

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8 April 2019 in Alrewas Village Hall

#### CONFIRMED

**PRESENT** Cllrs Jan Altham, David Butcher, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Margaret Stanhope and Dave Whatton (Chair).

**IN ATTENDANCE** District Cllr Michael Wilcox and Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk.

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting and thanked for their attendance.

#### 1 Apologies

- a Noted and accepted: Cllr Donna Moss (Vice Chair), Cllr Jane Reilly, Cllr Janet Eagland.

#### 2 New Declarations of Interest

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

#### 3 Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 March 2019 as a true record, without amendment. **(APC/19/3/M)**.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the confidential Minutes in the main meeting as they did not contain confidential material. They were approved without amendment.

- b Considered: the updated action sheet **(APC/19/4/1)**  
Noted: that other actions had been completed, including 19/3/10, which would be an item on the May 2019 agenda.

Actions 19/3/12, 19/3/15 and 19/3/16 had been completed.

#### 4 Public Participation

- a A village resident, Mr John Walton, reported on further actions that he had initiated since the last meeting relating to the traffic issues likely to be caused by the development of land north of Dark Lane. This was on behalf of a group of residents and the Parish Council development group. He expressed considerable ongoing concern over the adequacy of responses from public bodies, including Highways England, The Environment Agency and SCC Highways, to the concerns raised by villagers. A brief survey had been undertaken of traffic on Exchange Road which was appended to his written report. (See also Minute 9b below).
- b Report from District Councillors  
District Cllr Wilcox reported that the District Council was in purdah due to forthcoming elections.
- c Report from County Councillors  
CCllr Eagland had sent a written report which was noted. She had visited the village with Cllr Fisher to consider issues relating to traffic from the Dark Lane development.

#### 5 Planning matters

- a Considered: Approval was recommended for the following planning application:  
19/00501/FUL H      Daisy Lane      **ACTION: Clerk**

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- b Alrewas quarry: Application L. 19/03/817MW: request to increase tonnage extracted and the times traffic could move gravel (**APC/19/4/2**). Noted: that this was a considerable increase in planned traffic and the times when traffic would be moving on local roads, including on Saturdays. This went against previous assurances that HS2 would obtain gravel from Kings Bromley quarry and that there would be no increase in traffic from Alrewas quarry. Agreed: that the Clerk would write to the Council and to HS2 raising concerns and asking for a response.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 6 Financial statements

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the financial statement for March 2019. (**APC/19/4/3**).

- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list for March 2019 (**APC/19/4/4**).

- c Considered: costings for a new parish council specific e mail system for cllrs and officers which had been agreed at a previous meeting subject to costs (**APC/19/4/5**). **RESOLVED:** to approve Option 3 called Siteground provided by the Council's IT adviser, at a cost of £144 per year. **ACTION: Clerk**

- d Considered: a proposal to offer the British Legion Club an annual rental of £1300 to cover the cost of a larger office with integral meeting space, plus use of the kitchen and toilets at the BL Club (**APC/19/4/6**). This was more expensive than the current rental but provided considerably more space and would mean that working group meetings would not require the hire of the Village Hall. **RESOLVED:** to approve an annual rent of £1300 for the use of the new room at the BL Club and associated facilities, and to finalise the lease on this basis. **ACTION: Clerk**

- e Considered: the award of the contract for litter picking and play equipment safety checks at Walkfield to LDV and the associated costs (**APC/19/4/7**). **RESOLVED:** to approve the contract for a weekly safety review of play equipment on Walkfield and a fortnightly litter pick at an annual cost of £2866.50. This would be kept under review and the litter pick frequency varied if required. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 7 Repairs to the Alrewas Church Clock

- a Considered: a request for a grant towards the cost of the repairs to the Church Clock. The Parish Council pays for the annual maintenance of the Clock. (**APC/19/4/8**). **RESOLVED:** to provide a grant of £600 towards the cost of repairing the Clock. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 8 War memorial lighting

- a Cllr Butcher and the Clerk updated the meeting on progress. A lighting company had quoted for spot lighting on the War Memorial and the oak tree which could be varied in direction, brightness and colour (**APC/19/4/9**). The quotation did not cover installation and Cllr Butcher would investigate this further. The Civic Society were happy with this proposed lighting scheme. **RESOLVED:** to purchase the lighting at a cost of £446.57 including VAT. **ACTION: Cllr Butcher and Clerk**

#### 9 Working groups

- a Traffic Management Group

Noted: Cllr Stanhope had contacted a local business about CCTV. The owner would be invited to the next parish council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

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Noted: that the Speedwatch training would be held on 13 April 2019 in the Village Hall from 10.30am.

