

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 May 2019

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Janet England, District Cllrs Michael Wilcox and Derick Cross, Ms Tracy Horton (PCSO), Kathryn Powell (Clerk), Jean Burton (Accounts Officer)

#### **1 Apologies**

a Noted: that apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Altham and Tolson, and District Cllr Sonia Wilcox. The Council's sent its best wishes to Cllr Altham after her accident.

#### **2 New declarations of interest**

a Noted: that there were no new declarations.

#### **3 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2019**

a The Minutes (**APC/19/4/M**) were approved subject to clarification that the Development Group could represent the views of the Parish Council to other parties but had no delegated authority to make decisions on its behalf.

b The updated Action Sheet (**APC/19-20/1/1**) was noted.

#### **4 Antisocial behaviour/Safer Alrewas Scheme**

[Note: the Agenda order was amended to enable the PCSO to leave the meeting as she was on duty].

a Considered: the report from the PCSO, Ms Tracy Horton. She reported that she was working closely with the Parish Council's Walkfield working group and a joint newsletter would be circulated to residents shortly containing advice on making Alrewas a safe community.

She reported that only five calls had been received by Police from Alrewas since 1 January 2019 and asked all residents to use the 101-phone line to report any concerns, as this helped Police allocate staff. The Council supported her approach of community involvement and co-operation with the Police. The PCSO was thanked for her report.

#### **5 Public Participation:**

a Mr Walton, representing the Residents Group concerned over the Dark Lane development reported on his recent actions, including a presentation to the recent Civic Society Annual Meeting. He was following up queries with local and national bodies. He expressed concern that parking restrictions in Exchange Road were to be imposed without consultation. This was being referred to the Ombudsman. He had contacted the developers asking for a schedule of works for the next few weeks so that villagers could be prepared. He reported that a number of villagers remained agitated about issues relating to the development.

- b District Cllrs  
Cllr Wilcox reported that the next Keep Alrewas Tidy group litter pick will take place on 8 June 2019 at 10 am meeting at the Surgery. He thanked the Bank Coffee House for offering hospitality at the end of the Pick.

District Cllrs are planning to hold regular surgeries at the George and Dragon Public House on Saturday mornings.

- c County Councillor  
CCllr Eagland reported that residents can apply for the Blue Badge scheme on the internet and report highways issues on the internet.  
Work is ongoing by SCC Highways Officers to consider the issues of rabbits on the Cricket Pitch

## **6 CCTV**

- a A presentation was made on the possible installation of CCTV cameras to aid safety in the village and reduce crime, including traffic issues. Cameras could record at night, and would self-erase after 28 days, so meeting Data Protection requirements. Residents would have to agree to have the equipment installed on their properties but would benefit from the added security. Several options were presented. The presenter was thanked for the information and asked to provide a written quotation and technical specification for further consideration. The Council agreed to support the proposal in principle, subject to further information and support from the local community.

## **7 Planning Matters for decision**

- a The following applications were supported (**APC/19-20/1/2**):  
19/00585/FULH  
19/00631/FUH  
19/00664/FUH supported subject to the propose accommodation being used only for family members

## **8 Financial Statements**

- a Approved: the financial statement for the month of April 2019 (**APC/19-20/1/3**).
- b Approved: the payment of cheques on the Cheques for Payment list (**APC/19-20/1/4**).

## **9 Request from the Civic Society to install three benches**

- a Considered: the proposal from the Civic Society for three benches in the vicinity of Fox Lane (**APC/19-20/1/5**). Confirmation was required from SCC that the benches could be installed on their land. **ACTION: Clerk**

Noted: concerns that benches could lead to antisocial behaviour. A quotation for installation would be request from LDC and further consideration would be given to the proposal at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

## **10 New road name request**

- a The proposal made by the developers was not approved (**APC/19-20/1/6**). The Council approved the proposal of Durose Close/Grove which recorded the name of a long-standing village family. **ACTION: Clerk**

## **11 Reports from working groups**

### **a** Traffic Management Group

Noted: a new Speedwatch Co-ordinator had volunteered and would take the scheme forward. Training would be rearranged in due course. **ACTION: Clerk**

### **b** Development Group

A report of the recent meeting was received (**APC/19-20/1/7**). A further meeting would be held on 30 May 2019. Communication with some local and national government agencies and the developers remained difficult. Concern was expressed that the Parish Council should not support the developer's proposed route for traffic leaving the village turning left out of Exchange Road down main street to the A38 due to the impact on residents, even if this proved to be the option chosen. The issue of property condition surveys would be investigated.

**RESOLVED:** to make a Freedom of Information request regarding the decision note to route traffic two ways on Micklehome Drive **ACTION: Clerk**

**RESOLVED:** to adopt the principles as set out by the working group as Council objectives.

### **c** Walkfield:

Noted: the report on antisocial behaviour (**APC/19-20/1/8**). Considered: the proposal to repair worn play matting and bench fixings as recommended by LDC on safety grounds (**APC/19-20/1/9**). An objection was made to the proposal to lay down new matting due to costs. Agreed: LDC would be asked to quote to report the current matting. **ACTION: Clerk**

Agreed: consideration would be given to setting a realistic budget for play equipment maintenance at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

### Swing set

Considered: a report on the replacement of the swing seat fittings (**APC/19-20/1/10**). It was agreed that a more senior member of staff at Wicksteed would be contacted over the issues of the fittings of the swing seat not being fit for purpose. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

### Rabbit proof fencing

**RESOLVED:** to accept the quotation obtained by the Cricket Club and to negotiate a contribution with them (**APC/19-20/1/11**). **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

### **d** Tarmac Liaison Group

Noted: the report of the recent meeting and the likely increase in traffic near the village (**APC/19-20/1/12**).

### **e** GDPR

The update was noted.

## **12 Residents' complaints/requests**

- a** Noted: a resident had queried the repairs to be undertaken by the developers of Bagnalls Lock in the Cricketers. This matter as being dealt with by the developers.

**13 Railway connection between Lichfield and Burton upon Trent**

a The report on the initiative was received (**APC/19-20/1/13**).

**14 Police**

a Noted: the Smart Alert report, already circulated.

**15 Report from the Parish Assembly 15 April 2019**

a Noted the report of the successful event (**APC/19-20/1/14**).

**16 Civic Society Report**

a The report on dog waste and litter bins was postponed to a future meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

b Congratulations were given to Cllr Reilly on her award from the Civic Society

**16 Update on planning applications since the last meeting**

a Noted: the report (**APC/19-20/1/15**).

**17 Parish Council Diary**

a Past dates – none

b Future dates – none

**18 Date of next meeting**

a The next meeting will be held on Monday 10 June 2019 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The deadline for the receipt of agenda items is Thursday 30 May 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

The meeting ended at 20.00pm.

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

**Chair**

..... **Date**

Kathryn Powell  
Clerk  
June 2019

