

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 November 2019 in Alrewas Village Hall at 7.30pm

**CONFIRMED**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** County Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllrs Derick Cross, Michael Wilcox, Sonia Wilcox and Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk.

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

The meeting held a Minute's Silence in honour of Remembrance Day.

#### **1 Apologies**

- a Noted and accepted: Cllr Jan Altham (medical treatment).

#### **2 New Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **3 Co-option of new member**

**RESOLVED:** to co-opt District Cllr Michael Wilcox as a new Parish Cllr, following the advertising of the vacancy according to agreed procedure. Cllr Wilcox made his Declaration of Acceptance to the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### **4 Minutes**

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 October 2019 as a true record, subject to two minor amendments: Minute 4: "late" at night; Minute 10: The Flatts not the Fletts. **(APC/19-20/5/M)**.
- c Considered: the updated action sheet **(APC/19-20/6/1)**

#### **5 Public Participation**

- a Village residents:  
There was no participation by members of the public.
- b Report from District Councillors  
District Cllr Cross reported that the Draft Local Plan 2020-2036 had been published for consultation, which would take place in January, after the General Election. No further housing numbers had been allocated to Alrewas in the Plan. This was welcomed by the Parish Council. A link to the Plan would be put on the Parish Council website. **ACTION: Clerk**

Several senior and experienced staff at Lichfield District Council were leaving or had left their posts. This was regretted by the Parish Council as their expertise would be lost to the District. The Clerk would be notified of new appointments. The Chair and Chief Executive of LDC would be contacted to seek reassurance that service standards would be maintained. **ACTION: Chair and Clerk**

- c Report from County Councillor  
The Tarmac application for extra gravel extraction was ongoing. It would be raised at the Tarmac Liaison meeting on 29 November and at the Parish Council meeting in December. **ACTION: Clerk**

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#### **6 Planning matters**

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the following planning application **19/01447/FUH (APC/19-20/6/2)**, subject to Conservation Officer approval for the material and colour used. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### **7 Financial statements**

- a Noted: that the benches purchased with a grant from the Civic Society had been delivered. The money received from the building development in Micklehome Drive would have to be spent within five years and on a project agreed by LDC.  
**RESOLVED:** to approve the financial statement for October 2019 (**APC/19-20/6/3**).

- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list (**APC/19-20/6/4**).

#### **8 Draft Budget for 2020-2021**

- a Noted: the Draft Budget prepared by the Accounts Officer (**APC/19-20/6/5**). A confidential meeting would be held after the December Parish Council meeting to consider the draft in more detail. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllrs were asked to make any further suggestions for projects for 2020-2021 to the Clerk as soon as possible. **ACTION: Cllrs**

#### **9 Proposal to purchase a sound system for the Village Hall**

- a Noted: that a member of the public had requested that the Parish Council purchase a sound system to enable the public to hear better at Parish Council meetings (**APC/19-20/6/6**). Such provision would be discussed with the Village Hall Committee at their next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Potter**

The next Parish Council meeting would be held in the Tarmac Suite where acoustics were better than the main hall. It was noted that this smaller room only had a capacity of 28 and so would not be suitable for all meetings. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### **10 Lighting for the War Memorial**

- at This proposal had been brought back to the Council for reapproval as installation costs had increased (**APC/19-20/6/7**). **RESOLVED:** To approve the revised quotation of £759.87, including VAT, to pay for the new lighting system. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### **11 Proposal for the Parish Council to fund the upkeep of local traffic islands**

- a Considered: a proposal from Cllr Eagland that the Parish Council contribute to the upkeep of the small traffic islands on the A38/A513 interchange to enhance the environs of the village (**APC/19-20/6/8**). While valuing the work undertaken by Cllr Eagland on the traffic island by the NMA, the Parish Council **RESOLVED NOT** to support this request but advised Cllr Eagland to seek external funding from Tarmac. A report on this and the proposed cycle path which Tarmac had agreed to fund would be made to the Clerk after the next Tarmac Liaison Committee and considered by the Traffic Management Group. **ACTION: Cllr Eagland**

