

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10 December 2018 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

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

1 Apologies

a Noted and accept the following apologies for absence
Cllrs Jan Altham, Chris Niblock

2 New declarations of interest

a Noted: that there were no new declarations of interest.

3 Minutes

- a Received: The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 November 2018.
b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 November 2018, subject to a minor amendment. **ACTION: Clerk**
c Noted: the new format action sheet to help councillors trace progress in addressing actions from previous meetings **(APC/18/12/1)**

4 Public Participation

a Members of the public

Noted: that there were no contributions from members of the public.

b Report from District Councillors

Noted: District Councillor Wilcox reported that the main focus of Lichfield District Council (LDC) remained on budget matters, due to the ending of the grant from central government. Discussions would continue with the County Council and parish councils to minimise the impact on residents.

c Report from County Cllr Janet Eagland

Noted: County Cllr Janet Eagland asked for a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the liaison committee with Tarmac PLC. **ACTION: Councillors**

The Friendly Libraries scheme was progressing. Councillors were invited to visit Barton Under Needwood Library to find out more.

The traffic island at Croxall Road had been renovated by LDC in time for the Remembrance Service on 11 November 2018 at the National Memorial Arboretum. LDC was looking for sponsorship to help with the costs of maintaining other mini roundabouts over the A38.

Funding for school crossing patrols was under threat and comments could be sent to the County Council by the end of December 2018.

5 Planning matters

Considered: planning applications on the paper **(APC/18/12/2)**

Approval was recommended for applications:

18/01669/FUL

18/01749/FUL

18/00961/FULM

b Considered: a verbal report on the meeting between councillors and the developer of the Essington Green site:

Cllr Pegg had chaired the meeting also attended by Cllrs Butcher and Moss and Mr Wray of the Civic Society. Mrs Emily Christie had represented Crest Nicholson. About 50 houses per year would be built. Flooding and sewage were considered and

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developers were aware of existing issues. The developers were working to the approved plans so there were no changes expected for access routes. Developers planned to send construction traffic along Exchange Road and Dark Lane, despite concerns over access to the Surgery and problems for residents. The developers were planning to impose parking restrictions in Exchange Road and to build a temporary car park in Dark Lane. The Parish Council's concerns had been stressed to the developer. Heavy vehicles through the village would break the existing weight restrictions. The proposal to make Micklehome Drive two way was not agreed by the developer. It was hoped that LDC and the County Council would be fully involved in considering the Traffic Management Plan, to be submitted by the developers early in 2019. District Cllr Wilcox confirmed that the LDC would work with the Parish Council to address concerns. The issues would be considered at the February 2019 Parish Council meeting, and residents invited to attend. Cllrs Pegg and Moss would draft an invitation for the Clerk to send to the developers and the County Council to attend the meeting and discuss all issues, especially traffic concerns. **ACTION: Cllrs Moss, Pegg and Clerk**

Agreed: the same group would meet with LDC and developers prior to the February 2019 Parish Council meeting to discuss issues further in the light of the Traffic Management Plan. **ACTION: Cllrs Moss, Pegg and Butcher**

District Cllr Wilcox would write to the Chair of Staffordshire County Council expressing concern at the traffic issues raised by the development. **ACTION: District Cllr Wilcox**

6 Financial Statements

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the financial statement for November 2018
(APC/18/12/3)

b **RESOLVED:** to approve the payment of cheques on the Cheques for Payment list
(APC/18/12/4) **ACTION: Accounts Officer**

c Considered: a request for financial support from the Alrewas Branch of the British Legion to cover some or all of the costs of the recent Remembrance Service and associated refreshments **(APC/18/12/5)**. The request was **refused** as the Council had no powers under which such a payment can be made. **ACTION: Clerk**

