

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT Cllrs David Butcher, Miles Moseley, Donna Moss, Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Dave Whatton and County Cllr Janet Eagland.

IN ATTENDANCE Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Altham and Stanhope and District Cllrs Rayner and Wilcox.

2 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Reilly Item 7 planning application 17/01488/COU.

3 **Minutes**

a To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 October 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 October 2017 were a true record and could be signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 **Public Participation**

a Presentation on Gravel Extraction implications from Matthew Griffin, Team Leader Minerals Planning Policy and Development Control, SCC

Mr Griffin advised that the requirements of HS2 will be the major influence on gravel extraction west of the A38 in the near term and noted that at the time the Minerals Local Plan was adopted the effect of HS2 was unknown. The Plan was supported by the local action group provided that "when assessing proposals account will be taken of the multiple impacts of the development and the impacts of concurrent and / or consecutive working in an area".

Mr Griffin referred to the "Transforming the Trent Valley" initiative (Item 12b) which may also impact on the landscaping and regeneration of the area.

Mr Threlfall, chair of the Minerals Plan Working Group, stressed the importance of being involved early on in the discussions with quarry companies to ensure *inter alia* mitigation proposals are undertaken in a timely manner (eg pre-planting).

Cllr Lee from Kings Bromley Parish Council noted the HS2 borrow pits were outside the area of search and essentially HS2 can do what they like outside of the Minerals Local Plan.

Cllr Whatton referred to a recent conversation with the Chair of Yoxall Parish Council which covered similar concerns and it was agreed that Cllr Whatton would contact adjacent Parish Councils to decide how to work together in relation to HS2 proposals.

Cllr Whatton

5 **Police**

a The Smart Alert reports were noted.

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

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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 13 November 2017'.

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

a The decisions from LDC for October 2017 were noted.

9 **Neighbourhood Plan**

a Cllr Pegg advised the Plan has been submitted to LDC and a meeting is arranged for 7 December 2017 to follow up on the screening reports and finalise the appendices.

**Neighbourhood
Plan Working
Group**

10 **Financial Statements**

a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of October 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 Budget for 2018/19

It was agreed that Cllrs would meet with the Clerk on 28 November 2017 at 6.30pm at the RBL office to consider the budget proposals for 2018/19.

All

11 **Highways and footpaths**

a Consultation issued by SCC on the future of Staffordshire's rights of way network

It was agreed that Cllr Pegg would liaise with the walking group to determine the correct classification of footpaths.

Cllrs to prepare proposals on future involvement for discussion at the budget meeting on 28 November 2017.

Cllr Pegg

All

b Community based approach to Highways and Rights of Way

It was agreed that Cllrs would prepare proposals on future involvement for discussion at the budget meeting on 28 November 2017.

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c Weed Killing

It was noted that the second visit to the village took place on 6 October 2017.

Clerk to obtain a cost for having the gutters cleaned.

Clerk

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

Item e is marked forward until the licence is available.

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

The map supplied by the Civic Society has been forwarded to Highways.

Clerk

- e 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 advised that the group has decided to use the Elford Flood Plan as a basis for developing the Alrewas Plan. An update should be available for the January meeting.

**Cllrs Moseley,
Niblock and
Pegg**

- b Transforming the Trent Valley

Cllr Pegg advised that a meeting with Helen Bovey, a consultant collating views from the community on suggestions for transforming the Trent Valley, had been very informative.

Everyone is encouraged to contact Helen on 07775 633205 or helen@icarus.uk.net to engage in four evening meetings designed to record the local community's views, concerns, values and ideas around the issues facing the landscape of this area and to develop ideas on how grant money from the Heritage Lottery Fund could help deliver the kind of landscape that local communities want.

All

13 Walkfield

- a Signage for users has been installed. A quote for the "NO PARKING OVERNIGHT" sign has been requested.

- b Lighting Main Street/Walkfield alley

Cllr Niblock will report at the December meeting.

Cllr Niblock

- c The basket swing is due to be re-fitted on 24 November 2017.

- d County Cllr Eagland advised that SCC will fund the cost of culling the rabbits alongside the A513 adjacent to Walkfield.

14 Parish Publicity

- a It was noted the newsletter has been distributed and received favourable feedback.

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- b Website refresher
It was **RESOLVED** that the website would be updated to improve functionality with smallscreen devices, update security and refresh the look of the pages; cost £250.
- 15 **Parish Forum**
The next meeting is on 28 February 2018.
- 16 **Residents Complaints/Requests**
- a Speeding along Oakfield Road – no further information.
- b Overgrown hedge alongside footpath from Wellfield Road to the school
This will be considered as part of the review from Item 11a. **All**
- c Parish Council surgery
To be arranged for 25 November 2017 10am at The Crown. **All**
- d Telephone box
Following the consultation last year about removing the box there has been no further contact and the box is in a very poor and unsightly state. It was agreed to ask for the box to be removed and the area made good. **Clerk**
- 17 **Brief items**
- a Liaison with the Civic Society – Cllr Reilly reported that the Civic Society is unable to provide working parties to undertake work around the village.
- b Cllrs Moss and Reilly have agreed to decorate a tree on behalf of the Parish Council for the All Saints Alrewas Christmas Tree Festival 1-3 December 2017. **Cllrs Moss and Reilly**
- 18 **Parish Council Diary – (All)**
- a Past dates
Armistice Day 11 November 2017 at the NMA.
Remembrance Day 12 November 2017.
- b Future Dates
- 19 **Date of Next Council Meeting**
Monday 11 December 2017 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.
Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 30 November 2017.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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