

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 March 2020 in Alrewas Village Hall at 7.30pm

#### CONFIRMED

**PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Cllrs Jan Altham, David Butcher, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Margaret Stanhope, Cllr Denise Tolson, Cllr Michael Wilcox

**IN ATTENDANCE** CCllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Sonia Wilcox, Kathryn Powell, Clerk. District Cllr Derick Cross (meeting at LDC).

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

#### 1 Apologies

a Noted and accepted: Cllr Jane Reilly (Vice Chair), District Cllr Derick Cross.

#### 2 New Declarations of Interest

a Noted: that Cllr Whatton declared an interest in relation to agenda item 8. CCllr Eagland declared an interest in relation to item 5 – Planning matters - as a member of LDC's Planning Committee.

#### 3 Minutes

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 February 2020 without amendment as a true record. **(APC/19-20/9/M)**

b Considered and agreed: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/19-20/10/1)**. The Clerk would check on the status of confidential actions from a previous meeting

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 4 Public Participation

a Village residents:

CEMEX quarry proposal:

2 members of the public made statements about the proposal, noting:

- The proposal was not in line with the Staffordshire Mineral Policy
- Extra lorry movements on the A513 (c. 173,000) above those stated in the CEMEX information
- This would equate to 4.2 million miles of lorry movement with associated CO2. Noted that SCC have declared a climate emergency
- The aggregate would require a large crusher to produce a suitable product and so could be produced elsewhere.
- Any output if approved could be moved by rail with minor alterations to existing routes and infrastructure

Manor Fields proposed development

2 residents commented on the proposal on behalf of other residents of Manor Fields.

They noted:

- All residents of Manor Fields object to the proposal as it does not meet national or district planning requirements or the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan
- Manor Farm has been recognised by SCC as a historic site including grade 2 listed buildings
- The Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan recognised the importance of the site as a view into the village from the A513

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- The Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan recognised the importance of the public space at the site which would be lost to this proposal
- The public space is maintained by residents of Manor Fields for the benefit of the whole village
- The open land is not undeveloped open space but managed for the benefit of the whole community
- The trees provide a characteristic boundary. Some would be destroyed by the development
- The application paperwork is inadequate, with no ecological assessment or consideration of traffic issues
- The integrity of the Alrewas Conservation Area would be compromised by the development

#### Conservation area:

A resident asked that LDC should apply the conversation area requirements when considering all planning applications to avoid further damage to the historic character of Alrewas and other conservation areas in the district. While supporting the sentiment, it was noted that central government policy favoured development.

- b Report from District Councillors:  
LDC was working on its Strategic Plan, which would commence later in 2020. LDC was working with central government plans for dealing with the impact of the Corona virus and would have powers to ensure food and medical supplies if the situation worsened.
- c Report from County Councillor:  
E mails from the CClr had been circulated by the Clerk. CClr Eagland noted that CEMEX had given little notice of the consultation event and so there had been insufficient time for SCC to prepare its position. The Clerk was asked to write to LDC to reiterate the village's support for the preservation of conservation areas.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 5 Planning matters

- a **RESOLVED:** the following recommendations on planning applications (**APC/19-20/10/2**):  
**20/00236/FUL** Alrewas Royal British Legion Club – Recommend approve.

#### **20/00281/FUL** Land at Manor Fields

Noted: the objections raised by speakers and in a letter to the Parish Council.  
**RESOLVED:** to OBJECT strongly to the proposal on conservation grounds, it being against the Neighbourhood Plan, traffic issues as cars will have to reverse onto the main road, and the massing of development in the village. The lack of open green space was also a reason for opposition.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Residents were advised to put their objections strongly to LDC and to attend the relevant planning meeting. Cllr Wilcox would call in the planning application in his role as a District Cllr.

**ACTION: Cllr Michael Wilcox**

**20/00343/FUL** Unit A & B Main Street: Recommend approval.

ADVANCE consideration of future application: 18/01491/FULM: Land north of Dark Lane: Noted the regrettable loss of smaller more affordable houses, and the improved street scene. No recommendation at this stage.

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#### 6 Financial statements

a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for February 2020 (**APC/19-20/10/3**).

b **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the Cheques for Payment list (**APC/19-20/10/4**).

c Considered: a verbal report from the Clerk on the recent internal audit. The internal auditor had been pleased to see evidence of the effectiveness of the Council's processes in action and had found no matters of concern. She would make a few guidance points in her report to enhance practice. The report would be made available to the first Council meeting after receipt. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 7 Grant application

a Postponed: a presentation on a grant application from the Coltech Foundation as the presenter was unable to attend. (**APC/19-20/10/5**). **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 8 Young people and parents' safety advice evening 30 March

Cllr Whatton handed over the Chair for this item to Cllr Pegg due to his personal interest in the proposal. Considered a proposal on costs for the event to cover a facilitator who would create an information pack based on the event and refreshments (**APC/19-20/10/6**). **RESOLVED:** by a vote of 5 cllrs to 2 cllrs to approve the proposal. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### Cllr Whatton retook the Chair.

