

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14 March 2016 in Alrewas Village Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, June Attwood, David Butcher, Tony Coates, Donna Moss (from Item 6b), Chris Niblock, John Pegg and Jane Reilly.

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

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Moss for late arrival; Cllr Stanhope 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 08 February 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08 February 2016 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 7b

Stuart Threlfall reported that the working group members are making good progress on reviewing the paperwork and identifying the key points to target.

A meeting had been held with Michael Fabricant MP who confirmed his support to resist quarrying to the west of the A38. He has offered to arrange a meeting with John Henderson and Matt Griffin from SCC – Cllr Wilcox also offered to assist with setting up this meeting.

Eight experts have been approached to provide support and advice at the examination but all have declined due to conflicts of interest. The group has decided obtaining professional advice in this regard is not going to be possible so the request for funding (Item 7b) is withdrawn.

b Neighbourhood Plan update Item 8

Advice has been received on how to reinforce the proposals drafted to protect green spaces from development. The consultant is currently preparing notes on the next issues to be addressed by the steering group.

The grant funding of £4355 has been received.

c Police incidents report Item 11

Ralph Seville reported the recent incident of ASB at Walkfield currently being investigated by a PCSO.

The community update website OWL is being replaced by Smart Alert, further details to follow in due course.

**Cllr Wilcox**

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#### 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 – latest information is that a decision should be made by the end of March.
- 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 March 2016'.
- b Procedures for reviewing planning applications  
It was agreed that all Cllrs will look at all plans and be prepared for any discussion arising and that Cllr Altham will lead the review of applications at the Parish Council meeting.

**All  
Cllr Altham**

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

- a No decisions received from LDC for February 2016.
- b New Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030)  
See Item 4a.

#### 8 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a Consultancy advice  
See Item 4b.
- b Funding  
See Item 4b.

#### 9 **Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of February 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.

#### 10 **Grants**

- a It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £75 towards the costs of cutting the Willowwave sculpture should be awarded to Alrewas Arts in 2016/17.

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- b It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £250 towards the costs of controlling the rabbits at Walkfield should be awarded to Alrewas Cricket Club in 2016/17.
- c In addition to the annual summer awards to All Saints Primary School, £25; and John Taylor High School, £75; it was agreed that Cllr Moss would investigate the provision of a trophy to the High School.
- 11 **Police incidents report**  
See Item 4c.
- 12 **Highways**  
a Proposals submitted for the Community Paths Initiative for 2016/17 were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that SCC would be requested to repair the surfaces in Dark Lane and behind Lock Cottages and the forms for the Initiative would be forwarded to Will Chapman at the Alrewas Community Group. **Clerk**
- 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 – on-going. **Cllr Pegg**
- 14 **Walkfield**  
a Permission for rabbits to be shot at Walkfield  
The Cricket Club have advised that the contractor identified to shoot the rabbits is no longer available and have requested permission to gas the rabbits in accordance with a quote supplied.  
It was **RESOLVED** that Alrewas Cricket Club could arrange for the rabbits to be gassed at Walkfield in accordance with the quotation provided by Graham Barrett Pest Control subject to the paperwork from Graham Barrett being up to date **Clerk**
- b Report from the working group  
It was noted that a grant application to DET had been submitted. Cllr Moss advised that all applications will have been lodged by the third week in April. If successful, next steps will be to agree the final plans and undertake some consultation with the village. **Cllr Moss and working group**
- c Request for trees to be cut back adjacent to Lock Cottage  
It was agreed to ask SW Tree surgery to report on the condition of the trees and advise on the necessary action to be taken. **Clerk**  
It was noted that a tree in a neighbouring area was causing a hazard by the footpath from Walkfield and the Clerk was asked to contact the owner to ask for the tree to be cut back. **Clerk**
- 15 **War Memorial**  
a Base  
The report prepared by Brownhill Hayward Brown (BHB) was considered and option 3 was approved. **Cllrs Butcher, Coates and Moss**  
The working group will look at taking the matter forward with the War Memorials Trust and BHB to find funding support.

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- 16 **Parish Forum**  
Next meeting TBA.
  
- 17 **Residents Complaints/Requests**
  - a Repairs to grass junction Fox Lane/A513  
The handyman will seed the area. **Clerk**  
Clerk to find out when the cycleway will be marked on the path.
  
  - b Bromford Housing Association  
Residents from Anson Road and members of the Parish Council have been invited to a meeting on 17 March 2016 where Bromford will outline proposals for the Airey houses. **All**
  
  - c Flooding Furlong Close  
Cllr Stanhope has asked County Cllr Eagland to assist in getting action taken to alleviate this problem. **County Cllr Eagland**
  
- 18 **Brief items**
  - a Nothing to report.
  
- 19 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**
  - a Past dates  
Cllr Pegg attended a meeting on 10 March 2016 on “Transforming the Trent Valley”. Details of the project can be followed on the Central Rivers website.
  
  - b Future Dates  
**Parish Assembly 25 April 2016**  
Cllr Pegg offered his apologies but will be unable to attend; Cllr Niblock will chair the meeting. It was agreed to follow the same format as previously with an introductory speech from Inspector Rob Neeson on Community Policing. **Clerk**
  
- 20 **Date of Next Council Meeting**  
Monday 18 April 2016 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.  
  
Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 07 April 2016.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**