

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

Cllr Moss took the Chair

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Pegg, Stanhope and District Cllr Wilcox. Mr D Crump in relation to item 4a.

2 Declarations of interest

a County Cllr Eagland in relation to Item 4a Neighbourhood Plan update.

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 June 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 June 2014 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 Public Participation

a Neighbourhood Plan

The Vice-chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Mr Chapman, gave an update on recent meetings with LDC and correspondence with Natural England.

Following the end of the 6 week consultation process on the draft Neighbourhood Plan 29 responses have been received which will now be considered by the Parish Council and the Steering Group.

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 July 2014'

b Essington Green application

It was noted that the Planning Officer at LDC had recommended approval of this application, the decision being predicated on the statements that Lichfield District has no local plan in place and cannot demonstrate a 5 year housing supply and consequently interpretation of NPPF means this application must be accepted. These arguments are strongly refuted by the Parish Council acting on the reports received from the planning consultants.

The working group will meet on Tuesday 15 July 2014 to progress items 5bi and 5biii below.

**Cllrs Pegg,
Moss,
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and Slight**

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- i Additional consultancy work
A supplementary letter has been drafted by Brooke Smith for submission to LDC to counter the findings of the Planning Officer. It was **RESOLVED** that the working group is authorised to finalise the letter and arrange submission.
- ii Gifts from residents
Nothing further to report at this stage.
- iii Representation at LDC Planning Committee
The application will be determined on 21 July 2014.

It was **RESOLVED** that Alan Bales of The Transportation Consultancy would give the 5 minute presentation allowed for objections.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Mike Wilcox would use the opportunity afforded to Ward Cllrs to deliver further objections as drafted by Brooke Smith.

- c Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area
Nothing further to report at this stage.

6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

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

7 Premises Licences

The application by Alrewas Arts Festival for a Small Society Lottery Registration was noted.

8 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of June 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 The insurance details were considered and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the renewal with Aon Ltd.

9 Police report

Cllr Moss read out the report from the police noting damage to solar panels and one incident of ASB in relation to a football being used on Walkfield frequently going into a garden on Chaseview Road. Cllrs commented that the footballers should be encouraged to play on the MUGA.

10 Highways

- a Traffic Management working group
Cllr Slight is continuing to liaise with the contractor to refurbish the lock gates.

Cllr Slight

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The Highways team has confirmed the work to install new road markings and move 30mph sign is programmed for the current financial year.

Cllr Slight has provided alternatives designs for the sign on the gate at the entrance to Fox Lane and will now look to get prices confirmed.

Cllr Slight

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Cllr Reilly advised that the plans for the renovation have been sent out to tender to 4 contractors and that the planned start date remains September 2014.

12 Walkfield

a Cross-Scales

The alternative equipment proposed to replace the Cross-Scales was considered and it was agreed that further information on the installed price and guarantee periods was required. Cllrs would also like to see references and visit a site where the equipment is currently installed.

Cllr Reilly

County Cllr England has offered further support.

Clerk

b Trench across Walkfield Nothing further to report.

Clerk

c Football pitch

It was **RESOLVED** to allow an extension to the agreement with the football teams for 2014/15 so that play would finish on 17 May 2015.

Clerk

d It was noted generally that the edges of Walkfield needed to be cut back and nettles strimmed. The Tennis Club area was also overgrown. Clerk to arrange cutting.

Clerk

13 War Memorial

a The War Memorial Trust has offered a grant of £1200 towards the costs of repainting the existing lettering and adding the new names to the War Memorial. However they do not consider cladding the base to be a sound proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should complete the grant paperwork.

Clerk

The working group will continue to investigate options for the base.

b It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should arrange for the lettering to be completed as soon as possible and for the railings to be re-painted before November.

Clerk

14 Parish Forum

Noted the meeting being held on 14 July 2014.

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15 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a A resident has suggested entering the Best Kept Village next year – details to Cllr Reilly who will assist.
- b The company with the “A” frame advertising board attached to the railings at the war memorial has been asked to remove it asap.
- c There is an overgrown garden in an unoccupied house in Anson Road and efforts to get Bromford Housing to take action have been unsuccessful. It was agreed to ask the District Cllrs to take this matter up with LDC.
- d The order has been placed to replace the 2 dog bins on the canalside kindly funded by a donation from Alrewas Civic Society. Cllr Reilly will follow up the concerns expressed over the position of the dog bin by the Bailey bridge with the resident.
- e Website review and annual newsletter – the working group will arrange to meet to action asap.

Cllr Reilly

Cllrs Moss, Reilly and Butcher

16 Brief items

- a Bloodstock Festival Catton Park 7-10 August 2014 – details on website.
- b Whittington & Fisherwick annual Countryside Summer Fair 6 September 2014.
- c NHT in the village w/c 21 and 28 July – details of work to be undertaken to Clerk asap.
- d SCC Consultation on libraries 12 weeks from 16 July 2014 – details to be provided on website.

All

17 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
10 July 2014 – John Taylor High School Presentation Evening – Cllr Moss
- b Future Dates
20 July 2014 – Chairman’s Civic Service at Lichfield Cathedral - All

18 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 08 September 2014 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 28 August 2014.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date