

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8 June 2020 by Zoom

CONFIRMED

PRESENT Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), David Butcher, John Pegg, Jane Reilly, Denise Tolson, Michael Wilcox

IN ATTENDANCE Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Derick Cross, Kathryn Powell, Clerk, Mrs Jean Burton, Accounts Officer, Mr Matt Griffen SCC, Mr Stuart Threlfall (local resident)

Clls Altham and Potter were prevented by technical issues from participating in the meeting.

The Chair welcomed all participants to the first meeting of the Alrewas Parish Council held by Zoom.

Noted:

That the meetings scheduled for April 2020 and May 2020, including the Annual Meeting, had been cancelled due to national Corona virus restrictions. The agenda and notification of this meeting had been placed on the Parish Council website to enable members of the public to participate in the meeting should they so wish.

1 Apologies

a Noted and accepted: Cllr Margaret Stanhope, District Cllr Sonia Wilcox.

2 New Declarations of Interest

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

b Noted: that the Clerk had circulated Register of Interest forms for Cllrs to complete and return to her by the end of June 2020. **ACTION: All Cllrs**

3 Minutes

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 March 2020 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/19-20/10/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.

b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/20-21/1)**.

4 Public Participation

a Village resident:

CEMEX quarry proposal:

The resident noted that his serious concerns included:

The proposal was not in line with the approved Staffordshire Minerals Plan

Two large buildings would be constructed on the site at 16m and 12.2m high respectively

The proposal was for at least 5 years quarrying

Considerable vehicle movement (170 per day approx.) would take place, with possible 24/7 movement for the concrete plant traffic

No screening or backfilling was planned

The proposal did not meet the requirement in the approved Mineral Plan that no quarrying should start before existing quarries had been closed and restored.

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The resident was thanked for his report and would send bullet points to the Clerk for circulation. **ACTION: Clerk**

- b Report from District Councillors:
District Cllr Willcox reported that LDC was focusing on recovery plans, having undertaken a lot of work to protect and support residents and businesses.
- c Report from County Councillor:
CCllr Eagland reported that she was forwarding information regularly to the Clerk to keep Cllrs informed of any developments. Recovery plans were being discussed by LDC and SCC and work was continuing on mobile testing, including in care homes. The Clerk would be informed when libraries and play areas would reopen. **ACTION: CCllr Eagland**

5 Amendment of Standing Orders to allow virtual meetings

- a Approved: Appendix 1 (**APC/20-21/1/2**) with immediate effect.

ACTION: Clerk

6 Ratification of the Virtual Meetings Policy

- a Approved: with immediate effect, the Virtual Meetings Policy **APC/20-21/1/3**

ACTION: Clerk

7 Planning Applications for consideration and ratification

- a Recommendations made on planning applications:

L20/03/867 M Land south of A513 Orgreave Sand and gravel extraction and associated plant and infrastructure to supply HS2:

Mr Matt Griffen SCC participated in the discussion.

Noted: the serious concerns locally about the propose development. Points raised included:

The fact that the proposal went against the approved Staffordshire Minerals Plan

Likely infrastructure damage including to local roads from the large number of heavy vehicles

Extra heavy traffic over long hours each day, possibly including during the nights with an impact on air quality, traffic delays and noise

Concern that HS2 was being used to gain permission for an inappropriate development. The needs of HS2 should be clarified to ensure that this site was required

Close co-ordination between local parish councils was underway

SCC and LDC were liaising and CCllr Eagland was involved in discussions

Should the development be approved major mitigation was required, including restrictions to hours of business and traffic movements, site screening and improved restoration of the site

The cumulative impact of development locally including HS2, an extension to Alrewas quarry and major housing developments in Alrewas and Fradley and this proposal

The development of a cement works had been refused elsewhere in the region. It was queried whether this would be a replacement.

The scale of this development including 2 multi-storey buildings on site

Legislation supporting HS2 is strong

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Agreed: further detailed scrutiny of proposal and options was required. A group co-ordinated by Mr Threlfall would be created to report to the Parish Council, perhaps at a special meeting at the end of June 2020. Comments would then be fed to SCC. Cllrs were asked to volunteer for the group. **ACTION: Cllrs**

20/00557/FUH 2 Navigation Wharf

20/00594/FUH 1 Navigation Wharf

20/00612/FUH 3 Navigation Wharf

These applications were considered together, and a range of views expressed:

Concern was expressed at the detrimental impact on the view into the village conservation area from the A 513

It would be possible to screen the sheds by erecting higher fences

The land behind these properties would be landscaped and this should screen the sheds

People needed space to store property

A similar application for an adjacent property had been rejected during lockdown

RESOLVED: To recommend approval with reference to the views of the Conservation Officer. The Clerk would contact LDC and inform them that the recommendation on the earlier application had changed to approval. **ACTION: Clerk**

8 Report of the Annual Auditor

a The positive Report was received and noted. A detailed discussion on the document would be held at the July 2020 meeting.

