

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Mike Wilcox (from Item 4a) and Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Moss for late arrival.

2 **Declarations of interest**

None.

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 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 gave an overview of the conduct of the independent examination, noting that the examiner had been professional and helpful and that members of the working group had made the case questioning the logic of aspects of the Plan and the selection of the sites which appear to be driven by the gravel companies. They also asked that the impact of all proposals affecting the area, including HS2, be considered in the examination.

The attendance of the public on the final day had been very helpful in demonstrating the level of concern from residents affected by the proposals.

A decision could take up to 6 months or be available in 2 to 3 weeks.

Ralph Seville on behalf of residents, John Pegg, Chair of the Parish Council, and County Cllr Eagland recorded their thanks to Stuart and the working group for their time and commitment to researching the shortfalls in the Plan and for the professional manner in which the resulting concerns and inconsistencies were drawn to the attention of the examiner – the affected area could not have been better represented.

b Neighbourhood Plan update Item 8

No public participation.

c Police incidents report Item 11

Ralph Seville advised no contact from our PCSO in the last month and no messages affecting the village received from Smart Alert.

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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 April.

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 April 2016'.

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

a The decisions from LDC for February and March 2016 were noted.

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

See Item 4a.

It was **RESOLVED** that the hire of the coach to take residents to the examination would be borne by the Parish Council: cost £170.

8 **Neighbourhood Plan**

a Consultancy advice

The Steering Group has met with the consultant dealing with green spaces who is now marking up a map with the local heritage factors and the Staffordshire map overlays before producing wording for the support of green spaces within the revised Neighbourhood Plan.

b Funding

The consultant will advise on applying for the second tranche of funding.

9 **Financial Statements**

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of March 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**

It was **RESOLVED** that a grant of £200 should be awarded towards the costs of workshops at the Alrewas Arts Festival in 2016/17.

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- 11 **Police incidents report**
See Item 4c.
- 12 **Highways**
- a The footpaths officer from SCC is continuing to investigate options for improving the surface of Dark Lane and the path behind Lock Cottages. Cllr Butcher is liaising with the officer. SCC to be asked if a bollard could be installed along Dark Lane to prevent vehicles driving along the part adjacent to Essington Farmhouse. **Cllr Butcher**
- b Flooding on Overley Lane
Details of the flooding have been passed to the Lichfield Highways team for action to clear the culverts. **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 The initial cull and follow up visit on the land behind the MUGA and at the top of the football pitch has taken place. Action from SCC to clear alongside the A513 is urgently required – County Cllr England will chase. **County Cllr England**
- b Report from the working group
Nothing to report on the grant application submitted to DET. Cllr Moss advised that the working group is looking at undertaking some consultation with the village towards the end of May. **Cllr Moss and working group**
- c Request for trees to be cut back adjacent to Lock Cottage
It was **RESOLVED** to appoint SW Tree surgery to prune the silver birch trees and dismantle the crack willow in accordance with their quote no. 370 price £650. **Clerk**
- d It was noted that the tree causing a hazard by the footpath from Walkfield has been cut back.
- 15 **War Memorial**
- a Base
The report prepared by Brownhill Hayward Brown (BHB) was considered and option 3 was approved. The working group will look at taking the matter forward with the War Memorials Trust and BHB to find funding support. Nothing further to report. **Cllrs Butcher, Coates and Moss**
- 16 **Parish Forum**
Next meeting TBA.
- 17 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

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a Broken road sign junction Fox Lane/A513 **Clerk**

18 Brief items

a A38 closure Alrewas to Barton overnight 22/23 April 2016.

b Statfold Wood

Cllr Pegg gave a brief summary of proposals for a nature reserve on land adjacent to Statfold Lane - further details will be available at the Parish Assembly.

19 Parish Council Diary - (All)

a Past dates

b Future Dates

Parish Assembly 25 April 2016

All

20 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 16 May 2016 Annual Parish Council meeting followed by ordinary meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items - Thursday 05 May 2016.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date