

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12 September 2011 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs David Butcher, Tony Coates, Peter Coates, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Graham Slight and Margaret Stanhope.

IN ATTENDANCE PC Andy Brown (to Item 9), Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Chapman; County Cllr Eagland.

2 Declarations of interest

None

Cllr Reilly Item 15b

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 July 2011

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 July 2011 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting. Carried unanimously.

4 Public Participation

No matters were raised by members of the public.

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 12 September 2011'

b Condition and deterioration of Essington Farm House and barn
Planning application 11/00793 submitted was considered and the response shown in 5a was approved.

c Gravel extraction

Nothing major to report.

d LDF Core Strategy Consultation

It was noted that the Rural Masterplanning project update presented on 1 September 2011 at LDC prior to the Parish Forum meeting covered the consultations very well and included local interests.

There will be an exhibition in the Village Hall on 28 September 2011 from 4-7pm open to all residents.

The Clerk was asked to write to the officers at LDC to congratulate them on the quality of the report.

Clerk

e Condition of coach house in front of the old vicarage in Church Road
This has been repaired.

6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

a The summary of LDC decisions for July and August 2011 was noted.

7 Premises Licences

The application was noted.

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8 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the two months of July and August 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 months be approved.
- b To approve the payments on the cheques for payment list
It was **RESOLVED** that the cheques for payment list is approved and passed for payment.
- c The completion of the audit for the year ending 31 March 2011 was noted.

9 Police report

PC Brown presented a comprehensive review of recent events in the village and the police response and actions taken.

10 Public Open Spaces

- a Area around Mellor Drive
Following a meeting with LDC and Persimmon Homes the Chairman reported that there are 2 areas of public open space around Mellor Drive which are not suitable to allocate to residents. It was agreed that LDC should be requested to allow parking on the triangular area on the left as you enter Mellor Drive from Fox Lane.
Further investigation is required to ascertain what might be appropriate regarding the area adjacent to the public open space at the far end.
- b Application for a Village Green – land between Dark Lane and the canal/River Trent
After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that no action would be taken on this proposal until the Rural Masterplanning exercise had been completed and the resulting LDF implemented.

**Cllr Pegg
and
Clerk**

11 Parish Publicity

- a Newsletter – to note this has been delivered.
- b Website – a draft proposal for a revised website is to be discussed at the next meeting of the working group. In the meantime it was agreed that the contract with Eric Roy should be renewed to allow time for the changeover.

**Cllrs Pegg,
Chapman,
Moss and
Reilly**

12 Footpaths

- a Lighting along footpath from Fox Lane to Walkfield Road
County Cllr Eagland has confirmed this matter is on her "highways list to do action plan" but that budget restrictions prevent any action at the moment.
- b Surface of footpaths between Rykneld Street, Deepmore Close and Burway Meadow and Churchill Crescent to Cricket Club car park
The footpaths officer has inspected the areas and is due to advise on possible actions. He did not regard the encroachment along Burway Meadow to be a problem as regards the width of the footpath. The Clerk was asked to refer this to LDC for attention.

Clerk

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13 Highways

- a Installation of planter outside the shops on Main Street
Richard Rayson from Highways has agreed that planters can be placed on the corner and Cllr Tony Coates will prepare a planned layout.

Cllr Tony Coates

- b Replacement of 2 trees on pavement in Main Street opposite electric sub-station and west
The tree pits have been dug by SCC as part of the re-surfacing.
Cllr Peter Coates has advised that he and Richard Kirkland would like to supply the trees and RJK will provide fencing.
The Clerk is to confirm the type and cost of trees.

Clerk

14 Allotments

- a It was agreed that our solicitor would be asked to advise the Royal British Legion Club that the Parish Council would withdraw unless all outstanding matters had been resolved by the end of October.

Clerk

15 Play area Walkfield

- a Improvements to play area
Cllr Moss reported that the costs for re-surfacing the area with a rubberised coating and replacing a see-saw would cost approximately £13,000.

Cllr Moss to arrange a site visit to see the surface in operation and to investigate any funding sources.

Cllr Moss

It was agreed in principle that the full project should be undertaken in April 2012 by allocating £6,000 from reserves this year and including in the Precept for 2012/13 the remaining cost plus an amount to be determined for an on-going programme of maintenance and improvement.

Clerk

- b Request from Alrewas Tennis Club regarding car parking
Cllrs are not in favour of allowing a gate and access to an overspill car park next to the play area.

A meeting with SCC and LDC will be arranged to ascertain why Highways are involved when the car park and access road are privately owned.

**Cllrs Pegg,
Butcher,
Tony Coates
and Clerk**

16 Parish Forum

The meeting on 01 September 2011 covered planning proposals which attending Cllrs found extremely useful.

Following the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting a request has been made for the next Parish Forum to address the licensing regulations covering scrap metal merchants and collectors.

17 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Grass cutting at Mill Stream Alrewas
LDC have confirmed to the Civic Society that they cannot find out who was previously paying for this area to be cut. It has not been part of the Parish Council's contract with LDC and we have no responsibility for this area.

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- b Overgrown area behind George and Dragon
 Although this area has been cut back trees stumps need to be removed. Clerk to write to brewery. **Clerk**
- c Phone App for dog bins
 This request was approved. **Clerk**
- d CCTV at Walkfield
 The lights and CCTV at the car park at Walkfield appear not to be working. Clerk to investigate. **Clerk**

18 Brief items

- a The thank you from the resident following the removal of the tree at Walkfield was noted.
- b The letter from Matthew Ellis re Engaging in the Community was noted.
- c The details of the injury sustained during the football match at Walkfield on 4 September 2011 were noted.

19 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
 Cllr training 13 July 2011 6 to 9pm, St Stephen’s Church Fradley.
- b Future Dates

 Battle of Britain Service 18 September 2011 3pm St Stephen’s Church Fradley. **Cllr Pegg**

 Rural Masterplanning Village update 28 September 2011 4-7pm in Alrewas Village. **All**

 Community Council of Stafford AGM 28 September 2011 7.30pm Stowe-by Chartley.

 Visit by Nick Bell – County Cllr Eagland - date not yet confirmed

20 Date of Next Council Meetings

Monday 10 October 2011, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 29 September 2011.

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

..... **Date**