

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 8 October 2018 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs David Butcher, Chris Niblock, Donna Moss (Vice Chair), John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Margaret Stanhope and Dave Whatton (Chair).

IN ATTENDANCE Kathryn Powell (Clerk).

Members of the public were thanked for their attendance.

1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jan Altham, Janette Potter, District Cllr Mike Wilcox and County Cllr Janet Eagland

2 **New Declarations of interest**

There were no new declarations of interest.

3 **Minutes**

- a Received and approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 10 September 2018.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 10 September 2018 were a true record. They were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

4 **Public Participation**

- a Two members of the public raised significant concerns about the revised planning proposal 18/00914/LBC. The noted the scale of the proposed development of an outbuilding, in particular its height and footprint on the site, and the planned Velux windows which would look over adjacent properties. Concern was expressed about trees on the site and the fact that the plans indicate mature trees where none exist.

Traffic calming: a member of the public raised concern over the speed of cars on Main Street, especially at night, and suggested that random speed checks could be a deterrent.

Bus shelters: a member of the public commented on bus shelters discussed at the September 2018 meeting. It was suggested that the village should have more bus shelters to help villagers, especially on Main Street. It was suggested that the Council's concerns on damage and vandalism could be addressed by the modern design of shelters. This matter could not be taken forward as it had been decided at the September 2018 meeting but the specifications of bus shelters would be kept on file for any future reference.

b Report from District Cllrs

Noted that the main issue for LDC remains the Friarsgate development. It was hoped that the District Council would reconsider its green belt policy in the light of continuing pressures from developers. The Leader of LDC and Deputy leader would be invited to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss concerns.

ACTION: Clerk

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c Report from County Cllr Janet England
No report was available.

Police

- 5 a Noted: recent Smart alert reports: most notably the problems of parking near village schools and door to door salesman offering shoddy goods.

Essington Green and land north of Dark Lane

- 6 a Noted: concern about the construction of an artificial badger sett on floodplain. The Clerk was asked to write to Natural England and to the developers registering concern and asking for the sett to be relocated. **ACTION: Clerk**

Planning Matters:

- 7 a Planning application
These are shown, together with recommendations made, on the schedules entitled 'Planning Applications – for Parish Council decision 8 October 2018'.

Planning matters for information

- 8 a Noted: the summary of planning responses and LDC decisions for September 2018.

Neighbourhood Plan

- 9 a Noted: The Lichfield District Council had been contacted concerning minor editorial matters. The Plan would be considered by LDC's Cabinet on 10 October 2018, after which it will be sent to the Parish Council.

b Proposed: the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan Forum for interested groups and individuals to join with councillors in taking the Plan forward. No decision on the Forum was taken but Cllr Riley would publicise opportunities for residents to get involved. Volunteers would be asked to contact the Clerk.

ACTION: Cllr Riley and Clerk

A proposal on how to address the Plan would be presented to the November 2018 Council meeting. A working group will be set at the November Council meeting to take this forward.

c Local plan allocations: Cllr Pegg reported that he had attended hearing session on rural sites. There were no contentious issues for Alrewas.

Financial Statements

- 10 a: Noted: suggested items for the Budget 2018-19 should be to sent to the Clerk. **ACTION: all councillors**

b request from the Tennis Club for a change of rental payment date: The Club would be offered an option to pay a rental until June 2019 in January 2019 and then pay annually every June. Their rent will be reviewed in January 2019. **ACTION: Clerk**

c Financial statement: The statement was approved.

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d Cheques for payment list: This was approved and cheques signed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

11 **Agreement with the Royal British Legion (RBL) on office space**

a Noted that an agreement remains under discussion. A meeting room is no longer available in the building.

12 **Highways and footpaths**

a Traffic working group. the group has not yet met.

b Roundabouts. no update was available.

c Litter picking: no update was available.

d Cycle route: no update was available

e Speeding vehicles in Alrewas: Noted: previous and current concerns raised about speeding vehicles. Noted that without evidence the Police cannot act. Considered: a proposal to purchase a mobile speed camera for use by volunteers to monitor vehicles and provide evidence to the police about speeding. Signs would be required around the village informing drivers that a speed camera might be in use.

Noted that the traffic working group would also consider the use of CCTV in the village to provide evidence of speeding and other traffic violations.

Agreed: the Clerk would contact the police and ask for advice and report back before any equipment is purchased. To ensure the council acts within legislation. **ACTION: Clerk**

Waterways

13 a Flood Task group: The Vice Chair will be meeting with obtain the paperwork so that the group can resume activities.

ACTION: Cllr Moss

b Quarter Mile Bridge: the Clerk had reported the concerns to the Canals and River Trust and would contact them for an update. **ACTION: Clerk**

Walkfield

14 a Noted: the report from LDC on the safety of play area.

Resolved: on the advice of the LDC not to erect fencing around the play area.

Noted: reports of children climbing on fences around the MUGA. The Clerk would ask the handyman to quote for painting the higher parts of the fences with anti-climb paint. Signs would be required if paint was applied.

b Easement on land south of Bagnalls lock: there have been no developments.

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c Rabbits on the cricket pitch: The report was considered and the Council will await action from the County Council.

d Graffiti on the MUGA: **Resolved:** to have the surface painted with anti-vandal paint. **ACTION: Clerk**

e Faulty swinging seat: The Clerk will contact the supplier
Action: Clerk

Parish forum

15 Noted: that the next meeting will be on 22 October 2018.

Residents' Complaints/Requests

16 None

Brief Items

17 a Civic society: Bulbs will be planted around the village shortly.

b All Saints Christmas Tree Festival: The Clerk was asked to contact Cllrs Altham and Potter to see if they could organise a Parish Council entry. **ACTION: Clerk**

Parish diary

18 a Past dates: Battle of Britain Memorial Service Fradley 15 September 2018: District Cllr Wilcox had laid wreathes on behalf of the Parish Council

b Future dates: Remembrance Service Alrewas 11November 2018

Date of next council meeting

19 Noted: the date of the next meeting is 12 November 2018.

The last date for notification of items for the agenda is Thursday 1 November 2018.

The meeting closed at 21 20pm.

..... **Chair/Vice
Chair**

..... **Date**