Noted: that the Road Safety Grant was being submitted by Cllr Moss.

#### b Development Group

Considered: the reports of the most recent development group meeting and a meeting at LDC with interested parties (**APC/19/4/10a and b**) and verbal updates from Cllr Pegg, Chair of the working group and Mr John Walton, member of the working group and local resident. Work could commence in July 2019.

The meeting at LDC had been generally helpful in that representatives from the developers, LDC, SCC Highways, Alrewas PC and Alrewas residents were present. Notes had been taken by an Alrewas resident but no Minutes had been received from LDC. The Clerk would circulate the notes to District Cllr Wilcox, who would ask LDC for a set of Minutes. **ACTION: District Cllr Wilcox and Clerk**

**RESOLVED:** to adopt Mr Walton's notes from the meeting and to endorse the actions proposed for the working group. **ACTION: Cllr Pegg**

Concern was expressed that the representative of SCC Highways at the LDC meeting did not seem well briefed. It was hoped that a further meeting would be held with SCC Highways to discuss issues further, including temporary traffic orders. **ACTION: Cllr England, Cllr Pegg, Clerk**

It was hoped that regular liaison meetings could be held with the developer.

District Cllr Wilcox reported that Cllr Willington would visit the village and meet with the development group. **ACTION: District Cllr Wilcox**

Noted: that the developers would be informed that the development group acts on behalf of Alrewas Parish Council **ACTION: Clerk**

**RESOLVED:** that a contingency fund of £500 would be allocated in case the traffic consultant, Mr Alan Bailes, was needed to give guidance on an urgent matter. **ACTION: Clerk**

Another meeting of the development group would be held before the end of April 2019. **ACTION: Clerk**

A further report would be made to the Parish Assembly on 15 April 2019. **ACTION: Cllr Pegg and Mr Walton**

#### c Walkfield working group

A quotation for rabbit proof fencing was awaited from SCC, following a recent meeting to discuss damage to the Cricket Pitch.

The working group had held two meetings with the PCSO concerning antisocial behaviour in Alrewas. It had been agreed that a safer community approach would be taken and a letter sent to residents jointly from the parish council and the Police giving advice. The importance of reporting incidents to the Police 101 telephone line was highlighted as such information influenced police allocation of staffing resources.

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Considered: a verbal report on play equipment. Concern was expressed that Wicksteed appeared to have supplied incorrect replacement parts for some equipment. As the cost of replacing the swing set was very high, a response from Wicksteed would be requested before any further consideration of any new equipment from them was undertaken. Assurances about adequate post-supply customer support would be required. **ACTION: Clerk**

**11 Civic Society report**

- a Noted: that the Civic Society was happy with the proposed lighting scheme at the war memorial.
  
- b No response was available to the report on dog waste and litter bins. A request had been received from the George and Dragon that a dog waste bin be sited at the end of the adjacent alleyway. Agreed: consideration would be given to resiting a dog waste bin underused elsewhere in the village. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

**12 Residents' complaints/requests**

- a Noted: that clarification had been sought from a resident of the Cricketers about the duration of construction traffic across the cricket pitch.

**13 Police**

- a Noted: the Smart Alert, already circulated.

**14 Planning decisions since the last meeting**

- a Noted: the decisions made by LDC on recent planning applications commented on by the Parish Council (**APC/19/4/11**).

**15 Parish Council Diary**

- a Past dates:  
None
  
- b Future dates:  
Alrewas Parish Assembly 15 April 2019 Alrewas Village Hall, from 7pm  
  
Local Council elections 2 May 2019  
  
Alrewas Parish Council Annual meeting and the Parish Council meeting 20 May 2019

As this was the last meeting before the election the Chair thanked all cllrs for their work and support during the past year.

**16 Date of next council meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.30pm. The last date for notification of agenda items to the Clerk is **Thursday 9 May 2019**.

The meeting ended at 21.15pm.

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

..... **Date**

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