

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 20 April 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.

2 Declarations of interest

a Cllr Stanhope in relation to Item 5 and Cllrs Butcher and Stanhope in relation to Item 6a.

3 Minutes

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

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

4 Public Participation

a Presentation on Alrewas Tennis Club – Items 14b and c – Cllr Aston in the absence of K Wilkinson

It was noted that play is due to start in the next couple of weeks.

b Essington Green appeal – Flood Task Group update
Detail on the appeal evidence is being prepared.

c Essington Green new application 15/00120/FULM
No comment from the public.

d Neighbourhood Plan update – Item 8
Mr Crump confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan second stage consultation closed on 17 April 2015 and LDC have said they will look to request the appointment of an independent examiner as soon as possible.

e Best Kept Village – Item 17d
Mrs Tasker gave a brief summary of progress to date. Judging could be anytime after 01 May 2015.

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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
It was noted that determination of the application is delayed until the new council is in place.

Following the resolution to write to the Leader of SCC to ascertain how decisions on traffic management and access can be made by officers without any local consultation the reply received was noted and it was **RESOLVED** that a further letter be sent saying the concerns had not been properly addressed and requesting a meeting with County Cllr England and the cabinet member dealing with highways issues.

Clerk

b Progress on fund raising to assist with costs of professional advice in relation to this application
Nothing to report.

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 20 April 2015'

b Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area
The working group is continuing to take photographs to support this initiative.

Cllr Moss

It was noted that the destruction of ancient hedgerows along Dark Lane during the nesting season has been reported to LDC and it was **RESOLVED** that a letter would be sent in support of the complaint.

Clerk

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

The decisions from LDC for March/April 2015 were noted.

b Meetings with developers
The Development Plan task group has met with representatives in relation to application 14/01099/FUL to look at proposed amendments to the front elevation and increased parking which address the concerns previously raised by the Parish Council. No further comments made at this stage.

8 Neighbourhood Plan

a To note progress on the Plan – see Item 4d above

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9 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the year to 31 March 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 year 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 Staffing – in confidence

11 Police report

The summary of incidents over the last month provided by the police was considered and it was noted that there were more incidents than usual.

12 Highways

- a Proposed street name rear 69 Main Street

It was concluded that the preference was to recognise historic links in the village and the name proposed and approved was Kents Yard - reference to a long established family business located there for many years and with family still in the village.

Clerk

- b Preservation of alleys

It was agreed in principle to preserve the names of Christians Alley and Dragon's Alley. Clerk to ascertain process with Highways and Rights of Way officers.

Clerk

- c Condition of wall at junction of Fox Lane/Main Street

It was agreed to ask the Highways Neighbourhood team to investigate.

Clerk

- d Traffic Management working group

It was noted that the traffic counting equipment and cameras currently in place around the village have been installed on behalf of a developer.

- e Canal and River Trust Access

Concerns have been raised over the access route for the repairs to canal bridges this summer – Cllr Stanhope advised that Cllr Smith, chairman of the footpath and bridle path committee at LDC, is prepared to meet with the Parish Council to explain the position.

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13 Alrewas Village Hall

- a Increased funding from DET noted.

- b Work continuing and on schedule.

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- 14 **Walkfield**
- a Replacement for the Cross-scales
Delivery later this week – working group to meet 22 April 2015 at 9am to agree location.
- b Signs at Alrewas Tennis Club
It was **RESOLVED** that the signage as specified be approved.
- c Removal of saplings Alrewas Tennis Club
It was **RESOLVED** that the saplings could be removed and no replacement planting is required.
- d It was noted that an emergency repair to replace a bolt on the beanstock tower had been made.
- 15 **War Memorial**
- a Replacement benches
The benches are with the handyman and will be installed shortly.
- b Despite numerous reminders the stonemason's report is still outstanding. Clerk to continue to chase and ask if they can recommend an alternative expert if unable to respond soon.
- 16 **Parish Forum**
No Parish Cllrs attended the meeting on 19 March 2015.
- 17 **Residents Complaints/Requests**
- a Additional waste bin outside Co-op
The other shop owner has indicated he has no objection to a larger bin but he is unable to contribute towards the cost.
Decision on funding marked forward to new council.
- b Bench outside the Co-op
The shop owner has indicated he has no objection to a bench being installed provided the surface is not damaged.
It was agreed that the neighbouring residents and the Co-op should be consulted on the proposal.
- c Lights at Jaipur
LDC have asked for photos of the illuminated sign.
- d BKV banners
It was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal presented by the working group. Clerk to investigate matters raised for further consideration.
- e Noticeboard
The supplier has offered a one-off goodwill gesture to replace the cover for £175 maintaining that the surface has been damaged by cleaning. It was agreed to accept the replacement providing the surface removed was tested to establish if the damage is caused by sun due to the south-facing position. If that is the case a full credit would be required. The replacement surface needs to be guaranteed not to degrade in the same way.

**Cllrs
Butcher,
Tony Coates,
Moss and
Reilly**

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18 **Brief items**

- a Consultation on LDC CIL – no comment.
- b Alrewas Archives have requested a letter of support for phase 3. **Clerk**

19 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**

- a Past Dates
- b Future Dates
Parish Assembly 27 April 2015 7pm in the Methodist Church **All**

VE Day Service 9 May 2015 3pm All Saints Church – all invited, **Cllr Butcher**
Cllr Butcher will represent the Parish Council.

20 **Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 18 May 2015 Annual Parish Council meeting followed by ordinary meeting at Alrewas Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 07 May 2015.

Cllrs thanked the Chairman for his dedication, hardwork and diligence over the last 4 years.

The Chairman also thanked those Cllrs who are not standing again for their service in this Council.

..... **Chair/Vice Chair**
..... **Date**