

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 18 May 2015 in Alrewas Methodist Church**

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, June Attwood, David Butcher, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Jane Reilly and Margaret Stanhope.

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Cllrs Mike Wilcox and Ben Rayner and Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

County Cllr Janet Eagland.

2 **Declarations of interest**

a Cllr Stanhope in relation to Item 6.

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 April 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes and Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 April 2015 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 **Co-option of members**

It was agreed to advertise the 2 vacancies on the noticeboard and website inviting applications in writing to the Clerk by 03 June 2015.

5 **Public Participation**

No members of the public commented on matters listed.

6 **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 may be as early as 01 June 2015 and Cllrs will update submissions to the Planning Committee members asap and co-ordinate with village groups to attend the hearing when arranged.

**Cllr Pegg  
and others**

The Clerk has still to send a further letter to the Leader of SCC to request a meeting with County Cllr Eagland and the cabinet member dealing with highways issues to ascertain how decisions on traffic management and access can be made by officers without any local consultation.

**Clerk**

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

Nothing to report.

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#### 7 **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 18 May 2015'

##### b Implementation of Article 4 restriction for Conservation Area

The working group is continuing to take photographs to support this initiative and a meeting with the officer at LDC is due in a few weeks.

**Cllr Moss**

#### 8a **Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**

The decisions from LDC for April 2015 were noted.

##### b Meetings with developers

Nothing to report.

#### 9 **Neighbourhood Plan**

##### a To note progress on the appointment of the Independent Examiner

The application has been lodged and acknowledged by the Neighbourhood Planning Independent Examiner Referral Service.

#### 10 **Financial Statements**

##### a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of April 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.

#### 11 **Staffing – in confidence**

#### 12 **Police report**

The summary of incidents over the last month provided by the police was noted.

#### 13 **Highways**

##### a Proposed street name rear 69 Main Street

The objection raised by the developer was considered together with information on the history of the site and it was **RESOLVED** that Kent's Place is the name requested and supported.

**Clerk**

##### b Preservation of alleys

It has been 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 – ongoing.

**Clerk**

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

The Highways Neighbourhood team are investigating and will advise on any action to be taken.

**Clerk**

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d Traffic Management working group  
Nothing to report

e Location of banners  
Concerns have been raised by Highways over the proposed sites and a licence fee would be charged in one area. It was agreed not to take this matter forward.

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

The renovation project is continuing according to plan.

#### **15 Walkfield**

It was noted that the fencing around the toddler area and the beanstock tower had been vandalised and an order had been placed with LDC for the urgent removal of the fence and repairs to the tower.

The working group will review the condition of all the equipment asap.

**Cllrs  
Butcher,  
Moss and  
Reilly**

a Installation of pendulum seating  
The working group will meet asap to look at the extent and condition of the safety surfacing.

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Reilly**

b Pest control proposals for rabbit population  
The offer from Alrewas Cricket Club to assist with any costs to remove the rabbits was noted.  
Although rabbits are scratching and damaging the surface of the cricket pitch it is not clear where the burrows are located. The owner of adjacent land has given permission for access to survey the site and Highways have been contacted regarding the verge alongside the A513.

**Clerk**

c Tennis Club opening  
The official opening will be on 31 May 2015 at 1pm, events throughout the day from 11am – all welcome.

d Removal of additional saplings Alrewas Tennis Club  
It was **RESOLVED** that the additional saplings could be coppiced and trimmed only.

#### **16 War Memorial**

a Replacement benches  
The benches are fully installed. Plaque details to be costed.

**Clerk**

b The stonemason has reported that there are one or two cracks in the existing stones and great care will need to be applied to any process but the memorial could be dismantled, new granite plinth installed and memorial re-built – guide price c£3500.

#### **17 Parish Forum**

Next meeting on 16 July 2015.

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**18 Residents Complaints/Requests**

a Additional waste bin outside Co-op  
It was agreed not to proceed with buying a larger bin. Clerk to refund Co-op contribution. **Clerk**

b Bench outside the Co-op  
The neighbouring residents and the Co-op are still to be consulted on the proposal. **Clerk**

c Lights at Jaipur  
No further action at this time.

d Tithe map digitisation  
It was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal to digitise the tithe map for Alrewas for £30 provided Fradley also contributed to complete the fundraising. **Clerk**

e Noticeboard  
The supplier maintains there is no issue with discolouration through UV sun rays and there is no test in place to determine this.  
It was agreed to accept the offer of a one-off goodwill gesture to replace the cover for £175 providing there is a guarantee the surface will not degrade in the same way and we can keep the cover being removed. **Clerk**

f Blocked drains  
A resident has complained about the time taken for SCC to respond to a report of a blocked drain causing flooding across Walkfield Road. It was agreed to draw this to the attention of County Cllr Eagland for comment. **Clerk**

**19 Brief items**

a Nothing to report

**20 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past Dates  
Parish Assembly 27 April 2015 7pm in the Methodist Church

VE Day Service 9 May 2015 3pm All Saints Church

b Future Dates

**21 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 08 June 2015 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 28 May 2015.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**