

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 18 December 2017 in Alrewas Village Hall (postponed from 11 December 2017)

PRESENT Cllrs Jan Altham, David Butcher, Donna Moss, Chris Niblock, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Dave Whatton and District Cllr Mike Wilcox.

IN ATTENDANCE Jean Burton (Clerk).

1 **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Moseley and Stanhope 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 13 November 2017

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

4 **Public Participation**

a None

5 **Police**

a In addition to the Smart Alert about a stolen parcel Cllrs reported 2 thefts – traffic signs and Christmas lights.

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 December 2017'.

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

a The decisions from LDC for November 2017 were noted.

b **HS2**

Cllr Whatton advised an initial meeting will be held on 17 January 2018 with 2 representatives from neighbouring parishes to identify how to work together in relation to HS2 proposals.

Cllr Whatton

9 **Neighbourhood Plan**

a Cllr Pegg advised that at the meeting with LDC on 7 December 2017 it was agreed that the Plan should be formally submitted for Regulation 16 consultation in accordance with the resolution made at the Parish Council meeting held on 09 October 2017 Item 9b.

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- b The Steering Group is meeting on 19 December 2017 to determine the exact date for submission (likely to be 02 January 2018) which will start the consultation process. It is intended to hold a public meeting in January to update residents on the Plan.

**Neighbourhood
Plan Working
Group**

10 **Financial Statements**

- a To receive and approve the financial statement for the month of November 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 and Precept 2018/19 – *in confidence*

11 **Highways and footpaths**

- a Consultation issued by SCC on the future of Staffordshire's rights of way network
Cllr Pegg advised that the walking group members had found it very difficult to submit a response in the required format. It was agreed that Cllr Pegg and the Clerk will prepare a letter and submit a response.
- b Gutters
It was noted that LDC has agreed to sweep the nominated roads with the smaller path machine at no extra charge.
- c Benches
It was noted that Highways have approved moving the bench at the junction of Fox Lane and the A513 across the road and the Civic Society has been advised.

SCC are looking to introduce a one-off licence fee which will cover all benches in a parish.
Item d is marked forward until the licence is available.
- 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.

**Cllr Pegg and
Clerk**

12 **Waterways**

- a Flood Task Group – An update should be available for the January meeting.

**Cllrs Moseley,
Niblock and
Pegg**

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- b Transforming the Trent Valley - Cllr Pegg advised that so far 2 meetings have been held involving members of the public and experts building up a wish list and mission statement to support the next stage of a grant application for £3million from the Lottery Fund, due to be submitted in the summer. Two more meetings are to be held in January.

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 reported suitable lighting has been sourced and Highways have advised they have no objections. The conservation officer will be contacted next.

Cllr Niblock

- c Annual Inspection Report
The contents of the annual inspection report for the play area were noted and it was **RESOLVED** that Huck Tek should be commissioned to undertake the required repairs to the Cross-Scales cost £650.

14 Parish Publicity

- a It was noted the website has been refreshed and functionality and security enhanced.
- b There is a new Church Magazine being produced covering news from Alrewas Fradley and Wychnor. A link will be added to the Parish Council website.

Cllr Reilly

15 Parish Forum

The next meeting is on 28 February 2018. Cllr Wilcox personally invited everyone to attend – there will be important presentations on the changes taking place in relation to County Council responsibilities, new rules on Universal Credit and the PHP (People Helping People) initiative.

All

16 Residents Complaints/Requests

- a It was noted that Highways have agreed to prune the tree at the entrance to Walkfield from Chaseview Road.
- b BT have advised that the removal of the telephone box on Main Street is part of a nationwide initiative taking place over the next 2 years and there is no better information on when this may be taken away.
- c Parish Council surgery
A number of Cllrs and residents attended on 25 November 2017 10am at The Crown where the main concern was in relation to the planning application for 20 houses north of Dark Lane.

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17 Brief items

- a Liaison with the Civic Society – nothing to report.

- b Cllr Whatton attended the first meeting of the Quarry Liaison Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to be a forum for discussion and an exchange of information specifically relating to Alrewas Quarry and associated matters (eg hauliers). Meetings are due to be held quarterly and County Cllr Eagland has been appointed chair.

- c A request has been received from a developer for a meeting to discuss the potential easement across Walkfield. Cllrs Butcher, Pegg and Niblock and the Clerk will set a date early in the new year.

- d Cllr Wilcox advised that LDC will be working over the weekend to clear the backlog of 35,000 black and blue bins due to be emptied.

18 Parish Council Diary – (All)

- a Past dates

- b Future Dates

19 Date of Next Council Meeting

Monday 15 January 2018 Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.
Last date for notification of agenda items – Thursday 04 January 2017.

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Chair/Vice Chair

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Date