

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14 January 2019 in Alrewas Village Hall

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

IN ATTENDANCE County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Mike Wilcox and Ms Kathryn Powell (Clerk).

1 Apologies

a Noted and accepted apologies for absence from Cllrs Niblock and Pegg.

2 New declarations of interest

Noted: that Cllr Stanhope declared an interest in planning application 18/01801/FUL.

3 Minutes

a Received: The unconfirmed Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 December 2018 (**APC/18/12/M**).

b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 December 2018 as a true record of the meeting, subject to a minor amendment removing Cllr Niblock from the attendees and adding him to the apologies listing.
ACTION: Clerk

c Noted: the progress in addressing actions from previous meetings (**APC/19/1/1**).

4 Public Participation

a Members of the public

Considered: a presentation from a member of the public living in Park Road, representing some of the residents on Park Road, concerning the implications for villagers of the Essington Park Development. A written statement had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting (copy in the Minute Book). Points made were:

- Concern that decision makers should take villagers' views into account when deciding traffic management issues
- Problems relating to site entry and exit. A reconsideration of the access onto the A38 was requested
- Concern over implications for residents and visitors to the Surgery and shops of plans to use Exchange Road as a major route for construction traffic.
- The possible damage to old buildings of heavy traffic. Regular condition surveys should be undertaken by developers
- The proposed temporary car park in Dark Lane was unacceptable to residents in Park Road. It could have implications for insurance premiums as it increased the likelihood of damage and theft. It would be inconvenient, especially for residents with mobility problems
- Debris and mud on the roads could cause flooding, given the current state of drainage
- Plans should be in place for developers to minimise mess e.g. wheel washes for construction vehicles leaving the site
- The flood risk of materials being delivered to the site or moved around should be reconsidered
- Concern over the provision of services to the site, especially utilities which might involve digging up road in other parts of the village.
- A request was made for consultation and publicity to residents about all issues.

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Noted: that District Cllr Wilcox expressed his concern over the disruption likely to be caused by the development. He had ordered his Planning Officers at LDC to refer all matters relating to the site for a full discussion. A Traffic Management Plan should be submitted before the end of January 2019 and discussions should then be held with developers by LDC, Staffordshire County Council Highways. It is hoped that these will include the Parish Council. District Cllr Wilcox had written to the Chair of SCC to express his concerns. It was agreed that a good working relationship with developers was important. However, there was no evidence to date that this was a priority for the developers. The importance of a plan of works relating to utilities was agreed, as was the need to revisit access to and from the A38 for construction traffic. The Clerk would contact the developers to invite them to a meeting with the Parish Council Development Group once a Traffic Management Plan was submitted. **Action: Clerk**

Noted: that the Neighbourhood Plan Forum, when in operation, would be one way for residents to contribute to village issues, including traffic management.

Noted: that the badgers have returned to their original sett. District Cllr Wilcox would contact the developers to ensure that any action they may take meets agreed Natural England protocols. **ACTION: District Cllr Wilcox**

b Report from District Councillors

Noted: that District Cllr Wilcox reported that the recent litter picking session had been very successful. Equipment had been provided by LDC and about 20 volunteers had participated. Another session would be organised in the Spring in a different part of the village. The Civic Society was planning to support the litter picking initiative. Staff at the Bank Coffee House were thanked for their support in providing refreshments for the volunteers. District Cllr Wilcox was thanked for setting up this initiative.

c Report from County Cllr Eagland

a She confirmed that Cllr Tittley will speak at the February 2019 Parish Council meeting on traffic issues. She thanked Cllr Potter for volunteering for the Tarmac Liaison group. Costings to address the problem of rabbits on Walkfield were being drawn up and the Council would be asked to make a contribution. Upgrading work on the roundabout near the National Memorial Arboretum had been costed.

5 Planning matters

Considered: Planning applications (**APC/19/1/2**). Approval was recommended for the two applications listed:

18/01784/FUL 42 Oakfield Road

18/01808/FUL 29 Park Road **ACTION: Clerk**

b Essington Park development update: see discussion under Minute 4a above. The letter from the Surgery was noted (**APC/19/1/3**) as part of the discussion in Minute 4a.

6 Financial statements

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the financial statement for December 2018 (**APC/19/1/4**).

b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list (**APC/19/1/5**).

ACTION: Accounts Officer

c **RESOLVED:** to approve the Precept for 2019-20 of £40645, an increase of 3.5% (**APC/19/1/6**). **ACTION: Clerk**

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d **RESOLVED:** not to increase the Tennis Club rent for 2019-20. **ACTION: Clerk**

e Considered: costings for improvements and repairs to the football pitch from LDC, following concerns on the condition of the pitch expressed by members of the Club. **RESOLVED:** to instruct LDC to undertake the work on the schedule, except for item 4 at this stage. **ACTION: Clerk**

f Noted: that the handyman had given notice that he would not continue working for the Council after March 2019 due to the volume of his other work. A replacement would be sought, initially by gaining recommendations from other parish councils. **ACTION: Clerk**

7 Reports from working groups

a Traffic Working Group: noted: that a speaker from the Speedwatch scheme would attend the February 2019 meeting of the Parish Council. Interest from the public would be gauged before training was arranged. Publicity would be issued before the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly

Cllrs Moss and Pegg had attended a meeting with parish councillors in Barton Under Needwood to discuss their traffic calming including the Speedwatch scheme and provided a written report (copy in the Minute Book). A meeting would be arranged with the Barton Under Needwood Speedwatch Co-ordinator.

Action: Cllr Moss

The Parish Council would write to the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner on behalf of the Parish Council regarding speeding on the A38. **ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Whatton**

See also Minute 4a above re Essington Green.

b Flood Group: Noted: that there was no report

c GDPR group: Noted that there was no report

d Neighbourhood Plan Forum development group: Noted that a meeting date would be set shortly. **ACTION: Cllr Moss**

e Tarmac Liaison Group: Noted that Cllr Potter had volunteered to join the group.

8 Residents' complaints/requests

a Noted: that none had been received.

9 Councillors' memberships

a Noted: that amendments had been received (**APC/19/1/7**) and that a definitive list would be provided at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

10 Police

a Noted: the Smart Report (already issued).

11 Civic Society report

a Noted that the Civic Society would investigate installing lighting in areas of the village affected by anti-social behaviour.

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12 Planning decisions since the last meeting

a Noted: the status of planning applications made in November and December 2018 (APC/19/1/8).

13 High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill

a Noted: that further documentation had been deposited at Lichfield Library.

14 Parish Diary

a Past dates – none

b Future dates – none

15 Date of next Council meeting

Monday 11 February 2019 at 7.30pm.

A representative of the Speedwatch team will be available from 7pm.

Last date for notification of agenda items – **Thursday 31 January 2019.**

The public meeting closed at 9.00pm

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

..... **Date**