

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 18 January 2016 in Alrewas Village Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, June Attwood, David Butcher, Donna Moss (from Item 8), Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly and Margaret Stanhope.

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Cllr Mike Wilcox; County Cllr Janet England (up to Item 14); Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Moss for late arrival; Cllr Coates.

2 **Declarations of interest**

None.

3 **Minutes**

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

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

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

4 **Public Participation**

a New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030) Item 7c  
Stuart Threlfall requested a meeting to discuss how to deal with the Independent Examiner appointed following submission of the Plan on 08 January 2016 to the Secretary of State.

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 has advised a revised timetable with his decision due on or before 01 March 2016.

The response from Michael Fabricant MP was noted and it was agreed to seek a meeting with him to address this application and the response to the New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030).

**Clerk**

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 18 January 2016'.

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

##### a The decisions from LDC for December 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 – no reply to date; Cllr Wilcox will chase.

**Cllr Wilcox**

##### c New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030) There has been no reply to the letter sent to Michael Fabricant MP to ask for his support in ensuring there is no quarrying west of the A38.

County Cllr Eagland advised that consultees will be invited to present objections to the Independent Examiner appointed to review the Plan.

In addition to chasing a reply and seeking a meeting with Mr Fabricant it was agreed to hold a public meeting asap to identify members of a working group to co-ordinate the representations to the Independent Examiner.

**Clerk**

**All**

#### 8 **Neighbourhood Plan**

##### a,b Re-submission of the Plan and consultancy advice

Cllr Pegg advised that following the meeting with the Steering Group and the consultant it is clear the housing numbers must be agreed and policies revised.

A meeting with LDC has been arranged for 25 January 2016 to agree:

The process for re-submitting the plan;

Key policy principles and how to make them work;

Way forward through establishing a new working relationship with Lichfield.

**Steering  
Group**

##### c The funding application has been successful, a formal offer is due in 10 days.

**Steering  
Group**

##### d It was agreed that the suggestion from Yoxall Parish Council that, once approved, adjacent areas with Neighbourhood Plans could benefit from sharing information and working in loose association to respond to developers was a good idea.

#### 9 **Financial Statements**

##### a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of December 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 It was **RESOLVED** that the Precept for 2016/17 be set at £39,270.

#### 10 Grants

To determine the principle of support for projects undertaken by Community Groups that subsequently request on-going funding by the Parish Council

It was **RESOLVED** that each application would be considered on its own merits and a grant for support one year is a one-off payment only with no indication that this would be an on-going commitment.

#### 11 Police incidents report

a No report available.

b Cllr Wilcox will follow up the request for the new Police Inspector, Rob Neeson, to attend the Parish Assembly in April.

**Cllr Wilcox**

#### 12 Highways

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

**Clerk**

b Impaired visibility at the junction of Fox Lane and A513  
It was agreed no further action necessary.

c Damage to trees alongside Statfold Lane  
The information supplied by the residents association was noted.

d It was noted the kerb stones at the junction of Fox Lane and Main Street have been re-set.

e It was noted a report into vibration at the junction of Mellor Drive and Fox Lane had been commissioned.

#### 13 Waterways

a Flood wardens – one more volunteer from the village to be recruited before training with the Flood Risk Management team at the Environment Agency will be undertaken.

**Cllr Pegg**

b Central Rivers Proposed Landscape Scheme  
The letter and information note regarding this proposal was considered and it was agreed that Cllr Niblock would act as the Parish Council representative at future events.

**Cllr Niblock**

#### 14 Walkfield

a Permission for rabbits to be shot at Walkfield  
No cull to date.

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b Report from the working group  
Cllr Moss advised there will be a meeting next week to look at 3 or 4 plans from potential providers with a view to completing a grant application in February.  
Details to be provided for consideration by the Parish Council at the February meeting.

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

c Provision of 2 full size football pitches – nothing to report.

**Clerk**

**15 War Memorial**

a Base  
Brownhill Hayward Brown (BHB) have been appointed to submit a feasibility report.

b S106 monies  
Cllr Stanhope has been asked by LDC to consider the use of £484.91 residual s106 monies from the Fox Lane development and it was **RESOLVED** to ask for this to be used to assist with repairs to the War Memorial.

**Cllr  
Stanhope**

**16 Parish Forum**

Next meeting on 19 January 2016.

**All**

**17 Residents Complaints/Requests**

a Ivy over church wall  
The reply from Rev John Allan was noted.

b Repairs to grass junction Fox Lane/A513  
The contractor is due to return to site to tidy the area once the wet conditions have abated – on-going.

**18 Brief items**

Nothing to report

**19 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past dates  
Parish Council surgery 09 January 2016 – worthwhile event, most issues raised related to SCC and planning.

b Future Dates

**20 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 08 February 2016 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

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

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**