

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11 July 2016 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE Jean Burton (Clerk).

Cllr Pegg took the Chair

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr C Niblock, Cllr D Moss for late arrival, District Cllr M Wilcox and County Cllr J Eagland.

2 **Declarations of interest**

None.

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 June 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 June 2016 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 **Co-option of member**

It was noted that there was no call for an election and the notice advertising the vacancy had been issued on 29 June 2016. The closing date for applications is 13 July 2016.

5 **Public Participation**

a Proposal for the refurbishment of the Walkfield play area Item 14

The report prepared by the working group was presented by Jenny Lewis.

Representations on behalf of residents in Chaseview were made by David Mudd, Stephen Woolston and Ray Clews voicing the following main concerns:

The apparent extension of the play area.

The scale of the equipment being proposed, moving from a toddler area to kit suitable for teenagers.

The consultation was late in the process and concerns raised had not been addressed.

Jenny confirmed that the brief was to stay within the existing boundary and following the consultation adjustments had been made (eg to remove the roof from the piece of equipment where residents had concerns youngsters would climb up to look into the gardens).

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- b Village Hall AGM report Item 16
Tony Jones, the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee, summarised the matters addressed during the first year following the refurbishment noting that bookings were beginning to increase for the additional space and the new online booking system was up and running.
Cllrs commented that the facility was much improved and feedback to date was positive – thanks to the team involved.

- c Police incidents report Item 6
Ralph Seville of Neighbourhood Watch gave a brief summary of police concerns noting that crime in the village is still relatively low. Residents are encouraged to report incidents of anti-social behaviour and obtain an incident number.

- 6 **Police**
The report made by Mr Seville was noted.

- 7 **Essington Green applications**
To be advised on the progress of the appeal now relating to 15/00120/FULM only:

- a Timescale and outstanding issues
Nothing to report.

- 8 **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 11 July 2016'.

During the recess applications will be forwarded to Cllrs for comment and the Clerk and Chair/Vicechair will agree the response to be submitted to LDC.

- 9 **Planning matters for information – to take notice of:**

- a The decisions from LDC for June 2016 were noted.

- 10 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a Meeting with LDC 27 June 2016
This was a positive meeting with a will to overcome the difficulties on various issues. The revised wording was discussed and it was acknowledged that it will be a struggle to meet the housing numbers with the current settlement boundary.

- b Funding
Initial approval has been received for the second tranche of funding – on-going.

- c The reply from the Conservation Officer to the request to meet members of the Development Group with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was noted. It was agreed to press for an early meeting.

Clerk

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11 Financial Statements

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

During the recess cheques will be signed as required and listed for the September meeting.

12 Highways and footpaths

- a Re-positioning the bench at the junction of Fox Lane and the A513

Enquiries are in hand to ascertain the owner of the site.

Clerk

13 Waterways

- a Flood wardens – following the meeting with the Environment Agency on 16 June 2016 this matter is marked forward to the September meeting.

Cllrs Pegg
and Niblock

14 Walkfield – refurbishment of the play area

- a Funding

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would allocate £11,694 to this project.

- b Proposed improvements

- 1 It was **RESOLVED** that the Zipwire would be removed from the proposal.

- 2 It was **RESOLVED** that a site survey marking out the site and the equipment would be undertaken. Residents will be invited to attend this survey.

- 3 It was **RESOLVED** that subject to the site survey conclusions and any necessary adjustments being made including removal of the Zipwire the improvements should proceed in the following phases:

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- ii Removal of existing equipment £5,163

- iii Eco Tumble surfacing £17,600

- iv Play equipment £19,417

Seating, re-location of play equipment TBA less than £7,112

- c It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Chair/Vicechair will verify the orders to be placed and the Clerk is authorised to place the approved orders on behalf of the Parish Council.

- d It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Chair/Vicechair will check any documentation arising in connection with the funding and the Clerk is authorised to sign any approved documentation on

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behalf of the Parish Council.

15 Walkfield – other matters

It was noted that the new dog and litter bins have been securely fixed in place.

16 Village Hall

The update from the AGM is noted (Item 5b).

17 War Memorial

a Base

The response from the WMT Conservation Team was noted and it was agreed that the working group would meet to assess how to proceed.

Cllrs Butcher and Moss

Nothing to report.

18 Parish Forum

The next meeting is on 14 July 2016.

19 Residents Complaints/Requests

Nothing to report.

20 Brief items

a Bloodstock Festival 11-14 August - contact telephone numbers available on the website in case of complaints.

21 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past dates

Parish surgery 2 July 2016 – no residents attended.

b Future Dates

John Taylor High School Presentation Evening 14 July 2016, 7pm.

Cllr Moss

Minerals Plan Working Group 12 July 2016 7.30pm Village Hall

22 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 12 September 2016 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 01 September 2016.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date