

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12 September 2016 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Jan Altham, June Attwood, David Butcher, Donna Moss, Chris Niblock, John Pegg and Jane Reilly.

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

- 1 **Apologies for absence**
Cllr M Stanhope and District Cllr B Rayner.
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
None.
- 3 **Minutes**
 - a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 July 2016
It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 July 2016 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.
- 4 **Co-option of member – *in confidence***
It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Dave Whatton be co-opted on to the Parish Council.
- 5 **Public Participation**
 - a Police incidents report Item 6
Ralph Seville of Neighbourhood Watch said no reports had been received from the police. The parking outside the school will be monitored closely as the new term starts.
- 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 12 September 2016'.

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

a The decisions from LDC for July and August 2016 were noted.

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

It was noted that comments had been made via the consultation process but the areas that could be addressed were very limited. The working group will continue to argue to mitigate future development.

10 **Neighbourhood Plan**

a Revised wording

The Steering Group is meeting on 15 September 2015 to consider the revised wording and vision objectives including extending the development boundary. Cllr Wilcox advised that LDC is being tasked by government with finding more sites for consideration in the housing allocations process.

b Funding

Initial approval has been received for the second tranche of funding – on-going. The grant funding period end date is 17 January 2017.

c Meeting with the Conservation Officer

The Clerk will ask the Conservation Officer to meet members of the Development Group and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group as soon as possible.

Clerk

11 **Financial Statements**

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the months of July and August 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 months 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.

c It was noted that the audit of the Annual Return for 2015/16 has been completed. No comments made. The details are available for inspection on the website.

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, now believed to be Highways.

Clerk

b Concerns raised by Leigh Shackles

Cllr Pegg advised that the flooding along FP3(b) did make the route impassable at times but it was unlikely that this section would be elevated. The rubbish pile towards the north of the village appears to be reducing. Cllr Pegg will try to contact Mr Shackles.

Cllr Pegg

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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 – nothing to report.
- b Flood Plain research
Cllr Pegg has been in touch with Dr Jones from the University of Leicester to offer information relevant to a major new project exploring flooding especially in relation to “watery” place names.

**Cllrs Pegg
and Niblock**

14 **Walkfield – refurbishment of the play area**

- a Complaints from residents – *in confidence*
- b It was noted that the site visit with residents was held on 3 August 2016 and residents have confirmed their support for the amended proposals.
- c It was noted that the grant funding from DET has formally been approved.
- d Proposed improvements
It was noted orders have been placed for phases I,II,III:
 - I Removal of existing equipment £5,163
 - II Eco Tumble surfacing £17,600
 - III Play equipment £19,417

And costs for the picnic area, security fencing and storage hire of £1,772 agreed.

15 **Walkfield – other matters**

- a The number of dog and litter bins on site will be covered by the working group meeting to review provision throughout the village scheduled for 14 September 2016.

16 **Village Hall – *in confidence***

17 **War Memorial**

- a Base
It was agreed that the working group would contact the War Memorials Trust and report back about the best way to proceed.

**Cllrs Butcher
and Moss**

18 **Parish Forum**

The next meeting is on 10 January 2017.

19 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

- a Bench outside the Co-op
It was **RESOLVED** that the offer from the Co-op to place a bench outside the shop would be supported and that a letter would be sent to local residents with an offer to meet to identify the best position for the bench.

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20 **Brief items**

a The newsletter should be distributed by the end of September.

21 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past dates

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

b Future Dates

HS2 presentation at Fradley and Streethay Parish Council meeting 20 September 2016

22 **Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 10 October 2016 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 29 September 2016.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date