

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10 November 2014 in Alrewas Methodist Church**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland and Jean Burton (Clerk). Approximately 120 members of the public until Item 6.

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**

None

**2 Declarations of interest**

a Cllr Stanhope in relation to Items 4a and 5 – Essington Green application.

**3 Minutes**

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

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

**4 Public Participation**

a Essington Green appeal

Cllr Pegg gave a summary of the options available to defend the appeal and answered questions from residents. The Parish Council was urged to complete the Neighbourhood Plan and take advice to present any additional information to the Planning Inspectorate.

b Neighbourhood Plan

The Vice-Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Mr Will Chapman, advised that the consultant appointed to assist with professional support in the final stages over the next six months to the referendum was very good and had made a number of recommendations.

The initial six week consultation period produced 160+ pages of comments which are all being reviewed. The proposed amendments following these comments are being compiled and cross-referenced.

The target is to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan is available to influence the Essington Green appeal decision.

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#### **5 Essington Green**

##### **a Appeal against planning refusal**

It was **RESOLVED** that, subject to the agreement of the working party, a sum of £3,500 would be made available to engage consultants to submit a defence to the appeal lodged.

A request for residents to defray costs would be advertised with any shortfall being met from reserves.

##### **b Fund raising**

It was agreed that a notice would be placed on the website and noticeboard inviting donations and asking for volunteers to take part in a working group to raise funds.

**Cllr Reilly**

Alrewas Conservation Group have gifted £500. Cllrs recorded their thanks to Mr Roger Sanders for all his good work over the years with this Group and for this generous donation.

Cllrs also thanked Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch for their pledge of £250.

#### **6 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 10 November 2014'

##### **b Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area**

Cllr Reilly will contact the Civic Society for an update.

**Cllr Reilly**

##### **c Staffordshire Minerals Local Plan (2015-2030)**

County Cllr Eagland confirmed that the 25 year plan submitted by Lafarge does not include any sites west of the A38.

#### **7a Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**

The decisions from LDC for October 2014 were noted.

#### **8 Neighbourhood Plan**

##### **a See update at Item 4b.**

##### **b Proposed amendments arising from the responses to the initial consultation are being compiled – see Item 4b.**

##### **c It was **RESOLVED** that until the Neighbourhood Plan is made a working group will meet, when requested, with developers to listen to their proposals and receive a copy of the details to compare subsequently with the Neighbourhood Plan. Members of the working group to include Cllrs and Steering Group volunteers – initially Cllrs Pegg, Butcher, Tony Coates and Slight with Dave Crump and Will Chapman from the Steering Group.**

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#### **8 Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of October 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 Precept 2015/16

It was agreed that the budget working group would meet next week and that details of projects etc. should be given to the Clerk asap.

**All**

#### **10 Grants**

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

**Clerk**

#### **11 Police report**

The police report noted one incident – theft of copper pipes.

Neighbourhood Watch reported police concerns over two very pushy men collecting on behalf of the Red Cross. They are legitimate but householders are urged not to let them in or give bank account details.

#### **12 Highways**

- a Traffic Management working group

County Cllr Eagland confirmed she would support a request to get the road markings done asap. Clerk to ask Richard Rayson to action and also for advice re the parking near the entrance to Mellor Drive.

**Clerk**

- b Parking Fox Lane and Exchange Road/Main Street

The letter from Neighbourhood Watch to the police regarding parking issues was noted.

The response received shows that the police have passed the concerns on to other authorities but Neighbourhood Watch will continue to press the police for a response on parking in a dangerous position or causing an obstruction.

- c Footpaths 49

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

#### **13 Waterways**

- a There will be a site meeting with the Environment Agency on 12 November 2014 at 10am so Cllrs can explain the concerns raised about the mill stream.

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#### 14 Alrewas Village Hall

- a Cllr Reilly advised that negotiations are in hand with the designer and the approved contractor with an anticipated start date in January. The Parish Council will issue an order for part of the build – details to be agreed before the project starts.

#### 15 Walkfield

##### a Cross-Scales

Cllr Reilly advised that funding was available for the preferred option and it was **RESOLVED** that the replacement should go ahead.

**Clerk**

##### b Trench across Walkfield

The available information has been forwarded to the Fields in Trust for consideration by the Trustees. The Clerk will follow up for a response.

**Clerk**

- c The applicant has been advised that her request to allow cars to park on Walkfield for a charity fund raising event on 29 March 2015 has been agreed in principle, subject to seeing the full proposal, agreeing the area to be used and seeing the risk assessment before final approval is given.

**Cllr T  
Coates**

Cllr Tony Coates offered to assist.

- d The annual play inspection report was noted.  
The graffiti has been removed.

- e It was **RESOLVED** that the tree behind 26 Chaseview Road would be removed.

**Clerk**

#### 16 War Memorial

The grant claim has been made.

A proposal for tidying up the garden area has been received and will be considered by the working group asap.

**Cllrs Moss,  
Butcher and  
T Coates**

While on site the stonemason suggested that the fault in the granite would make it extremely difficult to lift the cross safely in order to repair the base. The Clerk was asked to obtain this opinion in writing.

**Clerk**

#### 17 Parish Forum

The next meeting is on 22 January 2015.

#### 18 Residents Complaints/Requests

##### a Additional waste bin outside Co-op

The Co-op have asked for details of costs – need to agree which type of bin is preferred, details forwarded to Cllr T Coates.

##### b Replacement/new bins

Alrewas Civic Society has offered to fund new bins – details to be agreed by budget working group.

**All**

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**19 Brief items**

The Tennis Club has been awarded a grant of £50,000 by Sport England Inspired! Facilities fund – full update at the December Parish Council meeting.

**19 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past Dates

b Future Dates

Cllr Pegg will attend the Armistice Day service at the NMA on 11 November 2014.

**20 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 15 December 2014 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 04 December 2014.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**