7 Antisocial behaviour

a Considered: a report from the PCSO concerning ways in which the Police were addressing local issues, and engaging with local young residents **(APC/18/12/6)**.
Noted: that the Police can only act when issues are reported to them. This had been stressed in a local Parish News column. Noted: that the PCSO was engaging well with local young people and the Clerk was asked to convey the thanks of councillors for her hard work. **ACTION: Clerk**

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8 Reports from working groups

a Traffic working group:

RESOLVED: to approve the costs of the Speedwatch initiative (**APC/18/12/6**). It was recommended that volunteers work in pairs for mutual support.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Niblock

b Flood group

Noted: that there was no update from the Flood Group.

c GDPR working group

Considered: the proposals for the GDPR working group which aimed to be robust but proportionate for the size of the Council and the nature of its work. Cllrs were asked to explore whether they can set up e mail addresses just for council purposes.

RESOLVED: to approve the proposals subject to the issue of Cllrs e mail addresses.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllrs

d Neighbourhood Plan working group

District Cllr Wilcox was thanked for providing copies of the approved Plan. The group would meet and report back to a future meeting. **ACTION: Neighbourhood**

Plan group

9 Sports Forum meeting 26 November 2018

a Considered: the verbal report from Cllr Moss, and the notes from the meeting (**APC/18/12/8**). The meeting had been useful and had covered a range of issues.

b The state of the football pitch had been raised as a concern. It was proposed to move the pitch away from the boggy area. The slight dip in the new area could be filled in more cheaply than the cost of another major drainage project. The football team had asked for more benches around the pitch. LDC would be invited to a scoping meeting and asked for costings.

ACTION: Cllr Moss

c The Clerk had asked the pest controllers to visit re the moles and would follow up on the action.

ACTION: Clerk

d The Clerk would ask the handyman to clear the nettles and brambles near the football pitch and reseed the area damaged by the Scouts' Bonfire in the spring.

ACTION: Clerk

e The Parish Council would be asked to help with costs of dealing with rabbits in 2019.

f Considered: a report on a meeting with developers re the proposal for temporary access across Walkfield for construction traffic. The route was supported by the Cricket Club, subject to confirmation that work would be complete by the start of the cricket season. Developers had reported that protection would be laid on the grass and restoration work would be completed before the start of the cricket season. Some Cllrs suggested that a payment to the Parish Council could be made by the developers. The issue of what was considered as temporary by the Fields in Trust organisation required clarification.

RESOLVED: to approve the proposal in principle, subject to confirmation from legal advisers that the Council can action this matter. The Chair and Vice Chair would take action once the legal opinion was received.

ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk

g Considered: a request from a local youth football team to use the pitch on Saturday mornings (**APC/18/12/8**). **RESOLVED:** not to allow further usage of the pitch due

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to its condition.

ACTION: Clerk

10 Residents' Complaints/Requests

a Noted: None had been received.

11 Councillors' memberships

a Considered: the list of memberships currently notified to the Clerk **(APC/18/12/8)**. Cllrs were asked to notify the Clerk of any amendments and also whether there were any non-councillors who were members of the groups. The paper would be reviewed at the January 2019 meeting. **ACTION: Cllrs**

12 Police

a Received: the Smart Alert report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

13 Civic Society report

a Cllr Reilly noted that:
The Civic Society were considering funding extra lighting in parts of the village affected by recent antisocial behaviour.
The Civic Society had given the Parish Council £500 to enhance the Christmas lights at the War Memorial and were thanked for their generous donation. **ACTION: Clerk.** As lights had been erected for Christmas 2018 a proposal on the use of the funds would be considered early in 2019. **ACTION: Cllr Butcher**

14 Planning applications decisions since the last meeting

a A list would be circulated shortly by the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk**

15 Parish Council diary

a Past dates
None

b Future dates
None noted.

15 Date of next council meeting

Monday 14 January 2019 - Parish Council meeting at Alrewas Village Hall starting at 7.30pm - Last date for notification of agenda items – Wednesday 19 December 2018.

The public section of the meeting closed at 9.00

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

..... **Date**