

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 October 2019 in Alrewas Village Hall at 7.30pm

CONFIRMED

PRESENT Clls Dave Whatton (Chair) Jan Altham, David Butcher, Janette Potter,
Jane Reilly (Vice Chair), Margaret Stanhope, Denise Tolson.

County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllrs Michael Wilcox, Sonia Wilcox.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk.

Noted: the period during which residents could call for an election to fill the vacant position on the Parish Council had passed and the vacancy would be advertised for co-option.

ACTION: Clerk

Noted: that a complaint about the behaviour of some councillors at the last parish council meeting had been received and was being dealt with by Lichfield District Council. The outcome would be considered when the LDC Monitoring Officer made their report.

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

1 Apologies

- a Noted and accepted: District Cllr Derek Cross (another meeting), Cllr John Pegg (illness).

2 New Declarations of Interest

- a Noted: Cllr Reilly declared an interest in agenda item 12b as a member of the Cricket Club
Cllr Tolson declared an interest in agenda item 12b as a member of the Tennis Club.

3 Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 September 2019 as a true record, without amendment. **(APC/19-20/4/M)**.
- c Considered: the updated action sheet **(APC/19-20/5/1)**

4 Public Participation

- a Village residents:

Crime in Alrewas: a resident asked the Parish Council not to give details in Minutes to crime reducing initiatives so that criminals would not be aware of them. This was in reaction to a number of recent burglaries in Alrewas. While appreciating the point, the Chair reminded the meeting that the Minutes had to be an accurate reflection of decisions taken as the Council was a public body.

Antisocial behaviour on the Walkfield play area:

A resident living near the play area commented that antisocial behaviour had increased considerably over the summer period, having escalated in recent years. Noise last at night and some vandalism had been reported. Serious issues such as drug taking were occurring regularly. The resident asked what proactive measures the Council were taking to address matters.

Alrewas Residents Group (ARG): an update on actions including:

The agreement of a document on actions and approaches to jointly agreed by ARG and the Parish Council was welcomed.

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The removal of incorrect signage and the installing of signage to direct construction traffic onto agreed routes through the village had been achieved after much contact with Crest Nicholson.

The car park for residents was still not ready even though the TTRO was in force Hedgerows and trees had been demolished and LDC had been asked to provide details of plans, which had not been communicated to the Parish Council or ARG as promised. Agreed flood plans had also been changed by the developers and it was hoped that a meeting could be arranged as a matter of urgency. The speaker was concerned that attempts by some in the village to obtain money from Crest Nicholson for community projects undermined ARG's attempts to monitor their compliance activities. The Chair of APC noted that the Parish Council had to represent all residents and that some wished to make applications for funding from the Crest Nicholson community fund. A paper update was provided.

The members of the public were thanked for their contributions.

- b Report from District Councillors
Noted: that LDC had agreed to keep the Friary Grange Leisure Centre open for up to five years, following a public campaign. The Council was consulting with central government over its plan to make local councils collect food waste from 2023 on a weekly basis. The Council was consulting with central government over its plan to provide an annual financial settlement which made it difficult for local councils to plan ahead.
- c Report from County Councillor
Noted: that there were no new items reported by the County Cllr but e mail updates from CCllr England had been circulated to Cllrs in between meetings by the Clerk.

5 Planning matters

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the following planning applications (**APC/19-20/5/2**):
19/00899/FUH approved before the meeting by e mail
19/01363/FUH
19/01419/FUH

ACTION: Clerk

6 Financial statements

- a The Clerk reported that no Colts football teams were playing this year so their rental for the pitch had not been received. She was asked to find out the reason for this as the Parish Council were keen to support activities for younger members of the community.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllrs were asked to suggest projects to be considered for inclusion in the 2020 budget.

ACTION: All Cllrs

RESOLVED: to approve the financial statement for September 2019 (**APC/19-20/5/3**).

- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list (**APC/19-20/5/4**).

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7 Parish Council Strategic Plan

- a The Plan had been created to help the Council prioritise activities and make budgets (**APC/19-20/5/5**). It had been informed by the approved Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the document provided a clear vision for future developments.

RESOLVED: To approve the Strategic Plan for immediate implementation.

ACTION: Clerk

8 Council policies

- a Website Accessibility Statement
Noted: minor changes had been made to reflect the further work authorised at the last Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED: to approve the Statement with immediate effect. **ACTION: Clerk**

9 Bagnalls Lock development

- a Proposal to divert public Footpath

RESOLVED: to endorse the proposed diversion of public footpath A26a (part).

ACTION: Clerk

- b Issues raised by residents living near the development

Noted: residents had expressed concerns about issues such as mud on the roads and the risk to the old canal bridge of heavy lorries crossing it during the development phases and when residents moved in. LDC and SCC Highways would be alerted to the issues and the Development Group was asked to consult stakeholders and monitor the situation. **ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Pegg**

10 Road naming in Alrewas

- a The Parish Council had been asked to put forward names for seven new roads at the Green Acres development.

