

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 16 January 2017 in Alrewas Village Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, David Butcher, Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Margaret Stanhope and Dave Whatton.

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Mike Wilcox and Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr D Moss.

2 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Reilly Item 8 application 16/01446/FUL

3 **Minutes**

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 December 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 December 2016

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

4 **Casual vacancy - in confidence**

It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Miles Moseley be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

5 **Public Participation**

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

6 **Police**

No report made.

Cllr Stanhope advised of a break-in at the butcher's shop just before Christmas where the police response had been first class.

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 16 January 2017'.

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

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

#### 10 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a Revised timetable

Cllr Pegg reported that options relating to the settlement boundary are under discussion together with the open green spaces policy and should be determined soon. Once other changes to the vision have been identified a draft for consideration should be available in February.

**Cllr Pegg**

- b Funding

The second tranche of funding has been received and further invoicing from the consultants is included for payment this month.

There is some funding left – the grant funding period end date is 17 January 2017 – but the consultant is hopeful there may be an extension of time for this element.

- c Deepmore Close

It was **RESOLVED** to investigate the options for use of the land owned by the Parish Council at Deepmore Close, such enquiry to include involving the residents.

**Cllr Pegg**

#### 11 **Financial Statements**

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

- c It was **RESOLVED** the Precept for 2017/18 be set at £39,270.

- d It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Niblock is authorised to sign the standard contract for streetscene services with LDC.

- e The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor re-appointed in May 2016 has resigned. The interim audit is now due and the Clerk was authorised to engage a replacement auditor asap.

**Clerk**

#### 12 **Highways and footpaths**

SCC are looking to introduce a one-off licence fee which will cover all benches in a parish – Items a and b are marked forward until this is available.  
Nothing further to report.

**Clerk**

- 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.

**Cllr Niblock**

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Cllr Niblock will investigate and report on the condition of this bench

- b Proposal for staging benches throughout the village  
The proposal to install benches on Fox Lane at the junction with Walkfield Road, Burway Meadow near the junction with Wellfield Road and on the triangle on Micklehome Drive to be costed and brought back to the Parish Council when fully detailed.
- c Land adjacent to 78 Micklehome Drive  
The comments from SCC were noted and no further action can be taken. It was agreed this was an unsatisfactory conclusion. Cllr Whatton will investigate precedents in law and Cllr Butcher noted that the Parish Council has no powers or money to progress this matter.

#### 13 Waterways

- a A resident has been in touch regarding the flood task group and Cllr Niblock will be in contact with him.

**Cllr Niblock**

#### 14 Walkfield

- a Funding  
All grant monies have been received.  
Wicksteed will be asked to fill the holes appearing where some of the equipment has been removed. Payment and confirmation of the certificate of satisfaction for this element to be sent when addressed.  
The certificates can be signed off for the equipment and picnic tables.

**Clerk**

**Cllr Niblock**

- b Rota-Web  
It was noted an order has been placed to supply and fit the Rota-web.

- c Time and format of official opening of play area  
The report from the working group was circulated and noted.  
The proposed date is 25 March 2017 2-3pm.  
The working group will manage the event.

**Cllr Moss  
and working  
group**

The Parish Council agreed to fund tea and coffee for the event and arrange for the grass to be cut.

**Clerk**

A request for the re-location of the waste bin will be followed up.

**Clerk**

- d Damaged wood at the MUGA  
Cllrs Niblock and Pegg will meet with the handyman to schedule works at Walkfield including this project.

**Cllrs Niblock,  
Pegg and  
Clerk**

- e Civic Society request for additional planting and hedging  
Nothing to report.

**Cllrs  
Butcher,  
Moss, Pegg,  
Reilly,  
Altham and**

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**Whatton;  
Civic Society**

**15 War Memorial**

- a Base  
Two contractors have indicated they will provide a quote for the work.  
Project to be undertaken in the spring – nothing further to report.

**Cllrs Butcher  
and Moss  
and Clerk**

**16 Parish Forum**

Cllr Altham reported the concerns raised that very few parishes attended and LDC are questioning whether this is a useful meeting.  
The topics discussed covered calculation of the Precept and safeguarding.

**17 Residents Complaints/Requests**

- a Arts Festival figure  
This is due to be removed soon.
  
- b Dog/litter bins  
Cllr Reilly will remind residents that all bins are now multi-purpose.
  
- c Hedge 59 Park Road  
The hedge is overgrowing the footpath and now appears to be outside the fencing erected for the new housing. It was agreed to ask SCC to determine ownership and request hedge to be cut back.

**Clerk**

**18 Brief items**

- a Liaison with the Civic Society – nothing to report.
  
- b It was noted that Alrewas United Charities has changed its name to Alrewas and Fradley Charities.

**Cllr Niblock**

**19 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

- a Past dates
  
- b Future Dates  
Parish/District Cllrs surgery – Cllr Wilcox to suggest some dates.

**20 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 13 February 2017 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 02 February 2017.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**