

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 09 February 2015 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 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

County Cllr Janet Eagland 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 19 January 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 January 2015 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

Mr Will Chapman reported that the task group has been in contact with the consultant appointed and a meeting will be arranged soon.

Mr Dave Crump confirmed he will try to speak with Louise Brooke Smith regarding representation at the appeal hearing.

b Neighbourhood Plan update – Item 8

Mr Dave Crump, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, presented his report outlining the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan and noting that the consultant from Planning Aid (grant funded advisors appointed via Locality) had an opposing view to Brooke Smith (consultants appointed by the Steering Group and Parish Council) on the treatment of proposed housing numbers. The Neighbourhood Plan contains detailed reasons for the stance taken and the Steering Group recommends that Brooke Smith be engaged to review the final plan and address comments made by Planning Aid but that the plan should also be submitted to LDC so that any issues raised can be addressed at the appropriate time with the Examiner.

c Best Kept Village update Item 10 – Jan Altham and Chris Cheadle reported an excellent response to the first village clean up on 7 February 2015 and asked for the grant application to be considered favourably.

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Following closure of the Public Participation section Cllrs moved to resolve Item 8a below before returning to Item 5.

5 **Essington Green**

a Representations made on behalf of the Parish Council and associated costs
Nothing further to report.

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 09 February 2015'

b Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area

A working group headed up by Cllr Moss will take this forward concentrating initially on boundaries along the towpath.

Cllr Moss

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

The decisions from LDC for January 2015 were noted.

8 **Neighbourhood Plan**

a It was **RESOLVED** that the Neighbourhood Plan as drafted should be submitted to LDC for subsequent examination.

It was noted that the budget includes £2000 towards costs of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and it was **RESOLVED** that planning consultants Brooke Smith should be engaged to review the submitted Neighbourhood Plan subject to the fee being quantified within budget.

**Cllr Pegg
and Clerk**

b Meeting with developers

D Glancy 12 February 2015 re The New Lodge Kings Bromley Road.

Meeting re Land South of Kings Bromley Road to be confirmed.

**Development
plans
working
group**

9 **Financial Statements**

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of January 2015.

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.

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10 Grants

The application from the Best Kept Village group was considered and it was **RESOLVED** a grant of up to £150 would be paid on presentation of receipts. The BKV group will discuss with Cllrs Moss, Reilly and Slight the positioning of banners.

**Cllrs Moss,
Reilly and
Slight**

11 Police report

No report received from the police.

The chairman of Alrewas Neighbourhood Watch advised he was not aware of any crimes since the last meeting. He will follow up with the police the concerns about parking outside the school and also his requests that enforcement officers visit to address the illegal parking on Exchange Road.

12 Highways

a Traffic Management working group

Cllr Slight advised that the lock gates are installed and just need painting.

- b** To consider a request for a bus stop bay to be painted outside the Post Office/Pharmacy
This was not considered appropriate in the conservation area.

13 Alrewas Village Hall

- a** Work continuing, nothing significant to report.

14 Walkfield

a Replacement for the Cross-scales

The order has been placed – delivery estimated at 6 weeks.

- b** Charity event 29 March 2015 – change of date to 19 April 2015
The organisers have been 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. No acknowledgement received from organisers.

The Clerk was requested to advise the organisers that permission would not be granted unless information provided forthwith.

Clerk

15 War Memorial

a Replacement benches

The payment for the pro-forma invoice is on the cheque list this month.

- b** It was noted that Cllr Tony Coates is unable to attend the Staffordshire War Memorials: Condition, Preservation and Funding Conference on 28 February 2015. Alternative person to be identified if possible.

Clerk

16 Parish Forum

The next meeting is 19 March 2015.

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16 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Additional waste bin outside Co-op
The other shop owner has been contacted to see if he would be willing to contribute towards the cost – no reply to date. **Clerk**
- b Bench outside the Co-op
Waiting on reply from the shop owner for his views about a bench being placed on the forecourt. **Clerk**
- c Dog fouling in village
Following information supplied an £80 fixed penalty notice has been issued to an offender along the towpath.
- d Lights at Jaipur
It was agreed that the lights do not appear appropriate in the Conservation area and the concerns should be referred to LDC. **Clerk**
- e Fallen tree in mill stream
Cllr P Coates will investigate. **Cllr P Coates**
- f Condition of display case on Noticeboard
The deterioration has been reported to the supplier for advice. **Clerk**
- g Parking on verge at junction of Walkfield road with Fox Lane
County Cllr Eagland has offered to take this up with Highways – no improvement to date. **County Cllr Eagland**

18 Brief items
Nothing to report

19 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.

20 Date of Next Council Meeting

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

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 26 February 2015.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date