ACTION: Clerk

9 Year End Accounts to 31.03.2020 APC/20-21/1/5

Section 1 – Annual Return - Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020

RESOLVED: that all questions in the Annual Governance statement could be answered in the affirmative

Section 2 – Annual Return – Accounting Statement 2019/2020

RESOLVED: that the Statement was accurate.

The Chair and Clerk would sign documents outside of the meeting

ACTION: Chair/Clerk

8 Financial statements

a Noted: that the accounts for March and April 2020 had been approved by circulation in line with national lockdown requirements.

RESOLVED: unanimously to approve the financial statement for May 2020 (APC/20-21/1/6).

9 Cheques for payment

a **RESOLVED:** to maintain payments for prizes at local schools at the current amounts.

RESOLVED: to approve the Cheques for payment list. **ACTION: Accounts Officer**

10 Bench installation

a Considered: a proposal that the Civic Society place a bench, owned by the Civic Society, outside of the Co-op store on Main Street. The Parish Council would not be able to buy the bench on the Civic Society's behalf. Noted a range of views:

The potential to increase antisocial behaviour

The potential to cause a nuisance to residents who had previously opposed the installation of a bench

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The needs of elderly people who would benefit from being able to rest on the bench when shopping

The willingness of the Co-op to host the bench on their land

The support of the Fish and Chip shop

RESOLVED: To agree that the Civic Society could install a bench on Co-op land as a pilot project, subject to the following:

The bench should be installed by LDC at the Civic Society's cost to ensure that it was properly fixed

The upkeep of the bench would be the responsibility of the Civic Society and at the Society's cost

The bench should be insured by the Civic Society to include public liability for any accidents caused by the bench

Should residents complain about the bench the Civic Society should have it moved at an alternative location at their cost.

- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the cost of installing the four benches previously purchased with a grant from the Civic Society £350 + VAT (quotation already circulated).

11 Cricket Club request

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the request from the Cricket Club to use the temporary Junior Pitch in August and September this year only due to the delays caused by the corona virus restrictions (email request from the Cricket Club already circulated).

ACTION: Clerk

12 Developments at Alrewas Island by the Coltech Foundation

- a Noted: an update on the development:
The Coltech Foundation had cleared ground at Alrewas Island and dredged the river, in consultation with the Environment Agency and with their approval. A member of the public had contacted the RSPB about undergrowth clearance during the breeding season and the RSPB had confirmed that work was undertaken appropriately. Another resident had complained to LDC about traffic and work has been stopped while matters are clarified. Alrewas Island will be a community facility once the work is completed.

13 Green Acres at Alrewas development

- a Noted: that some construction work had recommenced. Clarification on drainage matters continued to be sought by APC. Support had been received from Michael Fabricant MP. APC had liaised with Crest Nicholson about their Covid 19 policy on site and within the village. Drainage issues remained a major concern, along with the location of the major gas pipe across the site. The Clerk was asked to request an update from LDC.

ACTION: Clerk

14 Council activities during lockdown 11 March 2020 to 7 June 2020

- a Noted: the report

APC/20-21/1/7

15 Update on planning applications

- a Noted: updated decisions on planning applications since the last meeting

APC/20-21/1/8

16 To note residents' comments/correspondence received since the last meeting

- a Noted: that correspondence included:

Regular updates from LDC and SCC re corona virus issues

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Concern raised about the fence around the play area being too near a resident's fence (considered at the March meeting of the Parish Council – no action taken). The Clerk was asked to check on rights of way in the location.

ACTION: Clerk

Correspondence with LDC, SCC and Civic Society about the siting of benches – undertaken by LDC

Correspondence with Civic Society and LDC about proposed siting of a Civic Society bench outside of the Co-op (on agenda)

Notification from SCC that the Civic Society trees planted in Fox Lane have been given retrospective permission after support from APC

Updates from a resident overlooking Walkfield about usage of play area and MUGA during lockdown

Request to cull pigeons in a private garden, refused as not an APC responsibility

Correspondence over the closure of Ridget Lane near the NMA. Cllr Tolson reported it to SCC Highways

Query from Civic Society about maintenance of the war memorial

Query from LDC over maintenance of the ashes plot part of the Churchyard – Clerk to contact the Rector of Alrewas

ACTION: Clerk

Correspondence with LDC over maintenance issues in churchyard

Request from RBL football team to pay a reduced rent in 2020-21 season –

RESOLVED: to approve a pro rata reduction based on time lost in the 2019-20 season

ACTION: Accounts Officer

Agreement from Cllrs not to apply for a grant to install further defibrillators
Overhanging and damaged branches of trees in Somerville Road reported to SCC Highways by the Clerk

Confirmation from the IT adviser that the Council's website remains compatible with revised national Accessibility guidance

17 Police Smart Alerts (already circulated)

a Noted.

18 Date of the next virtual (Zoom) Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **13 July 2020**.

The deadline for agenda items is **Thursday 25 June 2020**

A special meeting may be held towards the end of June to consider issues relating to the proposed quarry at Orgreave.

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,
Alrewas Parish Council,
9 June 2020