

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 15 December 2014 in Alrewas Methodist Church**

**PRESENT** Cllrs David Butcher, Tony Coates, Donna Moss, John Pegg 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**

Cllrs Aston, Peter Coates, Reilly and Stanhope.

**2 Declarations of interest**

a None.

**3 Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 November 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 November 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 current position, recorded at Item 5 below, which was followed by a brief discussion with residents.

b Neighbourhood Plan

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Mr Dave Crump, advised that the work continues to process the 160+ pages of comments from the initial consultation period. The proposed amendments following these comments are being compiled and cross-referenced and written into the Plan. Changes will be notified to the Parish Council and the intention is to submit the final Plan to LDC by the end of January.

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

c Alrewas Tennis Club update Item 15a – Kevin Wilkinson will give a presentation at the January meeting.

d Bagnall Lock development – see Item 8b

e War Memorial Item 16b – Mr Gerald Cartwright gave a brief summary of the planting proposals.

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#### **5 Essington Green**

- a Representations made on behalf of the Parish Council and associated costs

It was noted that the representations regarding objections to the application had been prepared by Brooke Smith and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate together with details of the concerns noted on the draft Statement of Common Ground.

Confirmation of who will represent the Parish Council at the appeal cannot be determined until the date of the hearing is known so it is unclear how much will be required to engage the best representation possible.

- b Fund raising

Excellent progress has been made on the fund raising – thank you to all who have contributed – but as noted above final costs are unknown so further donations are still welcome.

- c Additional consultancy

A Flood Task Group has been set up to prepare a report highlighting any weaknesses in the flood mitigation strategy presented by the developer. The Group has requested the Parish Council to authorise expenditure of £500 with Hydro-GIS for consultancy advice.

It was **RESOLVED** that Hydro-GIS be appointed to provide consultancy advice on the flood mitigation strategy, cost £500.

**Clerk**

#### **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 15 December 2014'

- b Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area  
Urgent action needed re boundaries – chase Civic Society.

**Clerk**

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

The decisions from LDC for November 2014 were noted.

#### **8 Neighbourhood Plan**

- a See update at Item 4b.

- b Meeting with developers

A pre-planning application meeting has taken place with the developers at Bagnall Lock. It was noted that the proposed scheme contains smaller units set back from the canal and includes an area of open space. This is one of three potential developments in this area and it was agreed that the working group would try to meet with the other developers to encourage co-ordination across the sites to deliver proposals that enhance the area.

**Planning  
working  
group**

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#### **9 Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of November 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 Budget and Precept 2015/16 – *in confidence*

#### **10 Grants**

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the current pressure on funds this year the request from Alrewas Scouts for an award of £250 towards costs of updating cooking equipment to conform with current regulations be refused.

#### **11 Police report**

The police report noted an increase in incidents in the village including several of damage to properties and cars on one single night.

Cllrs expressed concern about the increase in vandalism.

#### **12 Highways**

- a Traffic Management working group

Cllr Slight confirmed the replacement village sign had been received and the lock gates were due to be installed before Christmas.

- b Parking Fox Lane and Exchange Road/Main Street

Neighbourhood Watch advised that the police have concluded that the parking on Fox Lane is within legal limits. Enforcement officers have visited re the parking on the corner of Exchange Road and Main Street.

#### **13 Waterways**

- a The response from the Environment Agency following a site meeting with on 12 November 2014 was noted.

#### **14 Alrewas Village Hall**

- a The Parish Council has confirmed to the Village Hall Management Committee that it will issue an order for part of the build to replace the family wc's.

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#### 15 Walkfield

- a Tennis Club update  
Alrewas Tennis Club has opened for membership. There is a site meeting to finalise the build plans on 16 December 2014 and a full update will be given at the January Parish Council meeting.

- b Cross-Scales  
On-going

**Cllr Reilly**

- c Trench across Walkfield  
Fields in Trust has confirmed that the Trustees agree in principle to the request to lay pipes across Walkfield. There are conditions to be met for final approval.

- d Charity event 29 March 2014  
No further contact from the applicant as yet.  
The 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.

#### 16 War Memorial

- a Replacement benches  
It was **RESOLVED** that the 2 benches would be replaced with the design recommended by the working group.

**Clerk**

- b It was **RESOLVED** that the garden would be tidied as proposed by Mr Cartwright.

#### 17 Parish Forum

The next meeting is now 19 March 2015. It was agreed to request an item be put on the Agenda to review the progress of Neighbourhood Plans in the district.

**Clerk**

#### 18 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Additional waste bin outside Co-op  
The Co-op have been sent details of costs.

**Clerk**

- b Bench outside the Co-op  
It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask the shop owners for their views about a bench being placed on the forecourt.

**Clerk**

- c Broadband area  
It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to BT to ascertain why the upgraded broadband connection was not going to reach Burton Road and whether any other areas in the village were going to be excluded.

**Clerk**

#### 19 Brief items

- a The final recommendations of the Electoral Review of Lichfield were noted.

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**20 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

**a Past Dates**

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

**b Future Dates**

**21 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 19 January 2015 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 08 January 2015.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**