

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 18 June 2012 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Mike Wilcox and Jean Burton (Clerk). PCSO Tracy Horton to Item 9.

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr P Coates.

2 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr D Butcher Item 5a White Hart Mews planning application.

3 **Minutes**

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2012 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

To receive and approve the Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 21 May 2012 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 **Public Participation**

None.

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 18 June 2012'

b Presentation on the Local Plan and link to Neighbourhood planning

It was **RESOLVED** that Neil Cox from LDC be invited to the meeting on 9 July 2012 to give a presentation on the implications for Alrewas of the Local Plan for Lichfield District and the link to Neighbourhood planning.

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

a The decisions from LDC for May 2012 were noted.

7 **Premises Licences**

No applications for consideration.

8 **Financial Statements**

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

9 Police report

PCSO Tracy Horton gave a brief report indicating that there had been very few incidents in the last month. The take up of Smartwater in the village has been exceptional with only a few roads still to complete. Smartwater street signs will be erected shortly.

10 Highways

- a The report from the Main Street Traffic Management working group was considered and it was noted that it was a useful document covering matters previously discussed at Parish Council meetings. Concerns were raised over the apparent lack of consideration to pedestrians in the village. It was also felt that requests to change the route of the library van could lead to a reduction in the service which would not be supported by the Parish Council.

County Cllr England has forwarded the summary to Richard Rayson at Highways for his view and will report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

- b It was agreed to request Richard Rayson at Highways to advise whether bollards close to the kerb could be installed alongside the junction of Exchange Road and Main Street.

Clerk

11 Parish Publicity

- a Website

Cllrs Moss and Reilly will be meeting the new website provider in the next week or so to finalise the pages and incorporate the newsletter information.

Cllrs Moss and Reilly

- b Newsletter

The working group has met and prepared the annual newsletter which should be available by the first week in July. The information on the noticeboard will be updated.

Cllr Reilly

12 Footpaths

- a Proposed diversion of public footpath No.49

The letter from Essington Park Ltd dated 21 May 2012 was considered and it was agreed that Cllrs would meet representatives from LDC on site to obtain clarification on the proposals. Details of the consultation undertaken were also requested.

All and Clerk

13 Allotments

- a The letter to neighbours advising of the plans has prompted one letter and one phone call so far. The working group will liaise with the Clerk to send a reply.

LDC are preparing a quote for the fencing and gates and to top the area.

The application to South Staffs Water has been acknowledged.

Cllrs Pegg, Moss, Butcher, Tony Coates and Clerk

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14 Play area Walkfield

- a Improvements to play area
The rubber surfacing is being installed as weather conditions allow.

15 Neighbourhood Plan

The working group meeting coincided with the publication of the proposed Lichfield District Local Plan which triggered concerns about the number of houses noted for Alrewas.

After discussion it was agreed that:

LDC should be asked if analysis of the number of houses over the period from 2006 could be provided;

Neil Cox from LDC should be asked to give the presentation (Item 5b) between 7pm and 8pm on 9 July with the formal Parish Council meeting to follow;

It is essential that the presentation should bring clarity to the question of whether Neighbourhood Planning is the right course of action for Alrewas.

Clerk

16 Alrewas Village Hall

Cllr Reilly gave a brief summary of the matters discussed at the Village Hall Committee's AGM. It was noted that there is a lot of support for the extension plans and a strong fund raising committee. Matters should progress significantly during the coming year.

17 Parish Forum

Next meeting on 26 July 2012.

Potential topic for discussion to be passed to LDC: Civil parking enforcement.

Clerk

18 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Overgrown area behind George and Dragon
Work is due to start any time dependent on the weather.

- b Inge Drive/Poppy Gardens
Installation of the fencing has been done by Highways but looks incomplete. Clerk to check.

Clerk

Cllr T Coates will investigate hedging to be planted as a further deterrent.

**Cllr T
Coates**

- c Lack of Jubilee Celebrations

It was agreed that a reply should be sent stating that the comments were noted but there were several activities organised in the village and the Parish Council had offered appropriate support when approached.

Clerk

19 Brief items – to take note of:

- a Correspondence acknowledging receipt of grants from Alrewas Cricket Club and All Saints' CE (C) Primary School was noted.

- b The letter from SCC 11 May 2012 re Street Lighting – Energy Conservation Initiative was noted.

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20 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past Dates

Invitation to Alrewas Cricket Club 11 June 2012 – attended by Cllrs Pegg and Moss and the Clerk. It was noted that the club is to be commended for doing a very good job with lots of young people – a valuable asset to the village.

b Future Dates

John Taylor Presentation Evening 12 July 2012.

Cllr Moss

HS2 meeting Kings Bromley Village Hall 21 June 2012 at 5pm.

All

21 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 9 July 2012, Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting after the conclusion of a presentation by Neil Cox of LDC on the Lichfield District Local Plan beginning at 7pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 28 June 2012.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date