#### **12 Antisocial behaviour and crime in Alrewas**

- a Considered: the report of the productive meeting with the PCSO held to consider crime and antisocial behaviour in Alrewas (**APC/19-20/6/9**) in response to concerns raised by residents. There were two trends visible in Alrewas: antisocial behaviour which was sporadic and often low level, although distressing for residents who experienced it. This included noise late at night at Walkfield, and a recent report of rubbish being thrown in gardens of houses on Main Street, which could be regarded as harassment. The Clerk was asked to contact the PCSO.

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An increasing drug problem in Alrewas was a major concern, especially where it involved young people under 18. **RESOLVED:** to approve the action list from the meeting. Initially the Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for CCTV at the A513 bridge by Bagnalls Lock where drug dealers had been reported, and to organise an drugs information event with external speakers in February 2019 for villagers.

**ACTION: Clerk**

The Chair would contact the Patients' Participation Group at Alrewas Surgery about contributing to the information event.

**ACTION: Chair**

#### **13 Reports from working groups**

##### a Neighbourhood Plan implementation group

Noted: Cllr Potter had been appointed as Chair of the working group. Cllr Wilcox would organise the printing of three Plan documents.

##### b Development group

No meeting had been held since the last Parish Council meeting. ARG was maintain a watching brief on Green Acres. A meeting had been arranged with the Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA) and it was hoped to re-establish liaison meetings with Crest Nicholson shortly.

Noted: the current bad flooding at the development site which would be discussed at the forthcoming meetings with the LLFA.

The Clerk would organise a Development Group meeting before the next Parish Council meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

##### c Walkfield group

###### Cricket Club proposal

**RESOLVED:** to approve the Cricket Club development proposal subject to the approval of the Fields in Trust.

**ACTION: Chair and Clerk**

##### d Traffic Management Group

Traffic leaflets were being distributed on cars parked on pavements and seemed to be having a positive effect. One complaint had been received and one request for further information on parking on the Parish Council website. Information would also be put in the Newsletter.

**ACTION: Cllr Tolson and Clerk**

A complaint about the Speed Safety van parking on the pavement on Burton Road was being followed up.

A further 100 surveys had been completed regarding a bus shelter and 96 had supported the proposal. Costs would be obtained on possible shelters and a proposal brought to a future meeting.

**ACTION: Traffic Management group**

##### e Communications group

A Parish Council newsletter would be issued shortly.

#### **14 Residents' Complaints/Requests**

Noted: the following issues raised, and actions taken:

- a Uncontrolled dogs on Walkfield – request to consider fencing the play area to avoid mess and keep children safe from dogs not on leads. **RESOLVED:** to install signs

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saying dogs should be kept on leads on Walkfield. The issue would be kept under review.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

- b Speed traffic van blocking pavement for disabled residents – the Traffic Management group was investigating
- c Overflowing dog waste bin at Micklehome Drive reported to LDC and had been cleared of personal rubbish
- d Trees at the rear of houses in the Cricketers had been reported to SCC as causing problems.

**15 Police**

a Noted: The Smart Alerts, already circulated.

**16 Civic Society report**

a The benches would be installed shortly.

**17 Planning decisions since the last meeting**

a Noted: no decisions had been made by LDC following recommendations made by the Parish Council **(APC/19-20/6/11)**.

**18 Parish Council diary**

a Dates were noted.  
The Clerk was asked to clarify the policy of the National Memorial Arboretum on invitations to events.  
**Action: Clerk**

**19 Date of next council meeting**

a The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. A confidential meeting would be held after the main meeting to consider the draft budget. The last date for notification of agenda items to the Clerk is **Thursday November 2019**.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,  
12 November 2019

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

..... **Date**