

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2014 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland (to Item 8) and Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 Apologies for absence

None received

2 Declarations of interest

- a Cllr Aston in relation to Item 10a grant to Alrewas Cricket Club;
Cllr Pegg in relation to Item 5a planning application 14/00062/FUL;
Cllr Butcher in relation to Item 9 grant to Alrewas Village Hall Committee.

3 Minutes

- a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 February 2014
It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 February 2014 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 Public Participation

a Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Dave Crump sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting and Cllr Pegg gave an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The results of the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan 2013 Parish Survey are available and a link from the Parish Council website will be provided.

Clerk

The Steering Group is aiming to have a draft plan available for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting on 14 April 2014 for decision to submit to LDC.

It was noted that details of Deepmore Close needed to be sent to LDC following the resolution at the February meeting to ascertain the potential of developing the site for bungalows or similar housing.

Clerk

b Alrewas Village Hall refurbishment

Mr Tony Jones, Chairman of the Alrewas Village Hall Management Committee, gave a brief presentation on the plans to replace the 1960's extension.

Cllrs congratulated the Committee on progress so far particularly on the fundraising achieved.

Agenda Item 9 was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that earmarked funds from the easement at Walkfield £20894.76 would be contributed to the costs of the refurbishment.

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 11 March 2014'

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b Essington Green application

i Additional consultancy work

It was **RESOLVED** to budget up to £3000 to extend the consultancy work to provide a rebuttal to the answers from the developer to the points raised in the original objections made by the Parish Council and to challenge the assumptions made on traffic assessment in the application.

It was **RESOLVED** to ask County Cllr England to liaise with Highways at Staffordshire County Council to ascertain why they had no objections to this development and to ensure that the traffic review was not just a desk-top exercise and that officers came to look at the traffic issues already existing in the village to see first hand how the proposed development would impact on the traffic flows and access for residents.

**County Cllr
England**

County Cllr England will be invited to attend the next meeting in the village with the traffic management consultant.

Cllr Pegg

ii Gifts from residents

It was **RESOLVED** to ask all residents interested in offering financial support towards the costs of consultancy work in relation to the Essington Green application to gift monies to defray the budgeted cost of additional work of £3000 approved at Item 5bi above.

This request will also be highlighted on the website.

Clerk

iii Representation at Planning Committee

It was agreed that the Parish Council wished to give a presentation to the Planning Committee and the Clerk was asked to notify LDC of our intention.

Clerk

c Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area

Two members of the Alrewas Civic Society will assist a working group to take this forward.

Clerk to set up an initial meeting with LDC and the working group.

Clerk

d Local Plan

Cllr Slight will review the main modifications and forward any comments to the Clerk to submit by 20 March 2014. All Cllrs welcome to contribute.

Cllr Slight

Cllr Pegg reported that at a recent meeting LDC had stated that the Government view is a range of housing numbers is confirmed as a minimum requirement and that the Parish Council objections to the Local Plan had been properly forwarded to the Inspector.

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

a The decisions from LDC for February 2014 were noted.

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 February 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 Clerk's Contract – *in confidence*

9 Alrewas Village Hall request for funding

See Item 4b above.

10 Grants

- a It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £145 towards the costs of running the CCTV at Walkfield should be awarded to Alrewas Cricket Club in 2014/15.

- b It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £200 towards the costs of running workshops should be awarded to Alrewas Arts Festival in 2014/15.

11 Police report

The Clerk read out the report from the police noting 2 incidents in the village. Neighbourhood Watch advised of 2 other incidents including the detention of the Nottingham door-to-door salesmen.

Neighbourhood Watch have also approached LDC to include Fox Lane in the "No Cold Calling" initiative recently announced.

The robbery at the Co-op is being dealt with by CID and no further information is available at present.

12 Highways

- a Traffic Management working group – the gate for the verge at the entrance to the village at Fox Lane has been ordered. The lock gates are waiting on the Canal & River Trust.

- b It was noted that the Neighbourhood Highways team are in the village for 3 days from 17 March 2014.

13 Walkfield

- a It was noted that the Walkfield Sports Forum meeting has been called for 19 March 2014 7.30pm at Alrewas Cricket Club.

14 War Memorial

The additional quotes for the renovation have been received and the working group will meet to submit the grant application re:

- a Facing stone to cover concrete base

- b Additional names

**Cllrs Tony
Coates,
Moss and
Reilly**

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15 Parish Forum

The next meeting is on 10 April 2014 where there will be a presentation on the Community Infrastructure Levy currently out for consultation.

16 Residents Complaints/Requests

a Gallows Bridge

It was noted that the bridge will be cleaned 14 March 2014 with the handrails being repainted in the summer.

b Hedge between canal and Bailey bridge

The condition of the fence was noted.

c Vehicles along Dark Lane

There are 4 properties currently undergoing some development along Dark Lane and contractors' vehicles are driving along the bridleway. Access should be to frontages only and for walkers. Hedges are also being destroyed.

It was agreed to approach the developers to remind them there is no right of way for vehicles and investigate whether a bollard could be installed to make it impossible to drive all the way along the lane.

Clerk

d Footpath from bridge over A38 to NMA

The footpath is overgrown and needs to be cut back.

Clerk

17 Brief items

None

18 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past Dates

b Future Dates

Parish Assembly 28 April 2014 – it was agreed to move the Parish Assembly to 29 April if possible to allow Cllrs to attend the Planning Committee meeting at LDC when the Essington Green application is likely to be discussed.

The Parish Assembly to be set up as last year.

Clerk

19 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 14 April 2014 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 03 April 2014.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date