

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 13 February 2012 in Alrewas Village Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs David Butcher, Will Chapman, Tony Coates, Peter Coates, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly (from Item 3), Graham Slight and Margaret Stanhope.

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland (from Item 5), PCSO Tracy Horton (Items 1 to 5 and 8) and Jean Burton (Clerk)

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Reilly for late arrival.

2 **Declarations of interest**

None

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 January 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 January 2012 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

b It was **RESOLVED** that the unapproved Minutes would be published on the Noticeboard and website prior to approval at the next Parish Council 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 13 February 2012'

b Refusal of planning permission at Hi Range Ltd Wychnor

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter would be sent supporting the objections raised by East Staffordshire Borough Council.

**Clerk**

c Request from Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council to join forces in opposing applications for wind farms in the locality

It was **RESOLVED** to take no action at this stage and that all applications would be considered individually when submitted.

**Clerk**

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

a The summary of LDC decisions for January 2012 was noted.

7 **Financial Statements**

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of January 2012.

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.

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- 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.
- 8 **Police report**  
PCSO Tracy Horton presented a report on incidents in the village.
- 9 **Closure of Margaret Stanhope Unit**  
It was **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent objecting to the proposed closure of this facility. **Clerk**
- 10 **Parish Publicity**  
a Website  
The next group meeting will identify who will be responsible for the various parts. The Clerk and the current website provider will be invited to attend. **Cllrs Pegg, Chapman, Moss and Reilly**
- 11 **Highways**  
a Installation of planters outside the shops on Main Street  
The three quotes obtained for planting and maintenance were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that Alrewas Landscapes & Garden Maintenance be awarded the contract for annual planting and maintenance for this year.  
Clerk to arrange for installation as soon as possible. **Clerk**
- b Main Street Traffic Management Review  
The working group presented a report following the meeting held on 23 January 2012. After discussion it was considered that the business community members were best placed to explore the actions identified. County Cllr Eagland offered to look into speed signs when the group have settled on appropriate locations. **Cllrs Slight and Peter Coates**
- c Speeding along the A38 service road  
After discussion it was agreed that additional signage would not be helpful and no further action is to be taken.
- d Neighbourhood Highways teams in Alrewas for four days commencing 27 March and 31 July  
Details of any work to Clerk as soon as possible. **All**
- e Approach to National Memorial Arboretum  
County Cllr Eagland advised that clearance work and tree planting will be undertaken along the A513 towards the National Memorial Arboretum starting Autumn 2012.
- 12 **Allotments**  
a The Access Licence agreement has been received and it was **RESOLVED** that the agreement is approved and Cllrs Pegg and Butcher are authorised to sign it on behalf of the Parish Council.  
The new County Chairman has advised that the terms of the Licence Agreement with the RBL have been approved at Branch and he is pressing Head Office to complete the documentation as soon as possible.  
Clerk to continue to progress. **Cllrs Pegg, Butcher, Tony Coates and Clerk**

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#### 13 Play area Walkfield

##### a Improvements to play area

The grant application has been approved.

The working group still needs to meet to finalise the details of the improvements and the timescale for installation.

**Cllrs Moss  
and Reilly**

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

County Cllr Eagland forwarded a revised car park layout incorporating additional parking spaces which if approved by the Parish Council may be submitted to discharge Condition 6 on the planning permission. It was **RESOLVED** that the plan prepared by SCC incorporating 5 additional spaces is approved. Clerk to reply to SCC and on receipt of their confirmation advise Alrewas Tennis Club.

**Clerk**

#### 14 Standing Orders

The first meeting of the working group considered simplification of the STO's and did not address any issues with specific STO's.

After discussion the Chairman concluded that the next meeting of the working group will consider whether a covering document is appropriate.

**All**

#### 15 Localism Act

The first meeting of a working group to review the Localism Act to make sure the Parish Council is fully prepared for any changes implemented is due to be held on 22 February 2012.

Some Cllrs queried whether it was useful to look into this at this stage in view of the comments made at the Parish Forum (see Item 16).

#### 16 Parish Forum

The main item discussed was the impact of the Localism Act on Local Authorities and the conclusion that further guidance on procedures (eg Planning Policy framework) was necessary before the practical application of the Act could be understood.

Next meeting will be on 4 April 2012.

#### 17 Residents Complaints/Requests

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

Nothing further to report - 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 Inge Drive/Poppy Gardens

SCC have said they will look into making the path worn by pedestrians cutting the corner off into a proper access. Request SCC to ensure residents are happy with the proposal.

**Clerk**

##### c Tree roots on footpath between Fox Lane and Walkfield Road

County Cllr Eagland will follow up the earlier request for lighting along this footpath.

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- d Graffiti on A513 canal bridge  
Alrewas Arts Committee would like to manage a Youth Project to paint over the graffiti on this bridge. Highways have agreed providing the Parish Council and County Cllr Eagland are also in support.  
It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council supported this project.
- e Mugs for school children for Queen’s Jubilee  
It was agreed that this was not an appropriate use of funds in the current economic climate.

**18 Brief items – to take note of:**

- a Invitation to tour PLACE
- b Invitation to join HS2 Community Forum
- c Invitation to attend Western Power Distribution stakeholder workshop
- d Lichfield Area Energy Saving Scheme has been launched by Southern Staffordshire Community Energy and will provide free energy surveys in Alrewas for a limited period. Contact Kate Sadler 01543 251331 or [www.ssce.co.uk](http://www.ssce.co.uk)
- e Following the success of the Canal and Music Festival last year, it has been decided to repeat the event this year to coincide with the Jubilee celebrations on 1,2 and 3 June.

**19 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

- a Past Dates
- b Future Dates

**20 Date of Next Council Meetings**

Monday 12 March 2012, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 01 March 2012.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**