

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 09 November 2015 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs June Attwood, David Butcher, Tony Coates, Donna Moss (from Item 7b), Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly and Margaret Stanhope.

IN ATTENDANCE District Cllr Mike Wilcox and Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Moss for late arrival and Cllr Altham.

2 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Stanhope Item 9.

3 **Appointment of Vice Chair**

Cllr Moss has tendered her resignation as Vice Chair and a vote of thanks was recorded for her services in this position.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Niblock be appointed Vice Chair.

4 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 October 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 October 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 12 October 2015

It was **RESOLVED** that the Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 October 2015 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5 **Public Participation**

a Neighbourhood Plan update Item 9 – Will Chapman

It is proposed that the existing Plan is withdrawn and revised prior to a new Schedule 16 consultation (organised by LDC) and re-submission to independent examination.

A planning consultant with expertise in Neighbourhood Planning has been identified to assist the Steering Group in reviewing the Examiner's comments and revising the Neighbourhood Plan for consideration by LDC.

This consultant will also assist in obtaining funding for the additional work.

Cllrs then moved to consider Item 9.

b New Minerals Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030)

Stuart Threlfall advised that the action group against quarrying would be interested in the outcome of Item 8c.

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6 **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 has advised she is aware that IM Properties have sought leave to appeal the High Court's ruling to the Court of Appeal in relation to a challenge to the Lichfield District Council's Local Plan and the Secretary of State is of the view that while there remains uncertainty over the status of the Lichfield Local Plan there is little benefit in the Inspector completing her report. It will be stayed pending clarity over the application for leave to the Court of Appeal.

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

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 09 November 2015'.

b Action to be taken to protect hedges adjacent to the canal Nothing further to report.

Cllr Moss

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

a The decisions from LDC for October 2015 were noted.

b Proposals from LDC to stop issuing plans with applications

It was noted that an objection has been lodged with LDC and District Cllrs Stanhope and Wilcox will be requesting LDC to reconsider the proposals as drafted.

**Cllrs
Stanhope
and Wilcox**

c New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030)

The response from John Henderson, the Chief Executive of SCC, forwarded by County Cllr Eagland was considered and it was **RESOLVED** that letters should be sent to County Cllr Eagland, John Henderson and Mark Winnington the Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport at SCC, stating that this response does not give the reassurance sought that SCC will honour the agreement reached with the Gravel Group in 2011 that there will be no quarrying west of the A38.

Clerk

9 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Following the update at Item 5a

a It was **RESOLVED** that the existing plan should be withdrawn and resubmitted, with the amendments advised by the Planning Consultant, to undergo further consultation and a new examination.

**Steering
Group**

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- b It was noted that the Steering Group will continue to obtain consultancy advice from the specialist in Neighbourhood Planning, costs to be within the funds available from the grant application for additional funding. **Steering Group**
- c It was noted that the funding application is being completed by the Steering Group and will be passed to the Clerk for submission. **Steering Group and Clerk**
- 10 **Financial Statements**
- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of October 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.
- c Initial review of budget for 2016/17
A meeting will be held on 25 November 2015 at 10.30am. **All**
- 11 **Staffing – in confidence**
- 12 **Land at Deepmore**
The transfer of land at Deepmore Close to confirm the garden boundary at 1 Inge Drive was noted.
- 13 **Police incidents report**
A brief summary of incidents in the village was considered and Ralph Seville advised that Alrewas has 2 representatives on the Commissioner’s Safer Neighbourhood Panel.
The new Police Inspector, Rob Neeson, has offered to address the Parish Council at a future meeting. **Cllr Wilcox**
- 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;
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). **County Cllr England**
- 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 – on-going. **Clerk**
- b Condition of wall at junction of Fox Lane/Main Street
Cllr Wilcox has forwarded this complaint – ongoing. **Cllr Wilcox**

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- c Installation of a barrier at Walkfield Road end of footpath to Fox Lane – ongoing. **Clerk**
- d Impaired visibility at the junction of Fox Lane and A513
Awaiting information from County Cllr Eagland. **Country Cllr
Eagland**
- e Fence installed alongside footpath 49
The response from LDC was noted – no further action.
- f Damage to trees alongside Statfold Lane
The advice from LDC was noted.
- g Somerville Road/Fox Lane junction
The advice from LDC was noted.
- 16 **Walkfield**
- a Cricket Club rent review
It was **RESOLVED** that the annual rent would be increased by £125 wef 01 October 2015. **Clerk**
- b Pest control proposals for rabbit population
The cricket club has proposed taking this matter forward with the contractor.
The Parish Council's insurers have advised they will not offer any cover in relation to shooting at Walkfield.
Cllr Moss will prepare a proposal for the next meeting to address whether the Council will give permission for rabbits to be shot at Walkfield. **Cllr Moss**
- c Report from the working group
Available at next meeting. **Cllrs
Butcher,
Moss and
Reilly; and
J Lewis**
- 17 **War Memorial**
- 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**
- It was agreed to ask Dave Crump if he could recommend a structural engineer to survey the Memorial and advise on options to secure the base. **Clerk**
- 18 **Parish Forum**
Next meeting on 19 January 2016.

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19 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

a Noise at the George and Dragon
The response from Marstons was considered and it was agreed no further action to be taken.

b Ivy over church wall
It was agreed to ask the PCC to look at removing the ivy growing over the historic church wall.

Clerk

20 **Brief items**

Lichfield Rail Alliance
Cllr Niblock reported from the recent meeting noting that there is a serious intent to re-open the line and station at Alrewas.

21 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past dates
Remembrance Day Parade 08 November 2015 – Cllr Pegg

b Future Dates
Armistice Day service NMA 11 November 2015 – Cllr Pegg
Walkfield Sports Forum 11 November 2015 – Cllrs Moss and Coates

22 **Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 14 December 2015 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 03 December 2015.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date