

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

**PRESENT** Cllrs David Butcher, Miles Moseley, Donna Moss, Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly (left after Item 8), Margaret Stanhope and Dave Whatton.

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllrs Mike Wilcox, District Cllr Ben Rayner (left after Item 8) and Jean Burton (Clerk).

Temporary Inspector Joanne Rea, Local Policing Commander Lichfield and Sgt Gareth Thomas for Item 4a.

Approximately 60 residents for Item 4a with c20 remaining for Item 4b

1 **Apologies for absence**  
Cllr J Altham.

2 **Declarations of interest**  
Cllr Moss Item 7 planning application 17/00187/FUL.

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2017 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 13 February 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the Confidential Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2017 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 **Public Participation**

Standing orders were suspended to allow residents to interact with the police and other speakers

a Police incidents report Item 5 – Mr Seville reported on the continuing theft of cars following break-ins to steal keys and an incident of ASB at The Crown on 12 February 2017.

Inspector Rea responded to the concerns regarding the recent crimes and gave details of the investigations and actions being taken by the police both locally and in the Lichfield District. Specifically cars have been recovered and the offenders are awaiting trial. Inspector Rea stressed the need for local intelligence and everyone is encouraged to report suspicious incidents at any time of the day or night.

b Essington Green land north of Dark Lane decision – implications for Neighbourhood Plan Items 6 and 9

Mr Slight reported that he is now the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group following the resignation of Dave Crump. The huge effort and amount of work put in by Mr Crump was recognised and much appreciated. Jane Pegg is now the Vicechair and Secretary to the group.

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Clearly the decision to permit 121 houses to be built on the land north of Dark Lane is a disappointment but there is still value in producing a Neighbourhood Plan and the group is keen to bring this to fruition as soon as possible. There are two key elements remaining to be addressed:

Firstly, the village boundary – LDC asked the group to re-draw the village boundary but this has been delayed until the result of the appeal was known. Now there is clarity the group have a proposal to make to LDC. As part of the Local Plan LDC have a view on the boundary which is different but following a meeting earlier on 13 March 2017 the group is hopeful of reaching a consensus with LDC.

Secondly, Open Green Spaces accessed by the public – there are two specific areas proposed, at Statfold Lane and along the canal and river Trent in the Dark Lane area.

The group is hopeful these elements can be agreed in the next two weeks then the draft plan can be submitted to LDC and consultants for the final review.

**Neighbourhood  
Plan Steering  
Group**

- c Mitigation in relation to the Essington Green land north of Dark Lane decision – Item 6a

Mr John Walton presented a statement on behalf of residents on Dark Lane noting their gross disappointment at the decision to allow the development and discard the Neighbourhood Plan in reaching that decision.

He requested that the Neighbourhood Plan be progressed so that it can be taken into account in any future applications to extend this development and/or any other new developments proposed for the Parish.

In addition, residents would like to understand how their views will be represented in relation to the Planning Conditions regarding construction traffic, temporary parking and traffic management as well as the impact on utilities and other services.

#### 5 **Police**

The report was noted.

#### 6 **Essington Green land north of Dark Lane**

Cllr Rayner advised that following approval of application 13/01175/FULM for 121 houses at this location Lioncourt were currently marketing the site on their website.

- a Planning conditions mitigation, execution and policing  
Following the statement from Mr Walton and further consideration of the implications of this development on the village it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Whatton would lead a task group to identify the issues for the Parish Council to take forward to the developer and relevant authorities.

**Cllr Whatton**

- b Cllr Whatton will investigate how CIL will apply to this development.

**Cllr Whatton**

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#### 7 **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 March 2017'.

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

##### a The decisions from LDC for February 2017 were noted.

##### b Proposed revisions to application 14/01103/FULM

The development plans group reported a successful meeting with the new developer to discuss the proposed revisions.

#### 9 **Neighbourhood Plan**

The update from Mr Slight at Item 4b was noted.

##### a Settlement boundary – to be resolved with LDC.

##### b Revised timetable – draft to follow resolution of outstanding matters asap.

##### c Funding

There is £900 of grant funding which will need to be returned to Groundwork UK.

#### 10 **Financial Statements**

##### a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of February 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 interim report from the Internal Auditor was noted.

The Clerk is to amend the Financial Regulations to allow a debit card to be issued.

**Clerk**

##### d Investment opportunity

It was agreed this type of investment was not suitable for the funds available to this Parish Council.

#### 11 **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

Nothing further to report.

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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 and Burway Meadow near the junction with Wellfield Road to be costed and brought back to the Parish Council when fully detailed.

#### 12 Waterways

- a Flood Task Group - Cllr Moseley will put forward some recommendations for consideration at the September meeting.

**Cllr Moseley**

#### 13 Walkfield

- a Damaged wood at the MUGA  
This will be replaced by the contractor appointed to succeed the handyman.

- b Civic Society request for additional planting and hedging  
The Clerk will arrange a meeting of Cllrs with the Civic Society asap.

**All and Civic Society**

- c Alrewas Open Gardens 24/25 June 2017  
It was **RESOLVED** that car parking for this event be approved.

- d Signage  
A meeting to agree on the appropriate signage will be held with members of the working group and Cllrs Niblock, Pegg and Butcher.

**Cllr Moss**

#### 14 War Memorial

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a The quote from Croft Building & Conservation Ltd of £916.23 be accepted.

- b The Clerk to advise the War Memorial Trust accordingly and action the repairs asap

**Clerk**

- c The cost is met from funds set aside as follows:  
S106 monies specifically advanced for repairs to the war Memorial £484.91  
Balance £431.32 Parish Council funds

#### 15 Parish Forum

Next meeting TBA.

#### 16 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a Hedge 59 Park Road  
The hedge is overgrowing the footpath and now appears to be outside the fencing erected for the new housing. LDC enforcement has asked the developer to confirm who will be responsible for future maintenance.

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b The comments from Mrs Cowser were noted. The only matter that falls to be determined by the Parish Council is the request for the "Parish Council monthly news to include What's On all events".

Cllrs agreed notification of village events was well covered by other social media sites and the Arts Festival Committee and is not needed on the Parish Council website.

c Brown bins

Cllr Stanhope advised that LDC intend to introduce charging for brown bins. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to LDC objecting to this proposal.

**Clerk**

d Traffic issues

Following the gridlock in the village on 10 March 2017 Cllr Wilcox undertook to request improved signage to re-direct the traffic properly when the A38 is closed.

**Cllr Wilcox**

17 **Brief items**

a Liaison with the Civic Society – nothing to report.

**Cllr Niblock**

18 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**

a Past dates

Parish/District Cllrs surgery – a lively meeting was held on 11 March 2017. The main issues raised were policing, traffic and the impact of the Essington Green development (addressed in this meeting).

b Future Dates

Parish Assembly 24 April 2017 – same format as previously.

**Clerk**

19 **Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 10 April 2017 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 30 March 2017.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**