

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 19 January 2015 in Alrewas Methodist Church

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland (not Item 4c) and 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 Peter Coates and Margaret Stanhope and District Cllr Mike Wilcox.

2 Declarations of interest

a None.

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2014 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

b To receive and approve the Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2014

It was **RESOLVED** that the Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 December 2014 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 Public Participation

a Essington Green appeal – Flood Task Group update

Cllr Pegg reported that the task group has yet to meet so no report available at present.

b Neighbourhood Plan update – Item 8

Cllr Pegg and the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Mr Dave Crump, advised that the majority of the work needed to process the 160+ pages of comments from the initial consultation period is complete. The proposed amendments following these comments are largely written into the Plan. The intention is for the revised plan to be circulated so the Parish Council can consider it at the next Parish Council meeting with submission thereafter to LDC.

c Best Kept Village update Item 16a – Chris Cheadle gave a presentation on progress so far and urged everyone to get involved with the first village clean up on 7 February 2015.

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5 Essington Green

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

It was noted that the appeal timetable has been made available showing the inquiry will start on 7 July and is estimated to take 6 days.

- b Fund raising

Further donations have been received and are still welcome pending the clarification of final costs.

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 19 January 2015'

- b Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area
Awaiting a response from the Civic Society.

Clerk

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

The decisions from LDC for December 2014 were noted.

8 Neighbourhood Plan

- a See update at Item 4b.

- b Meeting with developers

Nothing to report.

**Planning
working
group**

9 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of December 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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Precept be set at £38,500 for 2015/16.

10 Police report

The chairman of Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch gave a brief report on incidents in the village and urged everyone to be aware of the increase in thefts of purses while shopping in Lichfield.

All are asked to be mindful that elderly residents may need extra support at this time of year.

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11 Highways

- a Traffic Management working group
All agreed the replacement sign on the Fox Lane gate was an improvement.
Cllr Slight advised that the lock gates were still not installed and no date for completion has been agreed.
County Cllr England confirmed that the order for the road markings had been signed off.
- b FP 43 at Bagnall Lock
The extremely poor and muddy condition of the footpath from Walkfield to Bagnall Lock has been reported to the SCC footpaths officer following a complaint from a resident.

12 Alrewas Village Hall

- a Work clearing the site started 19 January 2015.

13 Walkfield

- a Tennis Club update
The first phase of the build has started, main build scheduled for 16 February 2015 with landscaping details to be presented to the Parish Council meeting on 9 March 2015.

b Cross-Scales

It was **RESOLVED** that the quotation from HuckTek to supply and install a Pendulum Seat Combination for £6,000 be accepted.

Clerk

- c Charity event 29 March 2015 – change of date to 19 April 2015
The organisers must be advised that the change of date means that it is possible that the cricket club will be using the facilities as well so before the request to allow cars to park on Walkfield for this event can be confirmed full details of the proposals must be made available.

Clerk to advise applicant and ask for details to be sent through as soon as possible.

Cllr Tony Coates offered to assist.

**Cllr T
Coates**

16 War Memorial

- a Replacement benches
The style of bench recommended by the working group is no longer available.
It was **RESOLVED** that the 2 benches would be replaced with the 6ft alternative provided by the supplier.

Clerk

- b It was noted that Cllr Tony Coates will attend the Staffordshire War Memorials: Condition, Preservation and Funding Conference on 28 February 2015.

**Cllr Tony
Coates**

15 Parish Forum

The next meeting is 19 March 2015.

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16 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Best Kept Village – see Item 4c.
- b Additional waste bin outside Co-op
 The Co-op has contributed £250 towards the costs. It was agreed to contact the other shop owner to see if he would be willing to contribute too. **Clerk**
- c Bench outside the Co-op
 Clerk to ask the shop owners for their views about a bench being placed on the forecourt. **Clerk**
- d Broadband area
 The reply from Superfast Broadband was noted:
 It may be possible that these properties, which are connected to the exchange only cabinet, will be upgraded in 2016 when this cabinet is built. However at present time too early to speculate.
- e Dog fouling in churchyard
 It was noted that dog fouling in the village is very prevalent and it was agreed to ask the officer from LDC to attend a Parish Council meeting to offer guidance on what can be done. **Clerk**
- f Parking on verge at junction of Walkfield road with Fox Lane
 County Cllr England offered to take this up with Highways **County Cllr England**

17 Brief items

- a The letter from the Oil Buying Club was noted but very little oil used in the village so no interest in a presentation.
- b County Cllr England reported that following the refurbishment of the traffic island at the entrance to the NMA she was looking to see if the 2 islands at the A38/A513 flyover could be improved.
- c Cllr Pegg reported that LDC had received the Inspector’s comments on the Local Plan.

18 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
- b Future Dates
 Candidate and agent briefing by LDC Electoral Services Tuesday 3 March 2015 at Council Chamber Frog Lane Lichfield at 6 pm.

19 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 09 February 2015 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 29 January 2015.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date