

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11 November 2013 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Tim Aston, David Butcher, Tony Coates, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Graham Slight and Margaret Stanhope (from Item 4).

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland and Jean Burton (Clerk). PCSO Tracy Horton and colleague for Item 11.

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr M Stanhope for late arrival. Cllr D Moss.

2 **Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Tim Aston made his declaration of acceptance of office and was welcomed to the Parish Council.

3 **Declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest recorded.

4 **Minutes**

- a To receive and approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 October 2013

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 October 2013 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

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5 **Public Participation**

- a Mr Dave Crump gave an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.

- b A member of the public commented on planning application 13/01119/FUL.

6 **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 11 November 2013'

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

- a The decisions from LDC for October 2013 were noted.

8 **Premises Licences**

None to consider.

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9 Financial Statements

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

- 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 Projects for Budget and Precept 2013/14
Cllrs are asked to provide details of any additional projects to the Clerk as soon as possible.

All

10 Consultation on Council Tax Support grant allocation

The proposal submitted by Lichfield City Council was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to reject the proposed change and advise LDC that Option 1 on the consultation document is preferred.

11 Police report

PCSO Horton reported 1 incidence of theft of a vehicle since the last meeting.

Cllrs thanked the police for their expert traffic management at the Remembrance Parade held on 10 November 2013.

The police were asked to monitor and take action where appropriate in relation to parking along Fox Lane in the vicinity of the Mellor Drive junction.

12 Highways

- a Traffic Management working group – the working group is currently sourcing the gates for installation at the entrances to the village from the A513.

Cllr Stanhope wished it to be recorded that she was opposed to any expenditure on this project which she did not consider would be at all effective in reducing the speed of drivers through the village. The real deterrent is to ensure there is proper policing.

- b Lighting along Churchill Crescent

The reply received from SCC was noted and it was agreed that it was not necessary to invite SCC and e-on to a future Parish Council meeting.

A letter requesting details of the policy on light sources would be sent to SCC.

**Cllr Pegg
and Clerk**

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13 Walkfield

a Alrewas Tennis Club

The landscaping proposal has been submitted to LDC and work on the drainage should be started as soon as the lease is signed.

b Play area – toddler fencing

The working party will visit the site to determine the area to be fenced so that costings can be obtained. Still outstanding.

**Cllrs
Moss, Reilly
and Tony
Coates**

c Condition of Cross-Scales

The prices for repair or replacement will be considered as part of the Budget and Precept review.

All

d Annual playsite inspection report

The annual playsite inspection report will be reviewed on-site by the working group and the Handyman.

**Cllrs
Butcher,
Tony
Coates,
Moss,
Reilly and
Clerk**

14 War Memorial

a It was agreed that a working group will be formed of Cllrs and residents to oversee the refurbishment of the War Memorial and surrounding area. A representative from the Royal British Legion will be invited to attend.

The quote regarding cladding the concrete base and adding the missing names has been received.

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

b Cllrs Moss and Tony Coates will verify the list of additional names.

**Cllrs Moss
and Tony
Coates**

15 Website

It was **RESOLVED** that the website manager be asked to migrate the existing site over to an industry standard system cost £350.

16 Parish Forum

The next meeting is on 16 January 2014 when the Police Commissioner is due to speak.

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17 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Gallows Bridge
Clerk to contact the Canals and Rivers Trust to request urgent attention to this historic bridge following the mess left by the volunteers who attempted to repaint the bridge in June 2013. **Clerk**

- b Maestrom site Park Road
Clerk to ask LDC to issue s215 notice and request immediate attention to tidy site. **Clerk**

- c Advertising boards
Clerk to ask LDC for urgent removal of unauthorised signage along A513 and A38 islands. **Clerk**

- d Hedge on Essington Farm estate bordering Dark Lane
Clerk to request overgrown hedge to be cut back. **Clerk**

18 Brief items

Correspondence received requesting the Parish Council to clarify its position on allowing the press and public to blog, tweet, film, photograph and take recordings during meetings was considered.

It was noted that the Standing Orders currently state: "Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council's prior (written) consent."

It was agreed that no further action is to be taken until the legislation has been put in place to oblige Parish Councils to allow such recording.

19 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
Cllr Pegg attended the Remembrance Day Parade and service on 10 November 2013.

- b Future Dates

20 Date of Next Council Meeting

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

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 28 November 2013.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date