

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14 April 2014 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Tim Aston, David Butcher, Tony Coates, Peter Coates, Donna Moss, John Pegg and Graham Slight.

IN ATTENDANCE Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Reilly and Stanhope.

2 **Declarations of interest**

a Cllr Aston in relation to Item 13 i a) request from Alrewas Cricket Club for overspill car-parking at Walkfield.

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 March 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 March 2014 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 **Public Participation**

a Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Dave Crump gave a brief update on progress to date

The Steering Group is aiming to have a draft plan available for presentation at the Parish Assembly to be held on 29 April 2014.

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 14 April 2014'

The application for development at 59 Park Road (14/00418/FUL) will be considered at the extraordinary Parish Council meeting to be held after the Parish Assembly on 29 April 2014.

b Essington Green application

i Additional consultancy work

There have been 2 meetings attended by SCC Highways and the appointed Traffic Consultant with the working group but the submission of a revised traffic plan to LDC on 10 April 2014 means that there is a further delay in receiving advice from SCC.

A traffic and parking survey will be undertaken w/c 28 April 2014 to provide further evidence for the planning consultants' rebuttal.

Cllr Slight

ii Gifts from residents

It was agreed to include a copy of the appeal in the Parish News – details to be supplied to the editor before 20 April 2014.

**Cllr
Butcher
and Clerk**

The opportunity to defray costs will also be publicised at the Parish Assembly.

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- iii Representation at Planning Committee
The matter of who will represent the Parish Council to give a presentation to the Planning Committee is still to be determined.

- c Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area
The initial meeting with LDC and the working group is scheduled for 14 May 2014.

- d Neighbourhood Plan
 - i It was agreed that there would not be a direct reply to the letter dated 12 March 2014 from LDC in relation to the Screening Opinion of Sea and HRA but that the planning consultants response would include the concerns raised.

 - ii It was **RESOLVED** that approval of the draft plan prepared by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for submission to LDC will be considered at an extraordinary meeting to be held on 29 April 2014 immediately following the Parish Assembly.

Clerk

6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

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

7 Premises Licences

No objection to the application for two gaming machines at the George and Dragon.

8 Financial Statements

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

9 Alrewas Village Hall refurbishment

- a The Chair has signed the Agreement for Grant between the Derbyshire Environmental Trust (DET) and Alrewas Village Hall to confirm that, as the Proprietor with Title Absolute registered with the Land Registry, the Parish Council agrees to the restriction on disposition of the site being entered on the registered title.

- b The letter of permission from the Trustees of the Earl of Lichfield required by the Deed of Covenant dated 8 December 1911 has been received.

10 Alrewas United Charities

It was **RESOLVED** that the proposal to amend the constitution to the Scheme [as amended by a trustees resolution of March 10 2014] was approved.

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11 Police report

The Clerk read out the report from the police noting 2 incidents in the village.

The police had also attended in relation to complaints about contractors vehicles using Dark Lane (Item 12b) and while in the village noted the high volume of vehicles in Exchange Road (not as a result of the building works) which was grid-locked causing vehicles to drive on pavements to get through.

12 Highways

a Traffic Management working group – the gate for the verge at the entrance to the village at Fox Lane has been installed. The lock gates are with RJK but need to be cut to size and have some balance bars mocked up.

b It was noted that the advice from SCC regarding vehicles along Dark Lane is to ask the police to enforce.
It was agreed to review the traffic movements once the new developments were completed.

c The proposed diversion of public footpath No 54 was noted and it was **RESOLVED** that there were no objections to the proposal.

13 Walkfield

i The minutes from the Walkfield Sports Forum meeting held on 19 March 2014 were noted and:

a The request from Alrewas Cricket Club for overspill car parking on Walkfield on 26 May 2014 was approved.

b The Colts will be running 2 teams on the adult pitch and no junior team. It was agreed that all 4 football teams would be allowed to play in 2014/15 and at the end of the season there would be a review of how well the teams had co-operated to use, but not damage, the pitch.

It was **RESOLVED** that fees for the senior teams would remain at £450 and each Colts team would be charged £125.

Clerk

Cllr Tony Coates to provide details of pre-season work to be undertaken by LDC.

Cllr Tony Coates

ii Request for parking 9 August 2014

Cllrs were mindful that the request to use Walkfield for parking in relation to a private function was made to alleviate possible congestion on Main Street and Walkfield Road and appreciated the thought to approach the Parish Council, however, those events where permission has been granted are available to residents and parking is supervised. In addition the event organisers are responsible for any required insurances.

In the circumstances it was **RESOLVED** not to approve this request.

iii Alrewas Open Gardens

The use of Walkfield for car parking on 28 and 29 June 2014 was approved.

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14 War Memorial

The grant application has been submitted re:

- a Facing stone to cover concrete base
- b Additional names

15 Parish Forum

The meeting held on 10 April 2014 included a presentation on how the Community Infrastructure Levy rate currently out for consultation had been set. Any comments must address the economic justification.

It was agreed to link the website to OWL (Online Watch Link) to receive alerts and advice from Staffordshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch about incidents in the local area.

Clerk

16 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Gallows Bridge
It was noted that the bridge was cleaned on 14 March 2014 with the handrails due to be repainted in the summer.

17 Brief items

Details of the Good Neighbour Scheme were noted.

18 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
- b Future Dates
Parish Assembly 29 April 2014 from 7pm followed by extraordinary Parish Council meeting at 8.45pm.

All

19 Date of Next Council Meeting

Tuesday 13 May 2014 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 01 May 2014.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date