

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10 October 2016 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr J Eagland and Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs J Attwood and M Stanhope and District Cllr M Wilcox.

2 **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Dave Whatton made his declaration of acceptance of office.

3 **Declarations of interest**

None.

4 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 September 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 September 2016 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

b To receive and approve the Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 September 2016

It was **RESOLVED** that the Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 September 2016 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5 **Public Participation**

a Police incidents report Item 6 – no report from Mr Seville.

b Bench outside the Co-op

Mr John Ball asked that it be recorded that following the strong objections raised by residents when a similar proposal was raised in 2015 it was very disappointing that this latest proposal had been considered and approved without liaising with the residents most affected.

Both Mr Ball and Mr Graham Slight listed the concerns of anti-social behaviour and vandalism particularly at night and in the early hours when a bench will be of no benefit to the elderly but an attraction to groups of youths.

Mr Ball advised that the manager at the Co-op has said his staff would be prepared to move a bench inside the shop each night.

c Neighbourhood Plan update Item 10

Mr Graham Slight advised that following the resignation of Will Chapman as Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group he has taken on the role. Will Chapman remains a member of the Group.

Mr Slight provided a brief recap of the position following the failed examination in 2015 and confirmed the appointed consultant was assisting with re-writing the policies.

It has been recognised that the only way to accommodate the required number of houses is by extending the development

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boundary of the village which will need to be agreed with LDC before land owners are approached.

A timetable will be drawn up to complete this process so the updated Plan can be presented for the new consultation.

6 **Police**

No report made.

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 10 October 2016'.

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

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

10 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a Revised wording – the update from Mr Slight (Item 5c) was noted.

- b Funding

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

- c Meeting with the Conservation Officer

A meeting with the Conservation Officer and members of the Development Group and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is scheduled for 17 October 2016.

**Cllrs Pegg
and Butcher;
G Slight and
Clerk**

11 **Financial Statements**

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

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 – on-going.

Clerk

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- b Proposal for staging benches throughout the village
Cllr Niblock presented the proposal raised by the Civic Society for benches to be installed on Fox Lane at the junction with Walkfield Road, Burway Meadow near the junction with Wellfield Road and on the triangle on Micklehome Drive. It was agreed that the proposal should be costed and brought back to the Parish Council when fully detailed. **Cllr Niblock**
- 13 **Waterways**
- a Flood wardens – a report will be available for the meeting on 14 November 2016. **Cllrs Pegg and Niblock**
- 14 **Walkfield – refurbishment of the play area**
- a It was noted that the site visit with the contractor was held on 15 September 2016 and the proposed start date is 31 October 2016. The estimated duration of works is 4 weeks.
- b Residents
A letter has been sent to residents in response to the complaints raised.
- c Civic Society request for additional planting and hedging
Cllr Moss advised that the proposals made by the Civic Society would not address the boundary of the play area.
It was agreed that the working group for Walkfield, joined by Cllrs Altham and Whatton and a member of the Civic Society would investigate what additional planting behind the houses and along the car park barrier was required. **Cllrs Butcher, Moss, Pegg, Reilly, Altham and Whatton; Civic Society**
- 15 **Dog and litter bins**
- a It was **RESOLVED** to remove the two dog bins on Walkfield **Clerk**
- b It was **RESOLVED** to remove the dog bin on Dark Lane bridle path **Clerk**
- c It was **RESOLVED** that the working group will monitor bin usage to review any additional need, noting that black bins are the standard in the village. **Cllrs Niblock, Altham and Butcher**
- 16 **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 – nothing to report. **Cllrs Butcher and Moss**
- 17 **Parish Forum**
The next meeting is on 10 January 2017.
- 18 **Residents Complaints/Requests**
- a Bench outside the Co-op

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- The responses to the letter sent to residents were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that a meeting would be set up with the Co-op and residents to discuss all options. **Clerk**
- b Concerns regarding the school bus service
County Cllr Eagland advised that capacity is being increased and timings should improve once the roadworks are completed.
- c Lych gate flooding All Saints Church
This matter has been addressed by Highways.
- d Overgrown footpath George and Dragon
Not considered a problem at present.
- e Fencing of verge Micklehome Drive
This matter was considered in conjunction with the recent planning application 16/00338/FUL. Clerk to check with LDC and SCC for ownership and to ask for the fencing to be removed. **Clerk**
- 19 **Brief items**
- a Liaison with the Civic Society
It was agreed that Cllr Niblock would approach the Civic Society to suggest a Cllr be appointed as a liaison officer to attend their meetings and report back to the Parish Council. **Cllr Niblock**
- b Walkfield Sports Forum
Cllr Moss gave a brief report from the last meeting noting that the football pitch is being very well used this season and may need re-seeding next summer. The marking out is not good. The current CCTV coverage is being reviewed and there may be an opportunity to include the play area. A report will be available next month. **Cllr Moss**
- c Village Hall
Cllr Moss reported that the last committee meeting had thanked Cllr Altham for her involvement. An award of £500 had been received from Arts Fest towards the noticeboard. Other matters under consideration are the constitution and child protection.
- 20 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**
- a Past dates
A presentation on Statfold Wood was held on 6 October 2016 outlining the proposal for charity control with trustees from each village organisation.
- b Future Dates
- 21 **Date of Next Council Meeting**
Monday 14 November 2016 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.
- Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 03 November 2016.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date