RESOLVED: To support the following proposed names:

Road 1 The Meadows
Road 2 The Pastures
Road 3 Trent View
Road 4 The Shotts
Road 5 The Flatts
Road 6 Ainger Close
Road 7 The Osiers

11 Antisocial behaviour and Crime in Alrewas

- a The PCSO had been asked to provide a monthly report on antisocial behaviour and crime but was unable to do so because of pressure on Police resources. She had informed the Clerk that no 101 calls had been received from Alrewas in the last month. Residents were reminded that issues must be reported to the Police and not listed on the Alrewas Telegraph Facebook page. This information would be placed in the Parish Council website as would a reminder to parents to keep their children safe. It would also be highlighted in the forthcoming newsletter.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly and Clerk

The Chair and Vice Chair would request a meeting with the Police to draw up a plan to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour.

ACTION: Clerk

The possibility of creating a Facebook page for the Parish Council would be considered to publicise actions and provide another route for communication with residents.

ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk

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12 Reports from working groups

a Development group

Considered: the letter and summary document sent to the senior management of Crest Nicholson by the Chair of APC (**APC/19-20/5/11**), setting out the hope of a positive working relationship to minimise difficulties of the whole village, and that Crest Nicholson would now operate more effectively within the planning conditions. The letter and summary would be published on the Parish Council website along with the response from Crest Nicholson. **ACTION: Clerk**

The notes of recent development group meetings on 22 August 2019 (**APC/19-20/5/12**), 19 September 2019 - liaison meeting with Crest Nicholson (**APC/19-20/5/13**), and 3 October 2019 (**APC/19-20/5/14**), were considered. District Cllr Michael Wilcox agreed to follow up concerns raised in the meetings, including on flood risks, hedge and tree removal and LDC's lack of communication with the Parish Council and ARG over changes agreed with Crest Nicholson. **ACTION: District Cllr Michael Wilcox**

b Walkfield group

Cricket Club proposal

The Cricket Club had made two proposals (**APC/19-20/5/15**), one to lay a temporary artificial play surface for younger players for three months of each year, and one to move the boundary slightly to improve the manipulation of the sight screen. Both proposals would require approval by Fields in Trust. **ACTION: Chair**

RESOLVED: to approve the use of a temporary artificial pitch for young players, subject to Fields in Trust approval. **ACTION: Clerk**

The Cricket Club would be asked to produce detailed plans to support the proposal to move boundaries, together with confirmation that they had consulted other users of Walkfield including the approval of the Football Club. **ACTION: Clerk**

Tennis Club

RESOLVED: to approve the Tennis Club's request for strimming the wildflower area by the boundary (**APC/19-20/5/16**). **ACTION: Clerk**

Play area annual safety report:

Noted: the positive outcome of the annual inspection (already circulated).

c Traffic Management Group

Bus shelter survey:

Noted: the outcome of the survey with 77% of the almost 130 residents who responded supporting a bus shelter (**APC/19-20/5/17**). The Traffic Management Group were asked to conduct further research into demand, costs, designs and location and report to a future meeting. **ACTION: Cllrs Tolson and Reilly**

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Bin stickers re speeding:

RESOLVED: to approve the purchase of 200 bin stickers at a cost of £200 to be issued to residents in Main Street, Rykneld Street and Fox Lane (**APC/19-20/5/18**). **ACTION: Cllr Tolson**

13 Residents' complaints/requests

Noted: the following issues raised and actions taken:

- a Flooding at 22 Main Street: the Clerk had reported the issue to SCC and Cllr Eagland was investigating this longstanding issue. The Clerk would keep CCllr Eagland informed of progress. **ACTION: CCllr Eagland and Clerk**
- b A request had been made to Crest Nicholson for funding for local projects by several local groups
- c A fallen tree on Burway Meadow had been cleared by SCC after complaints by a resident

14 Police

- a Noted: The Smart Alerts, already circulated.

15 Civic Society report

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the request from the Civic Society to plant trees between the car park and the Walkfield grassed area. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

16 Lichfield District Council Parish Forum

- a Noted: that this had been a useful and well attended meeting. An update on the governance review, which might have an impact on the number and size of parish councils, was provided as was an update on the development of the new LDC Strategic Plan.

17 Planning decisions since the last meeting

- a Noted: decisions made by LDC following recommendations made by the Parish Council on applications considered by e mail (**APC/19-20/5/19**).

18 Parish Council diary

- a Dates were noted.

19 Date of next council meeting

- a The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The last date for notification of agenda items to the Clerk is **Thursday 31 October 2019.**

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Kathryn Powell, Clerk, 15 October 2019

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

..... **Date**