

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT** Cllrs David Butcher (until part-way through Item 16), Will Chapman, Tony Coates, Peter Coates, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Graham Slight and Margaret Stanhope (from Item 9).

**IN ATTENDANCE** PCSO Tracy Horton (to Item 8 inclusive), Jean Burton (Clerk)

**1 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Stanhope for late arrival.

**2 Declarations of interest**

None

**3 Minutes**

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 November 2011 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4 Public Participation**

Nothing tabled.

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

a Planning applications

These are shown, together with recommendations made, on the schedules entitled 'Planning Applications – for Parish Council decision 12 December 2011'

**6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**

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

**7 Financial Statements**

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of November 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 is approved and passed for payment.

c Interim audit report

The Clerk advised that the Auditor has attended for the interim audit and verbally confirmed that everything is in order.

**8 Police report**

PCSO Tracy Horton provided a summary of incidents in the village.

In particular she raised concerns about the attitude of parents parking outside All Saints School and asked for help in getting across the message that children's lives were being put a risk and emergency vehicles being prevented from accessing homes in the area.

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It was agreed that Cllr Reilly would report the concerns in the Village News item in the Lichfield Mercury and a notice would be placed on the Noticeboard.

**Cllr Reilly**

#### **9 Lichfield District Council Consultation**

The draft Carbon Reduction Plan was discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs would respond individually and draw the consultation to the attention of residents to encourage them to take part.

**All**

#### **10 Public Open Spaces**

##### **a Area around Mellor Drive**

No response from the police to our request for written advice on any concerns they have regarding the dangerous parking at the junction of Fox Lane and the A513 in order to ascertain what further action can be taken. PCSO Horton has agreed to follow this up.

**Clerk**

It was noted that some residents have expressed concerns over the proposal for parking on the triangular area.

No further action until Persimmon raise the matter again.

#### **11 Parish Publicity**

##### **a Website**

A prototype website of 25/30 pages is available for the working group to review. It is proposed that a demonstration is given at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 16 January 2012.

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

Cllr Moss recorded her thanks to Cllr Chapman for all his hard work in progressing this project.

#### **12 Highways**

##### **a Installation of planters outside the shops on Main Street**

The position of the planters has been forwarded to SCC so that a licence can be granted before the planters are installed.

A letter has been sent to the Co-op to request sponsorship for the initial purchase and on-going maintenance.

Three quotes have been obtained for planting and maintenance.

Clerk to continue to progress.

**Clerk**

##### **b Main Street speed limit**

Cllrs Slight and Peter Coates have identified members of the working group to identify the problems and potential solutions regarding the traffic flow along Main Street.

**Cllrs Slight  
and Peter  
Coates**

##### **c A513 approach to National Memorial Arboretum**

County Cllr Eagland reported SCC is undertaking a feasibility study and a meeting with the NMA will take place early in the New Year.

#### **13 Allotments**

##### **a Our solicitor has advised that he has approved the Licence from the RBL; the only matter outstanding is the contribution towards the fencing costs.**

With regard to the access agreement the draft has been forwarded for our comments.

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

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#### 14 Play area Walkfield

##### a Improvements to play area

The grant application has been made and acknowledged.

The surface has been installed in Fradley and Cllrs Moss and Reilly will arrange to visit the site.

**Cllrs Moss  
and Reilly**

##### b Request from Alrewas Tennis Club regarding car parking

A copy of the reply from Mike Maryon the Cabinet Member at SCC responsible for Highways & Transport was circulated at the meeting.

County Cllr Eagland will investigate and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**County  
Cllr  
Eagland**

#### 15 Parish Forum

The next meeting will be on 19 January 2012.

#### 16 Residents Complaints/Requests

##### a Overgrown area behind George and Dragon

The Property Team manager from Marstons has offered to meet Cllrs on site when the pre-contract meeting is held. Cllrs Tony and Peter Coates will attend.

**Cllrs Tony  
and Peter  
Coates  
and Clerk**

##### b New dog waste bin

It was **RESOLVED** that a dog waste bin be purchased and installed at the corner of Wellfield Road and the footpath to the RBL bowling green.

**Clerk**

##### c Sandwich van at Walkfield

It was **RESOLVED** that the setting up of a food facility on Walkfield for the football matches would not be approved.

##### d Meeting with Essington Park Limited

Cllr Pegg advised that he, Cllr Chapman and the Clerk had attended a meeting with representatives from Essington Park Limited. The meeting was requested by Essington Park Limited following the decision at the September Parish Council meeting not to support a proposal for the land between Dark Lane and the canal/River Trent to be designated a Village Green. At the conclusion of the meeting Essington Park Limited requested the opportunity to present details of their proposals for developing the land to the north of Dark Lane to the Parish Council.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not meet with Essington Park Limited, or any other developer, ahead of any public display of the proposals for the development.

All are reminded that actions on behalf of the Parish Council must only be taken as the result of a specific mandate so to act.

**All**

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- e Inge Drive/Poppy Gardens  
Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch have reported broken fencing and hedging adjacent to 24 Inge Drive which allows people to shortcut to Poppy Gardens very close to the house of an elderly resident. This area is not claimed by SCC or the householder.

It was **RESOLVED** that quotes would be obtained for repair work and the Parish Council would look to undertake the work providing no long term commitment was implied.

**Cllrs Tony  
and Peter  
Coates**

- 17 **Brief items – to take note of:**  
Nothing reported.

- 18 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**
  - a Past Dates

- b Future Dates

- 19 **Date of Next Council Meetings**

Monday 16 January 2012, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 05 January 2012.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**