

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, June Attwood, David Butcher, Donna Moss (from Item 7b), Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly and Margaret Stanhope (from Item 5).

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Cllrs Mike Wilcox and Ben Rayner (both up to Item 12); Jean Burton (Clerk).

**1 Apologies for absence**

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

**2 Declarations of interest**

None.

**3 Minutes**

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 November 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 09 November 2015

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

**4 Public Participation**

a New Minerals Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030) Item 7c

Stuart Threlfall reported on the frustration felt in engaging with SCC to ensure residents' views are taken into account in developing this plan prior to submission to central government. The latest advice is that objectors will be invited to speak to the Inspector when he visits to look at the details of the consultation. Cllr Wilcox said that it is important people give their views at the enquiry and suggested a co-ordinated approach with LDC. Cllrs then considered Item 7c.

b Neighbourhood Plan update Item 8

No comments from the public.

**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 has been submitted; the Secretary of State's decision is due on or before 19 January 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter would be sent to Michael Fabricant MP asking him to act on our behalf to ensure the reasons the residents of Alrewas are against this proposal are recognised and given fair weight in determining this appeal.

**Clerk**

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- 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 14 December 2015'.
- b Action to be taken to protect hedges adjacent to the canal  
It was **RESOLVED** there would be no further action taken unless an incident occurs which should be reported to CRT.  
Everyone is urged to be vigilant and report concerns about tree and hedge cutting to the arboricultural officer at LDC or Cllr Stanhope as tree warden for the village. **All**
- 7 **Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**
- a The decisions from LDC for November 2015 were noted.
- b Proposals from LDC to stop issuing plans with applications  
The initial response from LDC is that cost savings and more efficient use of officers' time means plans will not be issued.  
The portfolio holder has been asked to re-consider this decision.  
Cllrs noted that access to the LDC website to look at plans has been denied on several occasions over the last few months. **Clerk**
- c New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030)  
In addition to making representations at the examination of the Plan it was **RESOLVED** that a letter would be sent to Michael Fabricant MP to ask for his support in ensuring there is no quarrying west of the A38. **Clerk**
- 8 **Neighbourhood Plan**
- a,b Re-submission of the Plan and consultancy advice  
Cllr Pegg advised the consultant has reported in detail on the necessary changes to the Plan and a meeting with the Steering Group and the consultant is planned for w/c 04 January 2016 to confirm the points for discussion with LDC. **Steering Group**
- c The funding application has been submitted; further information has been requested which will be forwarded by the Steering Group. **Steering Group**
- 9 **Financial Statements**
- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of November 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.

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- 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 Budget and precept for 2016/17 – *in confidence*
- d Future audits  
It was **RESOLVED** to use the Sector Led Body for future audit procurement.
- 10 **Police incidents report**
- a A brief summary of incidents in the village was noted.
- b It was noted that the Police Commissioner had not replied to the letter dated 29 October 2015 and it was agreed to ask the new Police Inspector, Rob Neeson, to attend the Parish Assembly in April. **Cllr Wilcox and Clerk**
- 11 **Highways**
- a Preservation of alleys  
Sponsorship not forthcoming – no further action.
- b Condition of wall at junction of Fox Lane/Main Street  
The report from the Staffordshire Building Control Officer concludes the wall is not in imminent danger of collapse.
- 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 England. **Country Cllr England**
- e Damage to trees alongside Statfold Lane  
The residents association will contact LDC to agree on any further action needed.
- f Kerb stones junction Fox Lane and Main Street  
Numerous reports have been logged about the dangerous condition of these kerb stones but no action to date – Cllr Wilcox will follow up. **Cllr Wilcox**
- g Diversion of Footpath 54  
The confirmation was noted.
- 12 **Walkfield**
- a Proposal to allow rabbits to be shot at Walkfield  
It was **RESOLVED** that permission would be granted for a period of 6 months for Alrewas Cricket Club to appoint the services of RS Shooting Academy to shoot rabbits at Walkfield, this permission subject to Alrewas Cricket Club ensuring that an appropriate risk assessment and insurances are in place and that the local police authority is informed prior to the cull. **Clerk**

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- b Report from the working group  
Cllr Moss advised potential providers are now preparing proposals and costs for a grant application early next year. **Cllrs Butcher, Moss and Reilly; and J Lewis**
- c Report from the Sports Forum meeting 11 November 2015  
Cllr Moss reported a very positive meeting, Alrewas Colts have asked if it possible to have 2 full-sized pitches marked out. Clerk to follow up. **Clerk**
- 13 **War Memorial**
- a Replacement benches  
Plaques have been fitted.
- b Base  
The working group attended a meeting with a representative from a firm of chartered architects who has submitted a proposal to take the matter forward.  
It was **RESOLVED** that Brownhill Hayward Brown (BHB) be appointed to submit a feasibility report - cost £740.  
It was **RESOLVED** that subject to the project proceeding BHB will be appointed to manage the detailed decision to tender stage - cost £1750. **Clerk**
- 14 **Parish Forum**  
Next meeting on 19 January 2016. It was agreed to meet w/c 04 January 2016 to prepare for a discussion on LDC support for Parishes. **All**
- 15 **Residents Complaints/Requests**
- a Ivy over church wall  
Awaiting a reply from the PCC. Cllr Butcher advised the 5 yearly inspection last undertaken in 2014 did not indicate a problem with the wall.
- b Report of Japanese knotweed in fields round riverbanks  
The report was noted but it is not believed the plants are knotweed.
- c Repairs to grass junction Fox Lane/A513  
The contractor is going to return to site to tidy the area once the wet conditions have abated.
- 16 **Brief items**
- a HS2 earlier build of route West Midlands to Crewe  
Noted.
- b Superfast broadband available for most of the village  
Noted. Clerk to provide SCC contact details to Cllr Reilly. **Clerk**

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c Flood Wardens  
Cllrs Niblock and Moss will act and look to recruit a couple more volunteers from the village to undertake training with the Flood Risk Management team at the Environment Agency. **Cllrs Niblock and Moss**

d District Cllrs Surgery  
Cllrs will be available in The Crown on Saturday 09 January 2016 from 10.30am. **All**

**17 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past dates  
Armistice Day service NMA 11 November 2015 – Cllr Pegg

b Future Dates

**18 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 18 January 2016 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

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

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**