

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12 November 2018 in Alrewas Village Hall

PRESENT Cllrs Jan Altham, David Butcher, Chris Niblock, Donna Moss (Vice Chair), John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly and Dave Whatton (Chair).

IN ATTENDANCE District Cllr Mike Wilcox, Mrs Jean Burton and Ms Kathryn Powell (Clerk).

Members of the public were thanked for their attendance.

- 1 To note and accept apologies for absence
Cllr Janet England and District Cllr Margaret Stanhope, both having other commitments.
- 2 New declarations of interest
 - a Noted: that Cllr Butcher declared an interest as a neighbour in relation to planning application 18/01574/FUL.
Cllr Pegg noted an interest in the planning application 18/10633/FUL
- 3 Minutes
 - a Received: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 October 2018.
 - b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 October 2018, subject to a minor amendment. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 4 Public Participation
 - a Members of the public
Noted: A members of the public expressed concern over recent incidents of anti-social behaviour. Cllr Reilly agreed to contact the Civic Society to arrange a meeting to try and develop a joint approach to addressing anti-social behaviour incidents. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**
 - b Report from District Councillors
Noted: The main focus of the District Council was on budget matters, including working with the County Council to address issues caused by major cuts in central government funding. The District Council is becoming more business focused to raise income. A paper will be issued to encourage parish councils to take on some activities previously undertaken by the county or District Councils. Representatives of the District Council will contact parish councils individually for detailed discussions. Noted: that there is a limit on what the Parish Council can take on from County and District Councils without a considerable increase in its precept. However, the Parish Council would welcome proposals from LDC and further discussions on what would be possible.

Noted: a report on a recent discussion between the Chair of the Parish Council and District Councillor Wilcox over concerns about any future housing developments in Alrewas, given that the housing allocation target for the village had already been exceeded. District Councillor Wilcox hoped that the recently approved Neighbourhood Plan will help to support sympathetic village development. In a recent District Council review of the Local Plan large areas for development have been identified elsewhere.
 - c Report from County Cllr Janet England
Noted: that a written report had been circulated

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- 5 Police
 - a Noted: The Smart Alert report, already circulated.

- 6 Essington Green applications
 - a Considered: a proposal for revised street scenes re application 13/01175/FULM for 121 dwellings. The written comments from the Civic Society were received. It was noted that affordable housing had increased by 7%, with a slight decrease in 2-bedroom houses and slight increase in 3-bedroom houses. There was only an overall increase of three bedrooms. It was noted that the Conservation Officer has not raised objections and so the Council agreed not to object to the proposed amendments.

 - b Noted: that the developers had confirmed that the relocation of the badgers' sett had been undertaken by licence from Natural England and with the oversight of a consultant. It was agreed not to take this matter further.

- 7 Planning Matters for Decision
 - a Planning applications
Decisions were made as follows:
13/01175/FULM Approved
18/01574/FUL Approved
18/01542/FUL Approved
18/01491/FULM Approved (See Minute 6b above)
18/0142/FUL Ratified as already supported via correspondence
18/01633/FUL Approved
18/01615/FUL Approved

ACTION: Clerk

- 8 Planning Matters for Information
 - a Noted: the summary of planning responses and LDC decisions for October 2018

- 9 Neighbourhood Plan –
 - a Received: the approved Neighbourhood Plan, made by Lichfield District Council on 8 October 2018. Congratulations were offered to all those involved in the development of the Plan. A copy would be provided for each councillor.

ACTION: District Cllr Wilcox

 - b Noted: that the Neighbourhood Plan appendices can be seen at <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.org/CouncilPlanning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Neighbourhood-plans/Downloads/Alrewas/Regulation-16-2018/Alrewas-neighbourhood-plan-appendices-2017.pdf>

 - c Considered: the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan Forum
The Council wished to be proactive in supporting the Neighbourhood Plan and hoped that a forum or working group of interested groups could take it forward.
RESOLVED: Cllrs Moss, Pegg, Altham and Butcher would develop a proposal for a forum/working group. Cllrs Moss and Reilly would invite the Civic Society to participate.

ACTION: Cllrs Moss, Pegg, Altham, Butcher and Reilly

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10 Land Ownership GIS Layer

a Considered: a request from Lichfield District Council to notify them of land owned by the Council to be included in a database. There was no objection to including council land in this database. **ACTION: Clerk**

b Considered: parish council land in Deepmore Close/Inge Drive (plan attached). The Council confirmed that it would treat this property as it had the next-door property when it is sold, as some council land has been incorporated into its boundary.

