

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10 February 2014 in Alrewas Village Hall**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Jean Burton (Clerk).

**1 Apologies for absence**

County Cllr Janet Eagland and District Cllr Mike Wilcox.

**2 Declarations of interest**

a Cllr Aston in relation to Item 8b grant to Alrewas Cricket Club; Cllr Stanhope in relation to Item 5a development adjacent to Dark Lane.

**3 Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 January 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 January 2014 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4 Public Participation**

a Cllr Pegg and Mr Dave Crump gave an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was noted that during the questionnaire consultation process some residents had offered financial support specifically for further consultancy work in relation to the application north of Dark Lane.

After discussion it was agreed in principle that offers from residents to assist with the costs of consultation work undertaken in relation to the application for development of the land north of Dark Lane would be accepted.

Cllr Peter Coates voted against this proposal and Cllr Stanhope did not vote having declared an interest in relation to this development.

Clerk to ascertain procedures to be put in place to safeguard funds received.

**Clerk**

**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 10 February 2014'

b Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area

Cllrs Butcher and Tony Coates will ask both Alrewas Conservation Society and Alrewas Civic Society to assist a working group to take this forward.

**Cllrs  
Butcher  
and Tony  
Coates**

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- c Deepmore Close as potential development site  
It was **RESOLVED** that in order to ascertain the potential of developing the site for bungalows or similar housing the land at Deepmore Close owned by the Parish Council should be put forward to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in response to the call for sites appeal.  
Cllrs Aston and Butcher abstained from voting.

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

- a The decisions from LDC for January 2014 were noted.

The extension to the Alrewas quarry east of the A38 has been granted.

#### **7 Premises Licences**

None to consider.

#### **8 Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of January 2014.  
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 Budget allocation 2014/15  
It was **RESOLVED** that the budget allocation of expenditure of £44,798 for 2014/15 be approved.

#### **9 Police report**

The Clerk read out the report from the police noting 3 incidents in the village.

Cllrs asked for information relating to the robbery at the Co-op.

**Clerk**

#### **10 Highways**

- a Traffic Management working group – details of the scheme to provide gates on the verges at the entrances to the village from Kings Bromley Road and at Fox Lane are close to being finalised.

It was noted that a 20mph restriction through the village had received support in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

- b It was noted that Main Street was swept week ending 31 January 2014.

#### **11 Walkfield**

- a Alrewas Tennis Club  
It was noted that legal fees (including correspondence with the Fields in Trust) are higher than budget by £300.

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- b Football pitches  
Cllr Tony Coates reported unauthorised use of the football pitches and it was agreed to write to all the football teams asking them to manage the use of the pitches sensibly in view of the current weather conditions.
- Each team will be asked to send a representative to the next Walkfield Forum – date to be agreed. **Clerk**
- 12 **War Memorial**  
The War Memorial Trust has indicated that the project to renovate the War Memorial could be considered for a grant of up to 50% of the costs or £2500 maximum. Detailed information now required. **Cllrs Tony Coates, Moss and Reilly**
- a Facing stone to cover concrete base
- b Additional names
- 13 **Allotment**  
The Minutes from the Alrewas Allotment Association Annual Meeting were noted.  
Cllrs are very pleased with the progress made to date and the Clerk was asked to write to the Association to tell them so. **Clerk**
- 14 **Parish Forum**  
The meeting held on 16 January 2014 included a very informative presentation by Matthew Ellis, Staffordshire's Police & Crime Commissioner.  
The next meeting is on 10 April 2014.
- 15 **Residents Complaints/Requests**
- a Maestrom  
An enforcement notice has been issued and some tidying has taken place.
- b Kings Bromley Road garage  
Signs have been removed - Cllr Stanhope is monitoring. **Cllr Stanhope**
- c Local newspaper  
The editor of the Lichfield Mercury has undertaken to provide some copies for collection from the Co-op each week.
- d Gallows Bridge  
The Canal & River Trust has confirmed this bridge will be restored once new contractors are on board. **Clerk**
- 16 **Brief items**
- a Community Council of Staffordshire – diary entries needed by 31 March 2014. **Cllr Reilly**
- b Electoral Review of Lichfield – consultation on ward boundaries extended until 3 March 2014. Cllr Stanhope advised that Alrewas is unlikely to be affected.

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- c Staffordshire County Council consultation on Arriva bus services – closing date 28 February 2014. All residents are encouraged to respond.
- d Alrewas Village Hall – Cllr Butcher noted that as Custodian Trustee the Parish Council may need to countersign documentation in relation to grant funding obtained.

**17 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

- a Past Dates
- b Future Dates  
10 March 2014 - LDC planning meeting to discuss application for land North of Dark Lane.  
It was agreed to re-schedule the Parish Council meeting so Cllrs can make representations to the Planning Committee.

**All**

**18 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Tuesday 11 March 2014 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 27 February 2014.

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

..... **Date**