#### 9 CEMEX Public consultation on quarrying west of Alrewas

a Considered: a report from Cllr Potter on the consultation event, which had been open to the public (**APC/19-20/10/7**) and the comments of participants in the Public Participation section of the meeting. Significant concern was expressed about the proposal on environmental and planning grounds. Cemex representatives would be invited to speak to the April 2020 meeting as the planning application was expected to be submitted in March 2020. **ACTION: Clerk.**

Concern was expressed by Cllrs as to the impact of the proposal and it was agreed that this would be expressed to SCC. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 10 LDC consultation on leisure facilities

a **RESOLVED:** to approve and submit the draft response to the LDC consultation (**APC/19-20/10/8**). **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 11 Reports from working groups

a Development group

The group had not met, but a meeting had been held with Crest Nicholson (CN) who had agreed to move the fencing on Dark Lane to enable access for emergency vehicles and to improve signage. Improved road cleaning had been discussed and incorrect vehicle movements reported. It had been agreed that CN would share its response to the LLFA but that this had not been received to date. Noted that residents are not complying with parking restrictions on Exchange Road and that this was causing problems.

b Walkfield

Considered: a complaint by a resident of about the proximity of his fence to the play area fencing (**APC/19-20/10/9**). Cllrs noted that only small children

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should be in the play area and so damage should not be caused to the fence.

**RESOLVED:** unanimously, to take no further action. The householder would be informed.

**ACTION: Clerk**

c Traffic Management Group

No meeting had been held. Actions taken included consulting SCC Highways and LDC about a site for a bus shelter in Alrewas, and undertaking more leafletting for safe parking, with the help of members of the public. Cllr Tolson was asked to request Highways England to repaint the chevrons on Rykneld Street.

**ACTION: Cllr Tolson**

Considered: the update on the recently approved CCTV system (**APC/19-20/10/10**).

d Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group

Reported: that Cllr Potter had consulted the Civic Society about the tree planting scheme as requested at the last meeting. Another meeting for the group would be held after the Civic Society Annual meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Potter**

e Tarmac Liaison Group

No meeting had been held.

f Communications and external funding group

Noted: that a meeting will be held before the April 2020 APC meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

g GDPR group

Noted: that no report was required.

## 12 Residents' Complaints/Requests

Noted: the following issues raised by residents and others:

a Complaint about the progress of planning application **18/01026/LBC**. Resident advised to contact LDC as the planning authority.

b Invitation to parish councillors to attend a briefing meeting with Cemex on 20 February 2020 re proposed quarrying near of Alrewas to provide materials for HS2

c Invitation to Alrewas Parish Council from Kings Bromley Parish Council to join a working group of interested parish councils and other organisations and authorities to address issues from the HS2 development

d Notification from Bromford Homes that they have no plans to request a change of name for Anson Road when the new houses are completed

e Request for monitoring of tree removal from the Greenacres site. This was undertaken.

f Request from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue to comment on their draft Safety Plan 2020-2024. The Chair would respond to this consultation.

**ACTION: Cllr Whatton**

g Request from Lichfield City Council that the Mayor of Lichfield be allowed to wear her chain of office at an event at the NMA. Permission granted.

h Request for a meeting about a possible development. The Clerk was asked to obtain more information before a meeting was held.

**ACTION: Clerk**

i Request from the Clerk of Fradley and Streethay Parish Council for information on the war memorial at Fradley provided by the Clerk and Accounts Officer

j Notification from SCC concerning arrangements for grass verge maintenance 2020

k Complaint about the lack of hinges on the small gates at the Walkfield play area so that they remain open and that screws were missing from the fencing

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**13 Police**

a Noted: The Smart Alerts, already circulated.

**14 Civic Society report**

a Noted: that there was no report from the Civic Society.

**15 Planning decisions since the last meeting**

a Noted **(APC/19-20/9/8)**.

**16 Parish Council diary**

a Past dates – none.

b Future dates

Safer Alrewas Open Forum 30 March 2020

Parish Assembly 27 April 2020

**17 Date of next council meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 April 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The last date for notification of agenda items to the Clerk is **Thursday 2 April 2020**.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

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

..... **Date**

Kathryn Powell, Clerk  
16 March 2020