

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 08 September 2014 in Alrewas Village Hall**

**PRESENT** Cllrs Tim Aston, David Butcher, Tony Coates, Peter Coates, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly (from Item 3), Graham Slight and Margaret Stanhope.

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Cllr Mike Wilcox (from Item 4) and Jean Burton (Clerk).

The Chairman advised that on 6 August 2014 the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 was amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and consequently Standing Order 1m in the Standing Orders adopted by this council on 21 May 2012 is suspended.

Everyone attending and participating in this meeting may be filmed, recorded, photographed or otherwise reported. The filming, recording, photographing or other reporting of children and vulnerable adults is only allowed with the consent of a responsible adult.

**1 Apologies for absence**

**2 Declarations of interest**

a Cllr Peter Coates in relation to Item 5a planning application 14/00776/FUL.

**3 Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 July 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 July 2014 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4 Public Participation**

a Neighbourhood Plan

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Mr Dave Crump, gave an update on progress following the end of the initial six week consultation period. The need for an SEA remains to be determined and subject to clarification on this it is hoped the modified Plan will be submitted to LDC so the next six week consultation can begin in early October.

Item 7 was addressed – see below.

**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 08 September 2014'

b Essington Green application

It was noted that the Planning Committee at LDC had refused this application in the strongest terms.

The Clerk was asked to write formally to the Consultants appointed thanking them for their assistance.

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Cllrs formally recorded their thanks to the everyone in the village for the support given throughout the process to gather evidence to support the refusal of the application and also to the District Cllrs who prepared and delivered the results to the Planning Committee.

- c Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area  
Nothing further to report at this stage. Clerk to contact the Civic Society for an update.

Clerk

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

- a The decisions from LDC for July and August 2014 were noted.
- b The response from Birmingham Local Plan: Minerals and Waste issues was noted.

#### 7 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a LDC have advised that with some modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan it may be possible for the Strategic Environmental Assessment and HRA screening report to be covered by the Local Plan. Further advice is being sought from Locality, a government funded neighbourhood planning organisation. The Steering Group has contributed to the application form for LDC to apply to appoint an independent examiner.

- b Responses to the initial consultation are being assessed before modifying the Plan if appropriate. It was noted that the letter from Planning Prospects on behalf of Lioncourt was out of time but the Clerk was asked to write to confirm that Lioncourt had been invited to participate in the open meeting for landowners and developers held on 27 January 2014.

Clerk

- c It was **RESOLVED** to set up a working group to agree terms of reference for working with landowners and developers to discuss potential schemes and how best to ensure that potential applications are in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The working group will include Cllrs Pegg, Butcher, Stanhope and Slight with Dave Crump and Will Chapman from the Steering Group.

#### 8 **Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the months of July and August 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 months 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 audit report for 2013/14 was noted.

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#### **9 Pension policies**

Consequent to changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme introduced in April 2014 it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the following policies:

- a 7i) The Council will not grant additional pension to a member
- b 7ii) The Council will not contribute towards the cost of purchasing extra pension
- c 7iii) The case for flexible retirement and whether the Council will waive any actuarial reduction which would apply will be considered in each application individually on its merits
- d 7iv) The 85 year rule will not be switched on
- e 7v) The Council will not waive actuarial reductions for active members voluntarily retiring on or after age 55 and before Normal Pension Age, who elect under regulation 30(5) of the LGPS Regulations 2013 to immediately draw benefits, and for deferred members and suspended tier 3 ill health pensioners who elect under regulation 30(5) of the LGPS Regulations 2013 to draw benefits (other than on ill health grounds) on or after age 55 and before Normal Pension Age.

#### **10 Police report**

The police report noted two incidents of cars being stolen and three of anti-social behaviour arising from noise.

#### **11 Highways**

- a Traffic Management working group  
Cllr Slight is waiting on Highways to determine the sizing for the sign on the gate at the entrance to Fox Lane. Cllr Wilcox will contact Richard Rayson for a response.
- b Temporary closure of footpaths 49 and 51  
The proposal submitted by the developer to work without applying to formally close the footpaths was reviewed and it was noted that the responsibility for management of footpaths lies with SCC. However, it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would support the proposal as outlined in order to avoid prolonged closure of popular footpaths.

**Cllrs Slight  
and Wilcox**

#### **12 Waterways**

- a Concerns were raised about the silting up of the mill stream alongside the canal and the Clerk was asked to liaise with the authorities to ascertain who is responsible for maintenance and try to set up a site meeting.
- b It was noted that the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Consultation closes on 30 September 2014 and agreed that the Clerk would write drawing attention to the flooding issues in Alrewas.

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#### **13 Alrewas Village Hall**

- a Cllr Reilly advised that the tender process is due to finish next week and that the planned start date may be slightly delayed from September 2014.

#### **14 Walkfield**

- a Cross-Scales

Cllrs considered that the prices of the alternatives on offer matched against the funds in hand was too large a deficit to be funded at present. Fund raising opportunities are to be explored and at the budget review in November consideration will be given to adjusting spending in other areas.

**Cllrs  
Reilly,  
Moss,  
Butcher  
and T  
Coates**

The working group will meet to review asap.

- b Trench across Walkfield

The developer has advised that the current legislation makes the utility company responsible for the maintenance of pipes proposed to be laid across Walkfield from Chaseview Road to Lock Cottages. He has been asked to provide written confirmation of this from the water authority.

Fields in Trust have confirmed that this request will be treated as a disposal and will require permission from their Board of Trustees. Their next meeting is 4 December 2014 and the developer has been informed of this.

Clerk to continue to liaise with developer to collate the required information.

**Clerk**

- c It was noted that LDC had been asked to cut down the tree adjacent to Bagnall Lock cottage cost £270 and to repair the gate at Chaseview Road cost £144.

#### **15 War Memorial**

Work on the renovation is due to start on 15 September 2014.

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

**Cllrs Moss,  
Butcher and  
T Coates**

#### **16 Parish Forum**

The next meeting is on 22 January 2015.

#### **17 Residents Complaints/Requests**

- a It was agreed to ask the Co-op if it would supply and maintain a larger bin outside its shop on Main Street.

**Clerk**

- b Best Kept Village update – a presentation will be given at the October meeting.

- c The van parking on the verge at the end of Fox Lane has moved on following action by a resident.

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**18 Brief items**

a The annual newsletter has been delivered to most households. Cllrs will follow up delivery to outlying areas. **All**

b Details of the Supporting People Review were noted.

**19 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past Dates

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

b Future Dates

14 September 2014 – Battle of Britain Service at St Stephen’s Church Fradley at 3pm - All

**20 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 13 October 2014 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 02 October 2014.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**