

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12 October 2015 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

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

1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Moss for late arrival; Cllr Stanhope and County Cllr Eagland.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllr Niblock in relation to Item 6a application 15/00979/LBC; Cllr Butcher Item 20a.

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 September 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 September 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 14 September 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 September 2015 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 Public Participation

a Neighbourhood Plan update Item 8 – Will Chapman

The rationale behind the Steering Group's proposals was explained by Mr Chapman.

b Installation of Civic Society bins at Walkfield Item 18b

Anne Tasker outlined the proposed locations of the 4 bins purchased by the Civic Society.

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

The Inspector's report is due on or before 3 November 2015 and the decision of the Secretary of State 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.

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 12 October 2015'.

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- b Action to be taken to protect hedges adjacent to the canal
Cllr Moss advised that she is awaiting the response from the Canal & River Trust contact who has offered to inspect the hedges. **Cllr Moss**
- c New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030)
County Cllr England has advised that the Chief Executive of SCC has visited the area and as a result has asked officers at SCC to report within a month on certain facts in the contracts relating to sand and gravel. **County Cllr England**
- 7 **Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**
- a There are no decisions notified from LDC for September 2015.
- b Meetings with developers
No meetings to report.
It was agreed that the request from D Glancy could be dealt with prior to the plans being considered at the November meeting.
- 8 **Neighbourhood Plan**
Following the update at Item 4a
District Cllr Wilcox proposed a meeting with officers at LDC to resolve the issues between the two councils and it was agreed to meet asap to identify how to incorporate any modifications with minimum disruption and delay. **Clerk**
- a It was **RESOLVED** to seek to re-submit the Plan with proposals taking into account a housing target of 90-180.
- b It was **RESOLVED** that the Steering Group would continue to try to obtain further consultancy advice from a specialist in Neighbourhood Planning, costs to be coupled to a grant application for additional funding. **Steering Group**
- c It was **RESOLVED** that the funding application would be completed by the Steering Group and passed to the Clerk for submission. **Steering Group and Clerk**
- 9 **Financial Statements**
- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of September 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**
It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £250 to Alrewas Tennis Club towards the cost of maintenance equipment.

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11 **Staffing** – *in confidence*

12 **Land at Deepmore** – *in confidence*

13 **Police report**

The police have advised they will not be providing reports or attending Parish Council meetings from now on.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Police Commissioner explaining how important the community involvement with the police had been over the years and that maintaining close contact is considered to be a vital element of community cohesion.

Clerk

It was agreed to ask Mr Seville chairman of the Neighbourhood Watch if he would present a monthly report to future meetings.

Clerk

14 **County Cllrs report**

Carried forward to next month:

Road markings on the entrances to the village with the new officer in place at SCC;

**County Cllr
England**

Impaired visibility at the junction of Fox Lane and A513;

Progress on the kerbs stones at the junction of Fox Lane and Main Street (District Cllr Wilcox will also follow up).

15 **Highways**

a Preservation of alleys

LDC has confirmed that it will be possible to preserve the names of Christians Alley and Dragon's Alley – there is a cost of £500 for the legal public press notice. It was agreed to seek sponsorship to defray this cost.

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 – ongoing.

Clerk

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

Clerk

d Road naming

It was **RESOLVED** to support Puddledock Grove as the name for the development site 59 Park Road.

e Impaired visibility at the junction of Fox Lane and A513
Awaiting information from County Cllr England.

**Country Cllr
England**

f Overgrown hedge from Wellfield Road to Furlong Close
Cut back and cleared.

g Fence installed alongside footpath 49
Awaiting information from LDC.

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16 Walkfield

- a The results from a survey undertaken in the summer were noted. The group is meeting again on 15 October 2015. It was suggested that the brief is widened to look at the whole Walkfield area.

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

- b Pest control proposals for rabbit population
The cricket club has proposed taking this matter forward with the contractor.
It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would meet with Mr Aston to address this and the rent review which is due.

**Cllr Pegg
and Clerk**

17 War Memorial

It was noted that the War Memorial was awarded Listed Building Status Grade II by letter dated 21 September 2015.

- a Replacement benches
Plaques with Cllr Butcher.

Cllr Butcher

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

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

18 Dog and litter bins

- a Additional bins requested at junction of Somerville Road and Fox Lane and along footpath from Wellfield Road towards school
It was agreed to consider this as part of the budget for 2016/17.

- b Installation of Civic Society bins at Walkfield
It was **RESOLVED** that 3 bins would replace bins at Walkfield at the entrances from Main Street, the cricket club car park and Chaseview Road and the Civic Society would make good the ground beneath with gravel.

The 4th bin will be placed alongside the dog bin on Dark Lane adjacent to Essington Farm house.

It was also agreed to look into switching the bins at Micklehome Drive and Dark Lane and moving one of the bins at Walkfield to the Walkfield Road entrance.

19 Parish Forum

Next meeting on 19 January 2016.

20 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Noise at the George and Dragon
It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Marstons requesting action to alleviate the nuisance including installation of noise limiting equipment similar to that at William IV.

Clerk

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b Use of Parish Council information on external website
It was agreed to require the website to acknowledge the information was taken from our website or provide a link. **Clerk**

21 Brief items

Vice Chair

Cllr Moss confirmed her commitment to staying on the Parish Council but asked if someone would consider taking on the role of Vice Chair. Interested Cllrs should advise the Clerk.

22 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past dates

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

b Future Dates

23 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 09 November 2015 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 29 October 2015.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date