

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 13 October 2014 in Alrewas Methodist Church

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

IN ATTENDANCE Jean Burton (Clerk).

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

Cllr Stanhope (message in office)

2 Declarations of interest

a Cllr Aston in relation to Item 8c – pest control contract at Walkfield.

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08 September 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08 September 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, advised that proposed amendments are being compiled following comments received during the initial six week consultation period. LDC have offered to comment on proposed amendments.

Will Chapman has made a successful application to "Locality" for independent support for the formulation of the final plan giving free professional support in the final stages over the next six months to the referendum.

Item 7 was addressed – see below.

b Best Kept Village Competition – Item 17a

A presentation on the progress made for entering the Best Kept Village competition was given by Jan Altham.

Cllrs confirmed their support and asked to be kept informed of progress.

c Maintenance of Willowwave – Item 17b

A brief history of the Willowwave project and funding of costs to date was given by Richard Evans.

Cllrs identified other sources of funding that could be approached and asked that the Clerk be informed of progress.

The matter of funding from the Parish Council will be considered as the budget and Precept for 2015/16 are discussed.

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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 13 October 2014'

b Essington Green application

The Clerk was asked to verify with LDC whether an appeal had been made.

Clerk

c Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area

No response from the Civic Society – Cllrs noted that there was a considerable amount of work to be undertaken to cover all properties but protecting the hedges was the primary concern at this stage. Cllr Reilly will contact the Civic Society for an update.

Cllr Reilly

6 Planning matters for information – to take notice of:

a The decisions from LDC for September 2014 were noted.

7 Neighbourhood Plan

a LDC have confirmed that by following their advice on modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan the Strategic Environmental Assessment and HRA screening report requirement can be covered.

b Proposed amendments arising from the responses to the initial consultation are being compiled.

c Potential dates for the first meeting of the 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 have been circulated.

8 Financial Statements

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of September 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 To approve renewal of the Pest Control contract at Walkfield

It was **RESOLVED** to renew the annual contract at £396.52, price to include the cricket pitch at no extra cost.

9 Grants

The request from Alrewas Scouts for an award of £250 towards costs of updating cooking equipment to conform with current regulations was deferred pending clarification of the group's financial position.

Clerk

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10 Police report

The police report noted two incidents – damage to a wooden gate and a quantity of scrap taken from a skip.

11 Highways

a Traffic Management working group

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Cllr Slight's proposal to purchase 2 beams to repair the lock gates and a larger sign for the Fox Lane entrance gate.

Clerk

b Temporary closure of footpaths 49 and 51

Cllr Wilcox had indicated he wished to discuss better access to the fields by the kissing gate – item deferred until Cllr Wilcox in attendance.

Cllr Wilcox

It was noted that the work requiring the temporary closure of these footpaths had been completed with minimum disruption.

12 Waterways

a The response from the Environment Agency was noted and it was agreed to request them to attend a site visit so Cllrs could explain the concerns raised about the mill stream.

Clerk

13 Alrewas Village Hall

a Cllr Reilly advised that negotiations are in hand with the designer and the approved contractor. There are some VAT issues to be addressed – no action required by the Parish Council at this stage but the Clerk will assist if necessary.

14 Walkfield

a Cross-Scales

Discussion on this item was deferred until the working group has fully considered the options proposed by Cllr Reilly.

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

b Trench across Walkfield

The water authority has confirmed that on the current information supplied by the developer they would anticipate installing a new water main. This would be subject to an easement agreement between the water authority and the landowner for access for repairs and maintenance (future costs for repairs etc. to be borne by the water authority).

It was **RESOLVED** to approve in principle the request to allow a trench to be dug across Walkfield from Chaseview to Bagnall Lock to allow the installation of a water main, subject to all costs being borne by the developer and payment of a fair sum to reflect proper consideration for granting this access. The Fields in Trust will also have to give permission.

Clerk to continue to liaise with developer to collate the required information for the Fields in Trust.

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- c The request to allow cars to park on Walkfield for a charity fund raising event on 29 March 2015 was considered and it was agreed in principle this would be allowed, subject to seeing the full proposal, agreeing the area to be used and seeing the risk assessment before final approval is given.

Cllr Tony Coates offered to assist.

**Cllr T
Coates**

15 War Memorial

Work on the new lettering and repainting the existing lettering has been completed.

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 Best Kept Village update – see Item 4b.
- b Maintenance of the Willowwave sculpture – see Item 4c.
- c Make Alrewas “canvas free”
Neighbourhood Watch will follow up an earlier request for this initiative.

18 Brief items

None.

19 Parish Council Diary – (All)

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

25 September 2014 – Cllr Slight attended a briefing by SCC in relation to the new contract for highway provision with Amey. At local level reporting of potholes, faults etc. is unchanged and the Neighbourhood Highways Team will still be available in the parish periodically.

- b Future Dates

20 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 10 November 2014 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 30 October 2014.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date