

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12 March 2012 in Alrewas Village Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs David Butcher, Will Chapman, Tony Coates, Peter Coates, John Pegg, Jane Reilly (from Item 4), Graham Slight and Margaret Stanhope (from Item 4).

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland (from Item 4 to Item 14) and Jean Burton (Clerk)

**1 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Moss.

**2 Declarations of interest**

None

**3 Minutes**

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2012 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4 Public Participation**

Representations from residents in relation to Item 18b, proposed access between Inge Drive and Poppy Gardens, were received.

18b It was **RESOLVED** that the Neighbourhood Highway team would be requested to install a strong fence along the original line of the hedge and plant a new hedge in front.

**Clerk**

Cllr Stanhope advised that following a report from residents that mature trees in the unclaimed area were being topped she had asked LDC if any preservation orders could be issued but the trees are too immature and the hedge was re-classified once the land moved from agricultural to residential use and cannot be protected.

It was noted that some householders have moved fencing forward from their original boundary line and the area is in need of maintenance. County Cllr Eagland will investigate who is responsible for the area and whether SCC can instigate any action to maintain the border.

**County  
Cllr  
Eagland**

**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 March 2012'

**b** Following discussion on the request: to consider if Leavesleys should be invited to give a presentation at the Parish Council meeting on 16 April 2012 on plans for the development of Ivy Garage following the second public consultation; it was agreed to obtain clarification of the Parish Council's responsibilities with regard to developers and the effect of the Localism Act.

The Clerk was asked to contact the District Planners for guidance.

**Clerk**

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

- a There were no LDC decisions for February 2012 forwarded.

**7 Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of February 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.

- 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**

Standing Orders were suspended so the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator could give a brief summary of incidents in the village.

**9 Grants**

It was **RESOLVED** that grants be awarded in accordance with the attached schedule.

**Clerk**

**10 Parish Publicity**

- a Website

The next group meeting is due on 14 March 2012.

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

**11 Highways**

- a Installation of planters outside the shops on Main Street

A contract has been sent to Alrewas Landscapes & Garden Maintenance and once signed LDC will be asked to deliver the planters to site.

**Clerk**

- b Main Street Traffic Management Review

Nothing to report.

**Cllrs  
Slight and  
Peter  
Coates**

- c Staffordshire Motorcycle Routes Safety Strategy

The contents of the letter from SCC dated 15 February 2012 regarding improvements A513 Kings Bromley to Tamworth were noted.

- 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**

**12 Footpaths**

- a Re-surfacing of footpaths – now underway

- b Walkfield Road/Fox Lane tree roots and lighting

The tree roots are being dealt with as part of the re-surfacing. County Cllr England will look into the lighting of the area.

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Cllr  
England**

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- c Community Paths Initiative  
Application form with the Clerk for bids for 2012/13 **All**
- d It was noted that the two replacement trees on Main Street have been installed.
- 13 **Allotments**
- a The letter from the solicitor was considered and responses agreed. **Cllrs Pegg, Butcher, Tony Coates and Clerk**
- In view of the time taken to get to this position it was agreed to ask our solicitor to resolve all issues by the end of the Council year.
- Clerk to continue to progress.
- 14 **Play area Walkfield**
- a Improvements to play area  
A late amendment to the proposal gives a shortfall of £168 which can be funded from the playbark budget this year. **Cllrs Moss and Reilly and Clerk**
- It was **RESOLVED** that the works proposed on the revised schedule be approved.
- b Alrewas Tennis Club - update  
The additional information has been sent to LDC to satisfy the planning conditions.
- c Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge  
It was **RESOLVED** that an application for Walkfield to be given protection as a public space under this initiative should be submitted. **Clerk**
- 15 **Standing Orders**  
The second meeting of the working group has yet to be held. **All**
- 16 **Localism Act**  
Cllrs have requested clarification of the effect of the Localism Act - see Item 5b.
- 17 **Parish Forum**  
Next meeting will be on 4 April 2012.
- 18 **Residents Complaints/Requests**
- a Overgrown area behind George and Dragon  
The pre-contract meeting will be held on 14 March 2012 at 10am. Cllrs Tony and Peter Coates will attend. **Cllrs Tony and Peter Coates and Clerk**
- b Inge Drive/Poppy Gardens  
See Item 4.
- c New dog litter bin requested at Micklehome Drive  
It was **RESOLVED** that a new dog litter bin would be installed at the junction of Dark Lane and Micklehome Drive. **Clerk**

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d Hedge behind Chaseview numbers 50,52 and 54  
Clerk to ask LDC to cut back. **Clerk**

e Re-seeding of main football pitch at Walkfield  
It was agreed that the continual use of the pitch means re-seeding is not practical or cost effective.

f Request for Fradley to use junior team pitch.  
This was refused given the concerns of the pitches being overused.

g Jubilee Party at Walkfield  
It was agreed that a group of Mums could hold a Jubilee Party at Walkfield on 4 June 2012. Cllr Reilly to liaise. **Cllr Reilly**

**19 Brief items – to take note of:**

a Highway Winter Operations – theft of grit  
Cllr T Coates to request stickers. **Cllr T Coates**

b Invitation to take part in Britain in Bloom  
No action by Parish Council.

**20 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past Dates

b Future Dates

Parish Assembly 23 April 2012 – Clerk to invite village groups identified. **Clerk**

Invitation to presentation by National Memorial Arboretum 28 and 29 March 2012.  
All Cllrs to reply individually. No need to invite NMA to address Parish Council meeting. **All**

**21 Date of Next Council Meetings**

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

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

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

..... **Date**