

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 09 March 2015 in Alrewas Methodist Church

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

IN ATTENDANCE District Cllr Mike Wilcox 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

Cllr T Aston and County Cllr Janet Eagland.

2 Declarations of interest

a None.

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 February 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 February 2015 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

b To receive and approve the Minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 23 February 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 23 February 2015 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 Public Participation

a Presentation on proposed marina Bagnalls Lock

The pre-application details for a marina providing 289 moorings over a 3 year phasing at Sale Lane Fradley were provided.

Before continuing with the Public Participation session Cllrs moved to hear the police report - Item 11 below.

b Essington Green appeal – Flood Task Group update

The initial meeting has been held where it was agreed that the main focus will be on the appeal rather than the new application.

c Essington Green new application 15/00120/FULM

The Development Plans task group has met with representatives of the developer including the professional advisers on traffic and flooding.

The traffic management adviser stated that SCC has confirmed approval of the access and movements of construction traffic but so far there has been no consultation by SCC with the Parish. There are significant concerns regarding traffic flows in the village particularly along Exchange Road outside the doctors' surgery where restrictions are planned to allow free movement of construction traffic and subsequently along Main Street where a 7.5t restriction is in place.

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It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to the Leader of SCC to ascertain how these decisions can be made by officers without any local consultation.

Clerk

The flooding expert provided a good summary of the measures proposed in relation to the site's capacity to cope with flooding and noted the concerns about the position of the infiltration area and the location of the play area.

d Neighbourhood Plan update – Item 8

Cllr Pegg confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to LDC and the second stage consultation is underway closing on 17 April 2015. Details of how to comment are on both the Parish Council and LDC websites.

The consultants from Planning Aid have confirmed their willingness to assist with the challenges they foresee in concluding the Neighbourhood Plan and in that regard an early meeting with planners at LDC is to be sought.

**Cllr Wilcox
and Clerk**

5 **Essington Green applications**

(i) **Application 13/01175/FULM**

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

Nothing further to report.

b Fund raising

Nothing further to report.

(ii) **Application 15/00120/FULM**

a Representations made on behalf of the Parish Council

The draft report prepared by Brooke Smith has been received; further information on traffic and flooding is outstanding. It was **RESOLVED** that the Development Plans task group would agree the final comments at a meeting to be held on 12 March 2015 at 10am.

b Progress on fund raising to assist with costs of professional advice in relation to this application

Nothing to report.

**Cllrs Pegg,
Butcher and
Slight. W
Chapman
and 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 09 March 2015'

b Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area

The working group has started taking photographs to support this initiative.

Cllr Moss

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

No decisions from LDC for February 2015. The start of the appeal hearing for land north east of Watery Lane on 10 March 2015 was noted.

b Meetings with developers

The Development Plan task group has met with representatives in relation to the applications for The Jaipur and the Doctors' Field adjacent to Bagnall Lock to outline the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to developments in the village.

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8 Neighbourhood Plan

- a To note progress on the second consultation – see Item 4d above
- b Details of a seminar and workshop to be held on 27 March 2015 at LDC were noted.

9 Financial Statements

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

10 Grants for 2015/16

The application from Alrewas Arts for maintenance of the Willowwave feature was considered and it was agreed that it was more appropriate for this on-going commitment to be undertaken by Alrewas Civic Society. However it was **RESOLVED** that on this occasion only if funding cannot be raised from the Civic Society, a grant of £150 would be awarded.

11 Police report

PCSO Tracy Horton gave a brief summary of 3 incidents over the last month and confirmed she is checking the village regularly for signs of drug use with nothing significant to report at present.

12 Highways

- a Traffic Management working group
It was noted that the extension of the 30mph limit on Kings Bromley Road is out for consultation.
- b It was noted that Alrewas Cllrs are invited to attend a meeting with businesses at Fradley Park on 19 March 2015 to encourage HGV's to avoid the surrounding villages. Details with the Clerk.

13 Alrewas Village Hall

- a Work continuing and on schedule.

14 Walkfield

- a Replacement for the Cross-scales
Delivery estimated mid-March – Clerk to chase. **Clerk**
- b Charity event 29 March 2015 – change of date to 19 April 2015
It was **RESOLVED** that car parking as discussed with Cllr Tony Coates and the organisers for this event be approved.
- c Open Gardens Weekend 27 and 28 June 2015
It was **RESOLVED** that car parking for this event be approved.

15 War Memorial

- a Replacement benches
The benches are with the handyman to be installed.
- b Cllr Tony Coates reported that following his attendance at the Staffordshire War Memorials: Condition, Preservation and Funding Conference on 28 February 2015 raising funding to improve the base should be possible. The stonemason's report is still outstanding. **Clerk**

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16 Parish Forum

The next meeting is 19 March 2015 7pm at LDC.

17 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Additional waste bin outside Co-op
Still awaiting a response from the other shop owner to see if he would be willing to contribute towards the cost. **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 Lights at Jaipur
Comments from LDC were noted and it was agreed to request further investigation of the lighting on the pub sign. **Clerk**
- d The fallen tree in mill stream has been removed.
- f BKV banners
The working group has yet to meet to consider this proposal. **Cllrs Moss, Reilly and Slight**

18 Brief items

- a The Wellfield Road sign has been removed and left at Furlong Lane.
- b Fencing bordering Church Road between the Bailey Bridge and canal side is broken.

19 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past Dates
Candidate and agent briefing by LDC Electoral Services Tuesday 3 March 2015 at Council Chamber Frog Lane Lichfield at 6 pm.
The notes will be forwarded to Cllrs. **Clerk**
- b Future Dates
Change of date – July Parish Council meeting moved to 20 July 2015.
Parish Assembly 27 April 2015 – ask groups to prepare powerpoint presentations due to limited space for display tables in the Methodist Church and also ask Mr P Ralley if he would be prepared to co-ordinate the presentations. **Clerk**

20 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 20 April 2015 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 09 April 2015.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date