

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020 in Alrewas Village Hall at 7.30pm

#### CONFIRMED

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

**IN ATTENDANCE** Kathryn Powell, Clerk.

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

#### **1 Chair's Statement on conduct of future meetings**

a The Chair noted that disappointment had been expressed by some Cllrs and members of the public about the tone of discussions at some recent Parish Council meetings. The Chair wished to encourage debate at meetings but asked all Cllrs to remember the standards expected of them as public figures. While not requiring all points to be made through the Chair he hoped that Cllrs would respect the views of others and enable all members to contribute fully to meetings.

#### **2 Apologies**

a Noted and accepted: Cllr John Pegg (illness), County Cllr Janet Eagland (meeting at LDC), District Cllrs Derick Cross and Sonia Wilcox (meeting at LDC). The Clerk would write to Cllr Pegg sending him the best wishes of the Council for a speedy recovery.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### **3 New Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **4 Minutes**

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 December 2019 as a true record, subject to the amendment of Cllr Tolson's name. **(APC/19-20/7/M)**

b Considered and agreed: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/19-20/8/1)**

c Confidential Minutes: Without discussing details of the Minutes, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the confidential Minutes as a true record of the meeting **(APC/19-20/7/M C)**

d Considered and agreed: the updated Confidential Action Sheet.

**(APC/19-20/8/10 C)**

#### **5 Public Participation**

a Village residents:  
There was no contribution from members of the public.

b Report from District Councillors  
District Cllr Michael Wilcox noted that LDC's consultation on the draft Local Plan was ongoing, as was the consultation on the draft Lichfield City Master Plan. He encouraged all to make their views known on these and on the four-year LDC Strategic Plan. He noted that the Gateway project was now underway, with the demolition of the old Police Station due shortly.

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- c Report from County Councillor  
No report was available but e mail updates from CClr Eagland had been circulated by the Clerk since the last meeting.

#### 6 Planning matters

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the following planning applications:  
**(APC/19-20/8/2).** **ACTION: Clerk**  
**19/01447/FUH** 2 Heron Court  
**19/01715/FUH** Alrewas Pharmacy and Post Office  
**ES.17/11/502** Barton Quarry

#### 7 Financial statements

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for December 2019  
**(APC/19-20/8/3).**

- b **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the Cheques for Payment list **(APC/19-20/8/4).**

- c **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the Precept for 2020-2021 **(APC/19-20/8/5).** **ACTION: Clerk/Accounts Officer**

#### 8 S106 monies allocated to Education

- a Considered: the report on S106 funding for All Saints School Alrewas and the John Taylor Academy Barton **(APC/19-20/8/6)**. SCC had confirmed that monies from S106 funding had been allocated to projects at each school, although All Saints School management had decided that extension work there was not needed immediately.

#### 9 Safer Community initiative

- a Considered: an update from the Clerk. The PCSO had reported a decrease in reports of antisocial behaviour over the Christmas period, probably due to the weather and more activities over Christmas. An information evening was being arranged for Monday 30 March 2020 in the Village Hall involving local groups and charities.

#### 10 Lighting at the War Memorial

- a Ways to enhance the lighting at the War Memorial was discussed, as the display over Christmas had been disappointing. Cllr Butcher would discuss possible enhancements with Mr Kirkland. **ACTION: Cllr Butcher**

#### 11 Reports from working groups

- a Development group  
The Chair noted that ARG and the APC development group working together had led the Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA) to reopen discussion with Crest Nicholson (CN) and their drainage advisers about changes to the drainage plans. A meeting had been held before Christmas and feedback was awaited from the LLFA.

Cllr Wilcox was arranging a meeting with the new CN site manager to discuss ongoing issues including signage and construction traffic not following correct routes. He was thanked for setting up the meeting, which would be attended by Cllrs Whatton, Reilly, Pegg and Wilcox and the Clerk. The Clerk would confirm the date. **ACTION: Clerk**

Access to Dark Lane properties: CN has promised to move a fence to improve access for vehicles, but this had not been done. Cllr Wilcox was following this up.

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The Clerk was asked to write to CN, the ambulance and fire service and Bromford Housing about the access issue. **ACTION: Clerk**

- b Walkfield  
Considered: a proposal to fence off the play area (**APC/19-20/8/7**) and a counter proposal not to fence the play area. **RESOLVED:** by a vote of 4 Cllrs to 3 Cllrs to approve the proposal to fence the play area and to accept the quotation from LDC of £4980 + VAT. **ACTION: Clerk**

- c Traffic Management Group  
Considered: an update on the safer parking scheme. Some residents were now participating in leafletting badly parked cars and there was some evidence of an improvement. **RESOLVED:** to approve the printing of another 200 leaflets at a cost of £30. **ACTION: Cllr Tolson**

Discussions were being held with LDC about the possibility of installing a bus shelter prior to a decision by the Parish Council.

The 30mph stickers for bins were being displayed by residents.

- d Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group  
A meeting of the group would be held in early February.
- e Tarmac Liaison Group  
A meeting had been held recently between Tarmac, the NMA and representatives of the Parish Council, concerning future developments when the quarry is fully extracted. A garden village is being proposed with between 800-1200 houses and other facilities. The NMA and Tarmac would be invited to the Parish Assembly in April. **ACTION: Clerk**
- f Communications and external funding group  
The Newsletter had been delivered in Orgreave.

#### 12 Response to consultation

**RESOLVED:** to approve the draft Parish Council response to the LDC consultation on its Local Plan Preferred Options document, subject to stressing the importance of the Alrewas Conservation area and the importance of the natural environment (**APC/19-20/8/8**). **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 13 Residents' Complaints/Requests

Noted: the following issues raised, and actions taken:

- a Several comments pro and anti dogs on lead/fencing the play area on Walkfield
- b Complaint that the pest control company had left mole traps above ground on Walkfield. The company has been contacted by the Clerk to remove them and has apologised. The Clerk asked for a report on alternative methods of control.
- c Open Gardens weekend request: **RESOLVED:** The request to use Walkfield as a car park for the Open Gardens weekend, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory Risk Assessment. **ACTION: Clerk**
- d The streetlight was not working by the bailey bridge. The Clerk would notify SCC. **ACTION: Clerk**
- e A resident had complained about the overgrown hedge at 7 Fox Lane. Cllr Potter would advise the resident to complain to SCC. **ACTION: Cllr Potter**

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The Clerk would provide information on the Parish Council website on how to complain to SCC. **ACTION: Clerk**

**10 Police**

a Noted: The Smart Alerts, already circulated.

**11 Civic Society report**

a A meeting would be held in the next week.

**12 Planning decisions since the last meeting**

a Noted **(APC/19-20/7/11)**.

**13 Parish Council diary**

a Past dates – none.

Lichfield District Parish Forum Tuesday 7 January 2020 – Cllrs and Clerks training session 6pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Frog Lane Lichfield.

Local Plan Consultation Friday 10 January 2020 Alrewas Village Hall 4-6pm.

b Future dates

Community litter pick 18 January 2020, meeting at the Surgery at 10am.

Cllr Training in Stafford 12 February 202

Safer Alrewas Open Forum 30 March 2020

Parish Assembly 27 April 2020

**14 Date of next council meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10 February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The last date for notification of agenda items to the Clerk is **Thursday 30 January 2020.**

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.

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**Chair/Vice  
Chair**

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**Date**

Kathryn Powell, Clerk  
14 January 2020