

## **ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 08 February 2016 in Alrewas Village Hall**

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, David Butcher, Tony Coates, Donna Moss (from Item 6a), 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 and District Cllr Rayner for late arrival; Cllr Attwood and District Cllr Wilcox.

**2 Declarations of interest**

None.

**3 Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 January 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 January 2016 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

**4 Public Participation**

a Neighbourhood Plan update Item 8  
No comments from the public.

b Proposals for play area improvements Item 13b  
Jennifer Lewis and Kay Greig from the working group gave a summary of work undertaken and advice received in arriving at the draft proposals displayed.

c New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030) Item 7c  
Stuart Threlfall reported that the meeting to identify working group members held on 27 January had been well attended. He is hoping to recruit someone from Kings Bromley Parish Council. Advice has been received from an expert identifying some points to concentrate on.  
A walk has been organised for 21 February 2016 from Alrewas Hayes at 11am.  
Cllrs then considered Item 7c.

**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 has advised a revised timetable with his decision due on or before 01 March 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 08 February 2016'.

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

##### a The decisions from LDC for January 2016 were noted.

##### b Proposals from LDC to stop issuing plans with applications The reply from the portfolio holder was considered and concerns were raised about the dictatorial and rather insulting tone. The Clerk was asked to make a formal complaint to the Monitoring Officer at LDC.

**Clerk**

##### c New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030) It was agreed the working group would be headed up by Stuart Thelfall and consist of Cllrs June Attwood (Alrewas), Harry Warburton (Fradley and Streethay), Ben Rayner (Alrewas and Fradley ward LDC) with Stephen Cox and a representative from Kings Bromley Parish Council to be recruited. A meeting of the working group would be convened shortly.

**S Thelfall  
and Clerk**

The letter from Michael Fabricant MP was considered and it was agreed to arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

**S Thelfall  
and Clerk**

#### 8 **Neighbourhood Plan**

##### a Re-submission of the Plan

Cllr Pegg advised that the meeting with LDC on 25 January 2016 had been constructive.

The current plan needs to be withdrawn and the revised plan subsequently made available for 6 weeks by LDC to receive representations before being sent for independent examination.

It was **RESOLVED** that a formal letter be sent to LDC stating that we wish to withdraw the current neighbourhood plan.

**Clerk**

##### b Consultancy advice

It was agreed that providing funding was available the consultant should be asked to advise on local green spaces.

##### c Nothing further to report.

#### 9 **Financial Statements**

##### a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of January 2016.

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.

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#### 10 Police incidents report

- a Mr Seville noted 1 incident in Park Road and that Fox Lane is soon to be designated a "no uninvited traders" zone.
- b The new Police Inspector, Rob Neeson, has agreed to attend the Parish Assembly in April.

#### 11 Highways

- a The installation of a post and no cycling sign at the Walkfield Road end of footpath to Fox Lane has been completed.
- b The report into vibration at the junction of Mellor Drive and Fox Lane is underway. This will include Wilkins Croft.
- c Traffic will be diverted along Park Road as a manhole cover is replaced outside Essington Close.

**County Cllr  
England**

#### 12 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 – on-going.
- b Staffordshire Waterways Group  
The newly launched website was noted.

**Cllr Pegg**

#### 13 Walkfield

- a Permission for rabbits to be shot at Walkfield  
Likely start date end of February.  
County Cllr England will chase SCC Highways for a response to letters sent by the Cricket Club.
- b Report from the working group  
Cllrs thanked the members of the working group for their comprehensive report and hard work to date. Matters raised for the working group to consider were on-going maintenance, particularly taking account of the very wet ground, and setting up a fund for future replacement equipment.  
  
It was **RESOLVED** that a grant application to DET would be submitted prior to the 19 February 2016 deadline.
- c Provision of 2 full size football pitches – the Colts have been advised that there is insufficient room.
- d Alrewas Open Gardens 25/26 June 2016  
It was **RESOLVED** that car parking for this event be approved.

**County Cllr  
England**

**Cllr Moss, J  
Lewis and  
Clerk**

#### 14 War Memorial

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

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b S106 monies  
Cllr Stanhope confirmed that LDC had agreed that £484.91 residual s106 monies from the Fox Lane development could be used to assist with repairs to the War Memorial.

15 **Parish Forum**  
Report from the meeting on 19 January 2016  
Cllr Stanhope reported the meeting was poorly attended but the main talk about policing was useful. This will be covered also at the forthcoming Parish Assembly.

16 **Residents Complaints/Requests**  
a Repairs to grass junction Fox Lane/A513  
The contractor will stone-pick and tidy the area but it will not be turfed. Clerk to discuss seeding with handyman.

**Clerk**

b Alrewas Arts Festival  
The dates for this year, 27 August to 03 September, were noted.

17 **Brief items**  
a Dates on LDC consultations were noted.  
b County Cllr Eagland asked for applications for her Community money to be submitted asap.  
c Cllrs noted that 7 defibrillators have been installed around the village and wished to record their thanks to Mrs Potter for her hard work in completing this project.

18 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**  
a Past dates  
b Future Dates  
19 **Date of Next Council Meeting**  
Monday 14 March 2016 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

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

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**