

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 16 June 2014 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Tim Aston (from Item 5a), David Butcher, Tony Coates, Peter Coates (until Item 14), Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly (from Item 4), Graham Slight and Margaret Stanhope.

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Mike Wilcox and Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 Apologies for absence

None

2 Declarations of interest

a Cllr Slight in relation to Item 5a planning application for 35 Park Road.

3 Minutes

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

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

b To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2014

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

4 Public Participation

a Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been issued for the 6 week consultation process ending on 2 July 2014.

Cllr Pegg gave a brief update on the consultation surgery held on 12 June 2014 which was very well attended particularly by residents to the west of the village.

All responses received will be considered by the Parish Council and the Steering Group at the end of the consultation period.

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 16 June 2014'

b Essington Green application

i Additional consultancy work

It was noted that the reports prepared by Brooke Smith and the transportation consultancy were submitted to LDC on behalf of the Parish Council on 22 May 2014.

Costs (net of gifts received) to date in this financial year are c£1700.

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- ii Gifts from residents
It was noted that gifts received to date are £1700 but there is a need to increase fund-raising for future expenditure.

It was agreed that the working group will meet to address fund raising and the future strategy in relation to this application.
- iii Representation at LDC Planning Committee
To be determined once date confirmed - preferable that a Cllr give the presentation to the Planning Committee rather than a consultant.

It was noted that at a recent Planning Committee meeting an additional speaker had been allowed to make representations and it was agreed that the Clerk should request a similar opportunity when this application is considered.
- c Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area
At the initial meeting with LDC members of Alrewas Civic Society agreed to catalogue the relevant buildings and areas. Cllr Tony Coates will co-ordinate and report back to the Parish Council.
- d Response to consultation on the new Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030)
It was agreed to prepare a joint response with Fradley and Kings Bromley.
Cllrs Pegg and Tony Coates will represent Alrewas Parish Council.

Cllr Wilcox will co-ordinate.

Individuals are also encouraged to respond by the 4 July 2014 deadline – a note and link will be added to the website.
- 6 **Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**
a The decisions from LDC for May 2014 were noted.
- 7 **Premises Licences**
None to consider.
- 8 **Financial Statements**
a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of May 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.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan grant funds were largely spent and agreed that expenditure from the Parish Council budget of £2000 would be administered by the Clerk.

**Cllrs Pegg,
Moss,
Butcher,
Slight and
Stanhope**

Clerk

**Cllr Tony
Coates**

**Cllrs Pegg
and Tony
Coates**

Cllr Reilly

Clerk

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- c The reduction in funding via the Local Council Tax Support Scheme wef 2015/16 was noted.

9 Police report

No report available – Cllrs were concerned that with the removal of OWL information about local crimes would be more difficult to ascertain and the Clerk was asked to pass these concerns on and reiterate how important a monthly report is to the Parish Council meeting.

Clerk

10 Highways

a Traffic Management working group

There is significant work involved in refurbishing the lock gates and the contractor is making progress – Cllr Slight will continue to monitor.

Cllr Slight

The Highways team has been asked to install new road markings and move 30mph sign asap – County Cllr Eagland will chase up.

**County Cllr
Eagland**

It was agreed that the sign on the gate at the entrance to Fox Lane needs to be much more prominent. Cllr Slight will look at options.

Cllr Slight

b Request to pursue a 20mph speed limit for Alrewas

It was **RESOLVED** that this matter cannot be revisited until the effectiveness of the traffic calming project in hand has been determined.

11 Alrewas Village Hall

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Pegg and Moss are authorised to sign the application to the Land Registry to register the restriction required by Clause 5 of an Agreement dated 8 April 2014 made between The Derbyshire Environmental Trust (1), Alrewas Village Hall (2) and Alrewas Parish Council (3).

12 Walkfield

a Cross-Scales

The proposal to replace the Cross-Scales was considered and it was agreed that the working group should source alternative equipment with greater longevity.

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

Cllr Wilcox advised that Timberplay had provided a lot of equipment through the district and LDC is investigating the current failure rate at various sites with Timberplay. He offered to include this item in the negotiations.

Cllr Wilcox

b Toddler area and fencing

Cllr Moss reported that she had confirmed to a resident that, due to recent demands on the budget, work on the fencing at Walkfield was being kept at a minimum spend to repair the existing fence. The matter will be considered when the budget for 2015/16 is set.

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c Trench across Walkfield

The request to allow a trench to be dug across Walkfield was considered and it was agreed that the Clerk would review the proposal with the applicants to obtain more information re the legal implications and also ascertain the view of the Fields in Trust.

Clerk

d Football pitch

It was **RESOLVED** to add a restriction to the rental agreement for the football teams preventing use of the pitch between 1 May and 31 July each year.

Clerk

It was noted that rabbits are becoming a nuisance and the pest control contractor should be asked to advise on action to be taken.

Clerk

e Item withdrawn

13 **War Memorial**

The grant application has been submitted re:

a Facing stone to cover concrete base

b Additional names

It was agreed the working group would meet to finalise the details of the project in anticipation of the outcome of the grant application due mid-July.

**Cllrs Moss,
Tony
Coates and
Butcher**

14 **Parish Forum**

The next meeting will be on 14 July 2014.

15 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

a It was **RESOLVED** that the noticeboard outside the pharmacy would be donated to the Alrewas Surgery Patient Participation Group.

b The concerns expressed over the position of the dog bin by the Bailey bridge were considered and it was agreed the Chairman would ask Mr Chapman to meet with the resident to look to move the bin at no cost to the Parish Council.

Cllr Pegg

16 **Brief items**

a Electoral Review of Lichfield – Draft Recommendations noted.

b Applications for designated Neighbourhood Areas for Fradley and Streethay – noted.

c Letter of thanks received from Alrewas Arts Festival for grant awarded.

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17 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past Dates

Police and Crime Commissioner public meeting 29 May 2014

b Future Dates

10 July 2014 – John Taylor High School Presentation Evening – Cllr Moss

20 July 2014 – Chairman’s Civic Service at Lichfield Cathedral - All

18 Date of Next Council Meeting

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

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

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date