

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 11 September 2017 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Jan Altham, David Butcher, Chris Niblock, Jane Reilly, Margaret Stanhope, Dave Whatton and District Cllr Mike Wilcox.

IN ATTENDANCE Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Moseley, Moss and Pegg and County Cllr Eagland.

2 Declarations of interest

None.

3 Minutes

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 July 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 July 2017 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 Public Participation

a Presentation on HS2 from Liz Davis, HS2 Engagement Manager for Phase 2a Fradley to Colton (Community Area 1)

Standing Orders were suspended to allow sufficient time for a discussion on access and traffic issues which might impact on the village and surrounding areas. Liz advised that:

The access route passing the wedding venue is accessed from Fradley (off A38 at Hilliards Cross) – it is not going to be a main construction traffic route. The construction vehicles are only going to be accessing for the upgrade of the access itself (for permanent maintenance purposes) and site set-up.

No construction HGV traffic is proposed to go through Alrewas or Kings Bromley on A513. Main access to compounds is proposed via A38, Cappers Lane, A5192 Eastern Avenue, A51 and A515 (as far as junction with A513). A513 Kings Bromley Lane/Rugeley Road is proposed for use west of the A515 to link to B5014 Ridware Road/Uttoxeter Road.

Location details relating to the gravel extraction via borrow pits near Kings Bromley will be supplied with maps.

Liz is happy to answer specific queries and attend meetings with residents if required.

The consultation closes on 30 September 2017.

b Neighbourhood Plan update Item 9a – Mr Slight reported that LDC’s informal comments have been reviewed by the Steering Committee and the consultant. There was nothing significant or controversial in the comments and the Plan has been amended by the consultant.

One outstanding piece of work in relation to proposals for Local Green Space remains to be completed.

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- c Police incidents report Item 5 - Mr Seville advised that there had been no incidents reported via Smart Alert relating to the village. Some residents have been receiving telephone calls purporting to be from HMRC and these should be reported to the police.

Cllr Stanhope voiced her concerns that not all incidents were being reported via Smart Alert since she was aware of an attempted break-in during July.

5 **Police**

The report was noted. The Clerk was asked to clarify which incidents should be notified via Smart Alert.

Clerk

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

No further information on the potential sale of this site by Lioncourt.

Items 6a and b are on hold pending action on this site.

- a Planning conditions mitigation, execution and policing
b Application of CIL to this development

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 11 September 2017'.

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

- a The decisions from LDC for July and August 2017 were noted.

9 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a Latest version

The report from Mr Slight was noted.

The Clerk reported that representations had been received from the owners of one piece of land currently being considered by the Steering Group for inclusion as Local Green Space. Their letter has been acknowledged and their concerns will be considered at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 9 October 2017.

**Neighbourhood
Plan Steering
Group**

10 **Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the months of July and August 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 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 Reduction in Local Council Tax Support Grant from 2018/19
The proposal from LDC and the letter from P Young were considered and it was **RESOLVED** not to challenge the

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reduction.

11 Highways and footpaths

a A38 slip road near Micklehome Drive

This matter has been referred to Highways England. No response to date.

**Cllr England
and Clerk**

Benches

SCC are looking to introduce a one-off licence fee which will cover all benches in a parish – in view of the time taken to prepare the licence SCC have agreed to look at the relocation of the bench in Item 11b independently and without affecting the one-off licence charge.

Item c is marked forward until the licence is available.

b Re-positioning the bench at the junction of Fox Lane and the A513

The Civic Society have been asked to provide a map showing exactly where the bench is to be positioned – nothing to report.

c 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 October meeting.

Cllr Moseley

13 Walkfield

a Signage – Cllr Reilly will chase and arrange to take delivery.

Cllr Reilly

b Incidents of ASB

Cllrs noted that the police had advised the reports of ASB at the play area did not amount to criminal damage. The PCSO had reviewed the CCTV and would follow up with the young people involved.

c Overnight parking on the car park

It was **RESOLVED** to place a sign prohibiting parking overnight at the entrance on the cricket club side of the car park.

Clerk

d Tree at Chaseview entrance

Cllrs agreed to take responsibility for this tree.

e Lighting Main Street/Walkfield alley

Cllr Niblock will prepare a proposal for the October meeting.

Cllr Niblock

f Easement re utilities across football pitch

Cllrs noted that planning application 15/00739/FUL had been granted and the developers have been in touch to enquire what is required to obtain permission for the utilities. Fields in Trust have specified certain conditions including an

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independent valuation.

- g Football pitch usage – Alrewas Athletic
Cllrs were advised that the manager of Alrewas Athletic had been in touch to say he was unable to sign the agreement to use the pitch at Walkfield since there were insufficient funds available to pay the 50% rental of £225 by 15 September 2017.

Cllrs noted the agreement as currently drafted has been in place for a number of years and considered that teams wishing to use Walkfield need to manage their resources in order to meet their obligations.

Cllrs reconfirmed that the terms of the agreement are to stand and that it must be signed before the start of the season with the annual fee of £450 payable in 2 equal instalments on 15 September and 31 December.

The Clerk was instructed to relay these comments to the manager and advise him that unless the signed form and initial payment were received within 48 hours permission to use Walkfield would not be granted.

Clerk

- h Rabbits
It was noted that the Cricket Club had commissioned a report to identify the appropriate action needed to reduce the rabbit population.

14 **Website**

To comply with the General Data Protection Regulations amendments to the website were considered:

- a In relation to privacy it was **RESOLVED** to add "Cookie Consent" at a one off cost of £25
and
b in relation to Data Security it was **RESOLVED** to encrypt the website with a Secure Socket Layer, set up cost £25 then £25 pa.

- c The working group was asked to look at an update for the website.

Cllrs Moss and Reilly

15 **Parish Forum**

The next meeting is on 28 February 2018.

16 **Residents Complaints/Requests**

- a Hedge 22 Kings Bromley Road
The comments from LDC were noted. No further action.
- b Overgrown trees/bushes Burway Meadow
The area has been tidied.
- c Dog fouling

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The LDC leaflets will be included with the annual newsletter for distribution in the village.

d Mink
There have been sightings of mink in the village. The Clerk was asked to report these to the Canal & River Trust and the Environment Agency.

Clerk

e Parking Mill End Lane and Church Road
The concerns were noted but parking restrictions are unenforceable.

17 Brief items

a Liaison with the Civic Society – nothing to report.
b Alrewas Compressor Station – the proposed vegetation works were noted.
c Re-opening Alrewas Station – the support from Michael Fabricant MP was noted.

d Weeds disturbing granite sets on Park Road
County Cllr Eagland has previously offered to follow up weed killing in the village. Clerk to chase and identify what action can be taken.
Cllr Reilly to ask Civic Society if this is a matter they can address.

**County Cllr
Eagland and
Clerk**

Cllr Reilly

18 Parish Council Diary – (All)

a Past dates
Bloodstock Festival 10-13 August 2017 – no problems reported this year.
b Future Dates
Battle of Britain Service Fradley 17 September 2017.

Cllr Niblock

19 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 09 October 2017 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.
Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 28 September 2017.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date