

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 08 July 2013 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** Jean Burton (Clerk), PCSO Tracy Horton for Item 9.

Cllr Pegg welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated Cllr Stanhope who received an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. The Parish Council wishes to put on record its appreciation of all the hard work on behalf of both the Parish and Lichfield District Council that Cllr Stanhope has undertaken over many years. The honour is richly deserved.

**1 Apologies for absence**

Cllr P Coates and County Cllr Eagland.

**2 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Pegg drew Cllrs attention to the planning application submitted by the Chair of the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

No declarations of interest recorded.

**3 Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 June 2013

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 June 2013 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4 Public Participation**

a Mr Andrew Buckman gave an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.

**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 08 July 2013'

Cllrs Pegg, Chapman and Slight did not vote in relation to planning application 13/00564/FUL and 13/00565/CON.

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

a The decisions from LDC for June 2013 were noted.

b Details of the current appraisal of the Fradley Conservation area have been circulated by Cllr Chapman. It was noted that proposals for "adopting" sections of local waterway may be pursued by the Canal & River Trust.

**7 Premises Licences**

None to consider.

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#### **8 Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of June 2013.

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.

The final interim audit report for 2012/13 was noted.

- 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 To agree renewal of the annual insurance cover  
It was **RESOLVED** that the proposal received from Aon UK Limited for renewal be accepted.

#### **9 Police report**

PCSO Horton reported 2 incidents of theft in the village.

#### **10 Highways**

- a Traffic Management working group – the working group has met and identified the type of gates suitable for the character of the village. A meeting with Richard Rayson from SCC has been requested for advice on sourcing and how to progress.

**Cllrs P  
Coates,  
Slight,  
Moss and  
T Coates**

No update from County Cllr Eagland on her offer to investigate if it would be possible to install "20 is plenty near our school" signs along Main Street and whether Fox Lane could be included in this proposal.

**County  
Cllr  
Eagland**

- b Lighting along Churchill Crescent – nothing to report

**County  
Cllr  
Eagland**

- c Bus services in the area

The update from County Cllr Eagland advising that SCC is in the process of undertaking a Transport Review which encompasses the local bus network was noted. Implementation of any revised services in the area is envisaged to be early to mid 2014.

In the meantime residents are encouraged to report any day to day issues with current services on 01785 276859 or by email to jackie.bridgen@staffordshire.gov.uk.

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#### **11 Walkfield**

##### **a Alrewas Tennis Club**

The working group has met with the Tennis Club to address the solicitor's points for consideration and the comments passed on to our solicitor. The Clerk will continue to progress this matter

**Clerk**

##### **b Improvements to play area**

It was noted that the initial condition of the turf had caused some concern but it seems to be improving.

There have been 3 complaints received regarding the removal of the outer fence – the main concern is from parents who find it difficult to supervise more than one child in the newly open space. The representation submitted was considered but after discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to make any changes at this time.

##### **c Annual rental charge to Colts**

Following the recent re-seeding undertaken by the football clubs it was agreed to ask the senior teams if the Colts could use the large pitch for the 2013/14 season. If approved the annual rental will be considered at the September meeting.

#### **12 Parish Forum**

The next meeting is on 15 July 2013.

#### **13 Residents Complaints/Requests**

##### **a War memorial**

Advice has been received on how to clean the war memorial and re-paint the lettering. The Clerk will continue to progress the project.

**Clerk**

##### **b Exchange Road – lorry parking**

Any complaints regarding lorries, or any other vehicles, blocking the path and causing an obstruction should be reported to the police.

##### **c Cricket Club car park lights**

There appears to be a broken sensor which the Cricket Club have confirmed will be repaired as soon as possible.

#### **14 Brief items**

a The newsletter should be delivered in the next week.

b Permission has been given to cut the hedge at Church Road near Gaskell Bridge and a cracked willow at Mays Walk.

c Gallows Bridge will be re-painted.

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**15 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

**a Past Dates**

Hearing sessions of the Examination into the soundness of the Lichfield District Local Plan w/c 24 June, 1 and 8 July 2013.

**b Future Dates**

John Taylor High School Presentation evening 11 July 2013 7pm  
Cllr Moss attending.

The Neighbourhood Highways Team will be visiting w/c 22 July 2013.

**16 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 09 September 2013 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 29 August 2013.

Cllrs Pegg and Tony Coates will review planning applications in the recess and consult on comments if necessary.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**