11 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) –

a Considered: a report from the Clerk on implications for the Parish Council of the GDPR legislation (attached). **RESOLVED:** to approve the report.

b Considered: the formation of a GDPR working group:
RESOLVED: to set up a working group of Cllrs Whatton, Niblock, Pegg, Potter and the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk**

12 Financial Statements

a Received: the financial statement for the month of October 2018. It was agreed that monies allocated but not spent in 2018 should be reviewed as part of the 2019 Budget setting exercise. **ACTION: Clerk**

RESOLVED: to approve the statement.

b **RESOLVED:** to approve the payments of cheques on the Cheques for Payment List. **ACTION: Accounts Officer**

13 Agreement with RBL re office space

a Noted: A further meeting has been held with the British Legion Chairman in Alrewas and discussions about the agreement are active. **RESOLVED:** to remain located at the British Legion Building but consider other alternatives. The Clerk was asked to investigate the cost of a portacabin. **ACTION: Clerk**

14 Highways and footpaths

a Traffic working group:

Considered: an update: The Group had met and considered traffic issues and the possible introduction of CCTV. The Dark Lane development was a major concern due to the likely impact of construction traffic and traffic from new residents when completed. A meeting would be set up with the developers and the County Council Highways department **ACTION: Clerk/Cllrs Moss and Pegg**

Previous work on traffic calming measures would be revisited, including consultation with the Highways department. New initiatives such as a Speed-watch scheme and automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) equipment would be considered to impact on speeding in the village. Cllr Moss had consulted councillors at Kings Bromley concerning their scheme. Other councils operating speed calming schemes, including Hill Ridware and Barton under Needwood, would be contacted.

ACTION: Cllrs Moss and Niblock and Clerk

b Noted: no response had been received from the PCSO concerning the proposal to purchase a mobile speed camera. **ACTION: Clerk**

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- c Roundabouts A38 flyover – County Cllr Eagland
Noted: that there was no further update.
- d Litter picking – District Cllr Wilcox
Noted: that LDC can arrange for equipment and hi vis jackets to be provided for volunteers. District Cllr Wilcox would liaise with the Clerk about a date for volunteers to undertake a clean-up. Cllr Reilly would include the date in the Parish News.
ACTION: District Cllr Wilcox, Cllr Reilly, Clerk

15 Waterways

- a Flood Task Group:
Noted: that Cllrs Pegg and Niblock would provide information on the work of the previous group. A volunteer would be asked to join the group.
ACTION: Cllrs Niblock and Pegg and Cllr Reilly for publicity
- b Quarter Mile Bridge:
Noted: that the Canals and River Trust had scheduled the work for 2020. The Clerk was asked to contact the Canals and River Trust for a risk assessment of leaving the work until 2020.
ACTION: Clerk

16 Walkfield

- a Noted: that the request for an easement for a water supply across Walkfield to Bagnalls Lock by Sidley Piper Homes had been withdrawn.

Considered: a proposal for temporary access across Walkfield for construction traffic (attached). It was reported that Walkfield is used for football in the winter. A meeting would be arranged with the developer and more information on likely traffic would be requested before a decision could be made.
ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs Altham, Pegg, Moss and Butcher
- b Rabbits – Considered: a report from the Cricket Club (attached). The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council about any action they planned to take.
ACTION: Clerk

17 Parish Forum

- a Noted: that a Parish Forum was held on 22 October 2018 by the LDC. Cllr Altham reported that the police had made a presentation on car theft, and Cllr Eagland on schemes to support residents.

18 Residents' Complaints/Requests

- a Considered: anti-social behaviour: the recent increase in events was noted. It was noted that this was an issue for the whole community as it was difficult for anyone organisation to address alone. The Clerk would contact the Police and express concern and also ask how the PCSO was engaging with local young people.
ACTION: Clerk

Noted that Cllr Riley had been asked to contact the Civic Society to arrange a joint meeting to consider approaches to tackling anti-social behaviour (see above, Minute 4).

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Villagers were reminded of the need to contact the Police when they were aware of any incidents. Cllr Reilly would include this in the Parish News. The Clerk would contact the PCSO to ask what approach had been taken to recent events.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly and Clerk

19 Brief items

a Civic Society reports

Noted: the request that a representative of the Civic Society would participate in any meetings with Crest Nicholson.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Reilly

The Civic Society had offered £500 to enhance the Christmas lights at the War Memorial.

ACTION: Clerk

b Noted: that the Parish Council will not be entering a tree in the All Saints Christmas Tree Festival

c Bus passes: Considered: the e mail sent by the County Council about proposals to end current funding for bus passes and the youth card. Councillors noted that this was an equality issue as it impacted more heavily on those with lower incomes and those without cars. Cllr Reilly was asked to include this information in the Parish News.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Reilly

d Parish Council newsletter: Agreed: a Newsletter would be produced shortly.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly

20 Parish Council diary

The following were noted:

a Past dates

Remembrance Sunday Service at Alrewas 11 November 2018: Cllr Butcher represented the Parish Council.

Armistice Day Service of Remembrance National Memorial Arboretum 11 November 2018: Cllr and Mrs Whatton represented the Parish Council.

b Future dates

None noted.

21 Date of next council meeting

Monday 10 December 2018 - Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm - Last date for notification of agenda items - Wednesday 28 November 2018.

The public section of the meeting closed at 9.40

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**Chair/Vice
Chair**

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