council was still working on the Local Development Framework.

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

It was agreed a letter be sent to Lichfield District Council to request essential building works be done to prevent the deterioration of this historic building.

**Clerk
Cllr
Stanhope**

f Consultation on HS2 response

Taking account of the arguments for and against HS2 and the range of complex evidence in the public domain it was agreed residents be encouraged to respond with their views. Notices to encourage this would be displayed on noticeboards, on the website and included in the newsletter.

**Cllrs
Butcher,
Chapman
and Reilly**

6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

a The summary of LDC decisions for May 2011 was noted.

b The letter to the planning Inspectorate regarding proposed development 08/01152/FUL was noted.

7 Financial Statements

a To receive and approve the financial statements for May 2011. The income and expenditure accounts were presented by the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the financial statement for May be approved.

b To approve the payments on the cheques for payment list.
RESOLVED that the listed payments be approved and passed for payment.

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8 Police Report

There was no report available from the Police.

9 Working Groups

The Working Groups memberships for 2011/12 were agreed and are shown on the attached schedule.

10 Adoption of Public Open Spaces

It was agreed a Working Group would be established to assess the costs and benefits of the offer.

**Cllr Pegg
Clerk**

11 Parish Publicity

- a The newsletter was at the printers and it was agreed distribution costs would be met from the budget.
- b It was noted the new Website Working Group had yet to arrange to meet.

12 Footpaths

a Condition of Bridge over Millstream

It was noted the Alrewas Community Group had received confirmation from the County Council that their funding request had been unsuccessful. Furthermore the County had confirmed the footpath was not publicly maintainable and the County and the Parish had no legal powers to undertake any such repairs. The Parish noted the work the Group had done and the joint efforts made over the last 4 years to seek a remedy to the footpath repairs, it was agreed the Alrewas Community Group would be best placed to pursue the matter further.

b Lighting - Fox Lane to Walkfield Road

It was agreed to set up a working group to discuss and assess lighting options (including solar sensor light, LED bollards), the set up costs and the ongoing maintenance costs. Local residents near to the footpath would be consulted.

**Cllrs Pegg,
T Coates
Clerk**

c Surface of Footpaths between Rykneld Street, Deepmore Close and Burway Meadow, Churchill Crescent and Cricket Club Car Park

It was noted the condition of the footpaths had deteriorated and agreed the matter of repairing these be brought to the attention of the County Councillor and the County Highways Department.

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13 Highways

- a Condition of Pavements and road surface along Main Street
It was agreed to send a letter of thanks and appreciation of the works undertaken to Staffordshire County Highways.

It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the landscape architect to suggest proposals for planters outside the shops.

Clerk

- b Replacement of 2 Trees along pavement in Main Street from opposite the electric sub station

It was noted the Clerk was dealing with this matter.

Clerk

14 Projects

Use of Section 106 Monies £26485 for improvements to the Village Hall by June 2015

This matter was noted.

15 Allotments

It was agreed the matter be expedited as a matter of extreme urgency and the Council seek a deadline on the completion of the lease from the Solicitor and if not soon enough look at alternative legal service providers to get the lease completed.

Clerk

16 Walkfield

- a A short report was received and noted on the immediate and longer-term works to improve the Play Areas.

RESOLVED to accept the quote of £700 from Lichfield District Council for the maintenance works to undertake weed treatment and relaying of bark and an order for the works is placed.

Clerk

It was noted in the longer term a rubberised surface dressing would be introduced and three quotes would be obtained for these works from suitable suppliers and a short report on these be brought to a future meeting.

**Cllr Moss
and Clerk**

It was noted recent works to the lock on the gate had been completed although this had been broken and was now in need of repair.

Clerk

- b It was noted the Tennis Club were still in discussion with Lichfield District Council regarding the car parking issues and their planning application.

17 Parish Forum

The next meeting is 1 September 2011

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18 Residents' Complaints/Requests

a Alrewas Arts Festival

The request from the Festival organisers was agreed.

Clerk

b Dog Fouling on Walkfield Play Area

It was agreed to contact the Dog Warden at Lichfield District Council to seek enforcement action to try and prevent the problem of Dog Fouling.

Clerk

19 There were no briefing items to report

20 Parish Council Diary

a Past dates – none to report

b Future dates

Open Meeting with Cabinet Member for Highways Mike Maryon at Lichfield District Council Offices 16 June from 2-4pm

Broadband Access Consultation drop in event Fradley Village Hall 24 June 2-9pm with a talk at 7pm

Councillor Training at St Stephen's Church Fradley 13 July from 6pm

21 Date of next council meeting

Monday 11 July Parish Council Meeting Alrewas Village Hall 7.30pm start.

Last date for notification of agenda items Thursday 30 June 2011

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

.....**Date**