

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 13 February 2017 in Alrewas Village Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, Miles Moseley, Donna Moss, Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Margaret Stanhope and Dave Whatton.

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Mike Wilcox (from Item 11) and Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Wilcox for late arrival and Cllr D Butcher.  
Cllrs sent best wishes for a speedy recovery to Cllr Butcher.

2 **Declaration and Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Miles Moseley 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 16 January 2017  
It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 January 2017 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5 **Public Participation**

- a Police incidents report Item 6 – Mr Seville noted the continuing theft of cars following break-ins to steal keys. Thefts from vans have also been reported. Contact will be made with PCSO Tracy Horton to see how to get better information particularly on incidents of anti-social behaviour.

6 **Police**

The report 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  
Decision due this week.

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 13 February 2017'.

b **Vodafone proposal**

The proposed installation of a base station on land to the south west of Croxall Road was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal.

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

- a The decisions from LDC for January 2017 were noted.
- b Proposed revisions to application 14/01103/FULM  
It was agreed that members of the development plans group would meet with the developer to discuss the proposed revisions.

**Cllrs Pegg  
and Altham;  
and G Slight**

10 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a Revised timetable  
Cllr Pegg reported that re-drafting is waiting on the now imminent decision on the planning application for the land north of Dark Lane.  
A draft should be available by the end of the month.
- b Funding  
The grant funding period end date has been extended to 31 March 2017.

**Cllr Pegg**

11 **Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of January 2017.  
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 The Clerk reported that a new Internal Auditor has attended for the interim visit and a report will be available for the March meeting.

**Clerk**

12 Staffing – *in confidence*

13 **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.
- 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 reported the bench is sound but slimy from being positioned in the shade. It would benefit from being moved.

**Clerk**

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- 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.  
It was noted that a letter has been received from residents on Micklehome Drive objecting to a bench on the triangle. It was **RESOLVED** that this bench be withdrawn from the proposal.
- 14 **Waterways**  
a Flood Task Group - Cllr Niblock will move this forward shortly. **Cllr Niblock**
- 15 **Walkfield**  
a Progress on finalising the groundwork  
Wicksteed have offered to add more topsoil and seed when the Rota Web is installed.  
  
b Rota-Web  
This is due to be fitted 18 March 2017 in time for the official opening.  
  
c Time and format of official opening of play area  
Invitations have been issued to all Cllrs for 25 March 2017 2-3pm.  
The press release is being amended.  
The working group will manage the event. **Cllr Moss and working group**  
  
d Re-location of the waste bin  
It was **RESOLVED** to move the bin nearer to the fence around the cricket pitch.  
  
e Damaged wood at the MUGA  
This project will be addressed following the resolution of the confidential matter at Item 12. **Cllrs Niblock, Pegg and Clerk**  
  
f Civic Society request for additional planting and hedging  
Nothing to report. **Cllrs Butcher, Moss, Pegg, Reilly, Altham and Whatton; Civic Society**  
  
g Re-location of EIIR piece of equipment  
Cllr Reilly on behalf of residents interested in retaining this item requested advice from Cllrs on the proposed re-location of this equipment from the play area at Walkfield.  
Cllr Moss reported that during the various proposals considered by the working group for the refurbishment of the play area all suppliers had advised the equipment was no longer safe or compliant with the latest regulations for play equipment. The

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decision had been taken to scrap it and it had been removed from site and partially deconstructed.

The Parish Council is therefore clear that it has no responsibility for this item and confirmed it will not contribute to maintenance or repair costs.

If an application is made for the equipment to be sited on an area where the Parish Council would be consulted eg land owned by SCC Highways, a decision will be taken when the proposal is properly defined.

The Clerk was asked to put Cllr Reilly (acting in a personal capacity) in touch with SCC Highways.

**Clerk**

#### 16 **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**

#### 17 **Parish Forum**

Next meeting TBA.

#### 18 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

##### a Arts Festival figure

This has been removed.

##### b Hedge 59 Park Road

The hedge is overgrowing the footpath and now appears to be outside the fencing erected for the new housing. SCC has said that this matter could be addressed via the planning process and LDC has been asked to advise.

**Clerk**

##### c Flyposting

It was noted that flyposting is illegal and LDC will take action if perpetrators are reported. Posters can be removed.

**All**

#### 19 **Brief items**

a Liaison with the Civic Society – nothing to report.

##### b HS2

Cllr Stanhope reported that although there should be no direct effect on Alrewas plans to route the traffic are likely to involve Wood End Lane with the possible knock on effect to alternative roads to Fradley and surrounding areas.

Routes will be determined by SCC.

**Cllr Niblock**

#### 20 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**

##### a Past dates

##### b Future Dates

Parish/District Cllrs surgery – Cllr Wilcox to suggest some dates.

#### 21 **Date of Next Council Meeting**

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

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

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**