

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10 June 2019 in Alrewas Village Hall at 7.30pm

#### Unconfirmed

**PRESENT** Cllrs David Butcher, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly (Vice Chair), Denise Tolson and Dave Whatton (Chair).

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

Cllr Denise Tolson and District Cllr Sonia Wilcox were welcomed to their first meeting.

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

#### 1 Apologies

- a Noted and accepted: Cllr Jan Altham (ill health), Cllr Margaret Stanhope, District Cllr Derick Cross (LDC meetings).

#### 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 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 May 2019 as a true record, without amendment. **(APC/19-20/AM/M)**.
- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 May 2019 as a true record, without amendment. **(APC/19-20/1/M)**.
- c Considered: the updated action sheet **(APC/19-20/2/1)**

#### 4 Public Participation

- a Village resident:

Dr Elaine Dolman spoke concerning the proposed name of the new road at the Bagnalls Lock development site. She endorsed the name proposed by the developer, reminding the Council of the deaths of the two village residents from the same family at a very young age.

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 Land. These included, that the awareness campaign was ongoing with a leaflet drop imminent; regular updates were issued and would be uploaded to the Parish Council website; outcomes were progressing from previous meetings with public bodies. The planned Freedom of Information request was on hold while other communications were ongoing. The Temporary No Waiting Order on Exchange Road was being referred to the Ombudsman as no consultation had taken place before it was imposed. The Development Group had investigated the fencing erected by the developers and discovered that it enclosed an area much larger than the agreed site. A with representatives of the Parish Council, Mr Walton and the developers would take place on 13 June 2019.

- b Report from District Councillors

District Cllr Wilcox reported that the new Council was in place and working on its strategy for the first 100 days.

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- c Report from County Councillors  
There was no report from the County Cllr but e mail updates from her had been circulated to Cllrs in between meetings by the Clerk.

#### 5 Planning matters

- a Considered: Recommendations were made on the following planning applications (**APC/19-20/2/2**):

19/00734/FUH	42 Mill End Lane	Recommend approval
19/00519/LBC	158 Main Street	Recommend approval subject to Conservation Officer's approval
19/00748/FUL	37 Mill End Lane	Noted objection from local resident. Recommend rejection due to impact on conservation area of a new large building mass, loss of an established hedge and trees and concern the property might be offered for sale or rent as a separate dwelling. Should LDC approve the proposal it should include a clause forbidding the sale or rent of the new build as a separate property.
19/00713/FUL	80 Micklehome Drive	Recommend permit
19/00780/FUH	29 Park Road	Decision to be made by Cllrs by correspondence as they had not had enough time to consider the application before the meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 6 Financial statements

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the financial statement for May 2019 (**APC/19-20/2/3**).
- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list (**APC/19-20/2/4**).
- c Considered: the final report of the Internal Auditor. The excellent outcome was recognised. The point raised about the high level of reserves was accepted and would be addressed through the budget process and the taking forward of development projects to benefit the community. (**APC/19-20/2/5**).

The Clerk was asked to draw up a report on liabilities and annual costs of the September 2019 meeting so that Cllrs could judge sums available for new projects.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 7 Request from the Civic Society to install three benches

- a Noted: that once all costings had been obtained orders would be placed for the benches.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 8 Proposed CCTV installation

- a Considered: a quotation from the local installer (**APC/19-20/2/6**). The proposed system met data protection legislation. Cllrs agreed the proposal in principle subject to a satisfactory technical survey.

**ACTION: Clerk**

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##### 9 Membership of working groups

- a Considered: the updated list of vacancies (**APC/19-20/2/7**). Members were asked to indicate their interests the Clerk. **ACTION: Cllrs**

The Chair would consider appointing a Chair for the Planning Group - Neighbourhood Plan Forum and the Traffic Management Group. **ACTION: Chair**

##### 10 Working groups

- a Traffic Management Group - Speedwatch

Noted: District Cllr Michael Wilcox stated that he would volunteer for the scheme. A further publicity campaign would be undertaken.

- b Development Working Group – Dark Lane Construction

Considered: the report of the last meeting of the group (**APC/19-20/2/8**) and a verbal update from Cllr Pegg, Chair of the working group. It was hoped that regular liaison meetings could be held with Crest Nicholson. Investigations of Section 106/CIL funding would start and a contact at LDC was given to the group by District Cllr Michael Wilcox

- c Walkfield Working Group – Play Area

Considered: an update on the worn play matting and exposed footings on the benches. Concern was expressed of the risk of injury to users of the play equipment where faults had been identified by the Council's health and safety advisers, LDC. **RESOLVED:** To replace the damaged matting under one item of play equipment at a cost of £3150 plus VAT and to have new footings for the benches, as costed by LDC at £210 per bench plus VAT. **ACTION: Clerk**

Considered: a proposal to increase the annual budget for maintenance of the play equipment to meet the need of ageing equipment and to prioritise health and safety of users for 2020-21 to £4000 from £2000 with an annual allowance in the budget of £3000 to build up the replacement fund (**APC/19-20/2/9**) **ACTION: Clerk**

##### 11 Residents' complaints/ requests

- a Noted: that a complaint had been received about the state of the footpath between Rykneld Street and Poppy Gardens. SCC Highways would be asked to investigate. **ACTION: Clerk**

Noted: that a complaint had been received about an overgrowing hedge on the corner of Fox Lane and Broomhills Close. SSC Highways would be asked to investigate. **ACTION: Clerk**

##### 12 Police

- a Noted: the Smart Alert, already circulated.

##### 13 Civic Society report

- a Noted: a verbal report from Cllr Reilly. The Civic Society were considering undertaking work to improve some of the footpaths in the village.

##### 14 Planning decisions since the last meeting

- a Noted: that LDC had made a decision on one of the previously considered applications (**APC/19-20/2/10**).

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**15 HS2**

a Noted: that a copy of the amended Bill will be lodged at Lichfield Library in June for public consultation.

**16 Planning decisions since the last meeting**

a Noted: the decision taken by LDC since the last meeting was noted (**APC/19-20/2/10**).

**17 Parish Council Diary**

a Past dates:  
None

b Future dates:  
John Taylor High School Presentation Evening 18 July 2019. Cllr Whatton will attend.

**18 Date of next council meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 July 2019 at 7.30pm. The last date for notification of agenda items to the Clerk is **Thursday 27 June 2019**.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Kathryn Powell,  
Clerk,  
11 June 2019

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

..... **Date**