

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 09 October 2017 in Alrewas Village Hall

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, David Butcher, Miles Moseley, Donna Moss,  
Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Margaret Stanhope, Dave  
Whatton and District Cllrs Mike Wilcox and Ben Rayner.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

County Cllr Ealand.

2 **Declarations of interest**

None.

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 September 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 September 2017 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 **Public Participation**

a Presentation on redevelopment of Anson Road from Helen Minchin of Bromford Housing Group

Progress has been slightly slower than originally anticipated as 3 houses had to be purchased. There are still 3 customers waiting to be relocated within the village and 3 others due to move out soon. Plans are fairly well advanced with outstanding issues relating to drainage. The design for 48 dwellings (an increase from 20) includes 1 bedroom flats and some bungalows as well as houses with 2+ bedrooms. Properties will be offered for rental and shared ownership with those who have moved out being offered the option to move back.

It is intended that full details of the layout will be presented at a public event towards the end of November with a planning application being submitted in January 2018. Work will start on-site in September 2018 and finish December 2019.

b Neighbourhood Plan update Item 9

Mr Slight reported that changes recommended by LDC and YourLocale have been incorporated into the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

It has been decided to propose two areas for Local Green space designation:

Statfold Wood – the land to the east of the footpath between the two bailey bridges and

The Canal and Riverbank Fields – a fairly extensive tract of land bordered by the new development north of Dark Lane, the Village Settlement Boundary, the canal and River Trent and some existing hedge boundaries.

LDC have drawn up accurate maps showing the proposals for the Village Settlement Boundary and Open Green Spaces.

The next steps are:

Complete drafting

Tidy up references/evidence

Final proofreading/review

Submit to LDC for formal consultation

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- c Police incidents report Item 5 - Mr Seville advised that in addition to the car thefts reported via Smart Alert the collecting box for produce sales in Post Office Road had been stolen and a bicycle taken from one of the pubs.

The Neighbourhood Watch Group has for many years been an active and important liaison with local police teams but following changes to the way in which officers work the group feels it is now less effective and surplus to requirements.

Cllrs recorded their thanks to Mr Seville, Mrs Potter and their members for their hard work and commitment over the years.

The Clerk was asked to write to Matthew Ellis, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire, expressing concern over the recent increase in crimes in this area.

**Clerk**

- d Rabbits at Walkfield Item 13d – Mr Aston confirmed the increasing rabbit population is a serious issue, not only causing mess but raising the risk of injury from the holes appearing and stressing that it is very important to act this winter. The Cricket Club is willing to play its part but is looking for support from both the Parish Council and Highways so a concerted effort can be made to eliminate this pest.

#### 5 **Police**

- a The report was noted.

- b Missing Smart Alerts

Apologies had been received for the oversight in reporting some incidents over the summer.

#### 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 09 October 2017'.

- b Alrewas Quarry Liaison Committee

Pursuant to the S106 Agreement associated with the southern extension of Alrewas Quarry, Tarmac have invited the Parish Council to nominate one Cllr to attend this Committee. It will meet on a 6 monthly basis and will act as a formal means of communicating with the local community.

Cllr Whatton agreed to take on this role.

**Cllr Whatton**

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

- a The decisions from LDC for September 2017 were noted.

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#### 9 Neighbourhood Plan

The report from Mr Slight was noted.

- a The Clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Sanders advising that the land referred to in their letter is not to be included as Local Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Clerk**

- b It was **RESOLVED** that subject to finalising the proposals for Local Green Space and updating the appendices and references the latest version of the Neighbourhood Plan can be forwarded to LDC.

#### 10 Financial Statements

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

#### 11 Highways and footpaths

- A A38 slip road near Micklehome Drive  
Highways England have agreed the area and markings should be looked at but any change will take time to be fully considered.

- b Weed Killing  
Highways have advised that weed killing is scheduled twice a year – the first visit was 16 May 2017 and the second due w/c 18 September, weather permitting. Clerk to follow up.  
Cllr Reilly to ask the Civic Society if they are prepared to contribute to the cost of additional treatments.

**Clerk**

**Cllr Reilly**

#### 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 11c independently and without affecting the one-off licence charge.

Item d is marked forward until the licence is available.

- c 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 – Cllr Reilly to follow up.

**Cllr Reilly**

- d 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.

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#### 12 Waterways

a Flood Task Group – the group is due to meet next week. A report will be available for consideration at the December meeting.

**Cllrs Moseley,  
Niblock and  
Pegg**

b Transforming the Trent Valley  
Linked to the Central Rivers Initiative, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust is looking to involve organisations to guide the progressive restoration and revitalisation of the river valley between Burton, Lichfield and Tamworth. It was agreed Cllrs Pegg and Altham would meet with the Clerk and Mr Chapman to draft a response.

**Cllrs Pegg and  
Altham, Clerk  
and Mr  
Chapman**

#### 13 Walkfield

a Signage for users – LDC supplying and fitting posts, handyman to fix sign to Chaseview gate.

b Overnight parking on the car park  
Websites displaying information suggesting overnight parking is allowed have been requested to update their records.  
Cllr Niblock will fix a temporary sign to the car park railings.

**Cllr Niblock**

c Lighting Main Street/Walkfield alley  
Cllr Niblock will follow up an initial meeting with the adjacent householder who has indicated his willingness to look at installing a light.

**Cllr Niblock**

d Rabbits

It was **RESOLVED** that providing Highways would arrange to cull the rabbits alongside the A513 at the same time:

1. The plan submitted by Alrewas Cricket Club to control the rabbit population affecting the recreation area at Walkfield is approved
2. The contract will be managed by the Cricket Club
3. The Parish Council will contribute to the costs by way of a grant to the Cricket Club
4. The grant to be set at £800.

e Easement re utilities across football pitch – *in confidence*  
It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Bedson from Hinson Parry be asked to advise the Parish Council on the matters which need to be considered.

**Clerk**

#### 14 Website

a The newsletter should be distributed this week.

b The working group has yet to meet to look at an update for the website.

**Cllrs Moss and  
Reilly**

#### 15 Parish Forum

The next meeting is on 28 February 2018.

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**16 Residents Complaints/Requests**

- a Mink  
Both the Canal & River Trust and the Environment Agency advise householders to use a pest control agency.
- b Rubbish by the bench at the Mill Stream – see Item 17a.

**17 Brief items**

- a Liaison with the Civic Society – Cllr Reilly reported:  
A bin for the Mill Stream has been ordered.  
Plans for the location of the benches are in hand.

**18 Parish Council Diary – (All)**

- a Past dates  
Battle of Britain Service Fradley 17 September 2017.
- b Future Dates  
Armistice Day 11 November 2017 at the NMA.

**Cllr Niblock**

**19 Date of Next Council Meeting**

Monday 13 November 2017 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.  
Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 02 November 2017.

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**Chair/Vice Chair**

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**Date**