

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14 September 2015 in Alrewas Village Hall**

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, June Attwood, David Butcher, Tony Coates, Donna Moss (from Item 4c), Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly and Margaret Stanhope.

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland and Jean Burton (Clerk).

**1 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Moss for late arrival; District Cllr Wilcox.

**2 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Attwood in relation to Item 6c; Cllr Stanhope Item 5.

**3 Minutes**

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 July 2015 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 20 July 2015

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

**4 Public Participation**

a Essington Green appeal Item 6 – no comments

b The New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030) Item 6c – no comments

c Neighbourhood Plan update Item 8 – Dave Crump

The Independent Examiner's report has been received and Mr Crump presented a summary of the main points arising. A significant number of changes have been proposed some of which the Steering Group would like to challenge but it is unclear what the process is to make representations and take the Plan forward.

**5 Essington Green applications**

To be advised on the progress of the appeal now relating to 15/00120/FULM only:

a Timescale and outstanding issues

Cllr Pegg reported the Inspector's report is due on or before 3 November 2015 and the decision of the Secretary of States will be available on or before 19 January 2016.

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

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#### 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 14 September 2015'

##### b Action to be taken to protect hedges adjacent to the canal Cllr Moss advised that she will investigate options and contact the Canal & River Trust, and will provide a report for the next meeting.

**Cllr Moss**

##### c Further action to be taken following the consultation response to the New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030) County Cllr England is progressing her contact with the residents group and the Chief Executive of SCC is due to visit the area in the next couple of weeks.

**County Cllr England**

No action required by the Parish Council.

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

##### a The decisions from LDC for July and August 2015 were noted.

##### b Meetings with developers

No meetings to report.

A copy of a proposal to build on land to the rear of 4 Park Road has been reviewed and it was agreed that the development group did not need further information at this stage. The applicant should be advised to submit a planning application for consideration in due course.

**Clerk**

#### 8 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Following the update at Item 4c

##### a It was **RESOLVED** to write to LDC noting that the Examiner has determined to undertake the examination by correspondence. To date the only correspondence we have received is from LDC forwarding the Examiner's report to them. There are matters contained in this report that we would like to address by correspondence with the Examiner - LDC to be asked how this can be achieved and to clarify the process from hereon.

**Clerk**

##### b It was **RESOLVED** to investigate the possibility of further consultancy.

**Steering Group**

##### c It was **RESOLVED** to send a copy of the Examiner's report and the summary prepared by Dave Crump to Brooke Smith, noting that large tracts in the draft Neighbourhood Plan which had been included on the advice of Brooke Smith had been deleted by the Examiner and asking for their comments on the report.

**Clerk**

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#### 9 Financial Statements

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the months of July and August 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 months 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 The conclusion of the audit for the year ending 31 March 2015 was noted.

#### 10 Staffing – *in confidence*

#### 11 Land at Deepmore – *in confidence*

#### 12 Police report

No report from the police.

#### 13 County Cllrs report

Cllr England confirmed that she will chase up the road markings on the entrances to the village with the new officer in place at SCC.

Details of any highways matters requiring attention should be given to her. Cllr Coates asked for progress on the kerbs stones at the junction of Fox Lane and Main Street.

**County Cllr  
England**

#### 14 Highways

- a 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**

- b 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**

- c Installation of a barrier at Walkfield Road end of footpath to Fox Lane - ongoing

**Clerk**

- d Road naming

A meeting with developers and LDC will be held on 7 October 2015 to discuss objections to the proposed name for the development site 59 Park Road being "Bannister's Place".

**Cllrs Pegg,  
Stanhope  
and Clerk**

- e Shared use footway/cycleway A513 Alrewas to NMA  
It was **RESOLVED** to support this proposal.

**Clerk**

#### 15 Alrewas Village Hall

It was noted that the restriction on the Title Deeds in relation to the initial grant would need to be amended to include the letters relating to two further grants.

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#### **16 Walkfield**

- a The working group has started to review the condition of all the equipment to prepare a long term plan for consideration – now to be available at the October meeting.

**Cllrs  
Butcher,  
Moss and  
Reilly; and  
J Lewis**

- b Pest control proposals for rabbit population  
The survey has indicated that culling on the adjacent paddock is the best way to see a quick reduction in the population. It was agreed to liaise with all parties to proceed asap - ongoing

**Clerk**

#### **17 War Memorial**

- a Replacement benches  
Plaques with Cllr Butcher.

**Cllr Butcher**

- b Base  
Working group to meet to determine way forward.

**Cllrs  
Butcher,  
Coates, Moss  
and Pegg**

#### **18 Alrewas United Charities**

Cllr Reilly agreed to act as Trustee.

**Cllr Reilly**

#### **19 Parish Forum**

Next meeting on 19 January 2016.

#### **20 Residents Complaints/Requests**

- a Behaviour of dogs along the canalside – no action, refer visitors to Canal & River Trust.

**Clerk**

- b "A" frames around the village  
LDC to be asked whether any action that can be taken.

**Clerk**

- c Visibility at Fox Lane/A513 junction  
SCC to be chased for road markings and for advice about the gate obscuring the view of on-coming traffic.

**Clerk**

- d Overgrown hedge along footpath from Wellfield Road to Furlong Close  
SCC to be asked to cutback asap.

**Clerk**

- e Fence installed alongside footpath 49  
LDC planning to be asked for advice on any action that can be taken.

**Clerk**

#### **21 Brief items**

- a Best Kept Village result  
Awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a certificate for consistent participation, effort and achievement over 50 years.

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**22 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

**a Past dates**

Dedication of the new Royal British Legion Standard all Saints Church 01 August 2015, Cllrs Pegg and Stanhope

**b Future Dates**

Battle of Britain service Fradley 20 September 2015 3pm – Cllr Butcher

**23 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 12 October 2015 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 01 October 2015.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**