

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 July 2020 by Zoom****CONFIRMED**

- PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Jan Altham, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Denise Tolson,
- IN ATTENDANCE** CCllr Janet Eagland, Kathryn Powell, Clerk

The Chair welcomed all participants, including members of the public, to the meeting of Alrewas Parish Council held by Zoom.

**1 Apologies**

- a Noted and accepted: Cllrs David Butcher and Margaret Stanhope; District Cllrs Derick Cross, Michael Wilcox and Sonia Wilcox.  
Cllr Butcher had recorded his concerns about the detrimental impact of technology on the democratic involvement of all Cllrs and members of the public. It was noted that government guidance was that Parish Council meetings should only be held on a virtual platform due to Covid 19 restrictions.

**2 New Declarations of Interest**

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

**3 Minutes**

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 June 2020 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/20/21/1/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.

- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/20-21/2/1)**.

**4 Public Participation**

- a Village residents:  
CEMEX quarry proposal: This report was taken under agenda item 6.

Planning Application 20/00726/LBC 18 Mill End Lane: The owner explained that he and his wife wish to make internal changes to the listed building, including those which restored more of the original character back to the property and also new heating etc. They also wished to create an extension not visible to the road. The Conservation Officer had been consulted.

Residents were thanked for their contributions.

- b Report from District Councillors:  
None.
- c Report from County Councillor:  
The following was reported:  
The CCllr was circulating information on post Covid 19 lockdown arrangements from SCC to Cllrs via the Clerk, including on the reopening of libraries, including mobile libraries, grants being made available to businesses, computers allocated to children for home working and activities in schools over the summer holiday period.

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LDC would be holding a meeting about flooding issues at Green Acres and would report back to the CClr.

**5 Planning Applications for consideration and ratification**

**20/00726/LBC** recommended approval subject to Conservation Officer involvement

**20/00823/FUH** recommended approval

**20/00865/PNH** wished to see full application due to scale of proposed changes

**ACTION: Clerk**

**20/00388/FUH** recommended approval by a majority vote.

**20/00836/FUH** recommended approval subject to Conservation Officer Involvement. Cllr Reilly declared an interest

**20/00837/LBC** recommend approval subject to Conservation Officer Involvement. Cllr Reilly declared an interest

**6 Planning application for a quarry and cement factory at Orgreave – L20/03/867 M Land south of A513 Orgreave Sand and gravel extraction and associated plant and infrastructure to supply HS2:**

a Noted: Update from the APC Quarry working group and the local Minerals Group:

An extension had been granted by SCC for objections until 7 August. SCC had received over 500 objections.

Discussions between the Chair of the Group and with Kings Bromley Parish Council were ongoing

It was noted that there was strong support to delay the planning decision until an open meeting could be held by SCC and not have the decision made by a Zoom meeting. CClr England was asked to convey this to SCC and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr Griffin. **ACTION: CClr England/Clerk**

Both local CClrs had objected to SCC and had reserved the right to speak at the SCC Planning Committee meeting considering the application. CClr England would be meeting with a representative of the Leavesley family shortly.

District Cllr Michael Wilcox was asked to contact LDC and ask what their stance on the application would be as consultees. **ACTION: Cllr Wilcox**

b First objection letter from Parish Council. This had been approved by circulation and submitted to SCC. The Clerk was thanked for preparing the document.

c **RESOLVED:** to approve the second objection letter for submission to SCC. The Clerk was thanked for her work. **ACTION: Clerk**

d Noted: the welcome support from Michael Fabricant MP. He would be kept informed of developments. **ACTION: Clerk**

e **RESOLVED:** by a majority of Cllrs, to approve a sum of up to £5000 for the Quarry Working group to use for professional advice as required, including for any appeal. Fradley and Streethay Parish Council and Kings Bromley Parish Council would be asked to contribute to the fund. **ACTION: Clerk**

Representatives of Fradley and Streethay Parish Council and Kings Bromley Parish Council would be invited to future meetings of the quarry working group to support a co-ordinated approach to the issues. **ACTION: Clerk**

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- a The positive Report was considered as were the recommendations from the Clerk to address points raised. The Accounts Officer was thanked for her excellent work.

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the three recommendations from the Clerk with immediate effect:

To no longer accept grants from other organisations to purchase items which might cause issues with VAT. The Financial Regulations would be updated.

**ACTION: Clerk**

To maintain a watching brief on guidance relating to funding to Churches. In the meantime, to record costs for the Church Clock maintenance and churchyard maintenance as grants to the Church. A future meeting would consider the issue of whether to continue to pay for the Churchyard maintenance. **ACTION: Clerk**

To have a quarterly reconciliation of back statements against accounts. Cllr Potter volunteered to undertake this role.

**ACTION: Cllr Potter, Clerk, Accounts Officer**

**8 Financial statements**

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for June 2020 (APC/20-21/2/8).

**9 Cheques for payment**

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for payment list.

**ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk**

- b **RESOLVED:** to allow the Chair and Vice Chair to sign cheques in August outside of the meeting. **ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk**

**10 Request from Football Club**

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve a request from the Football Club for the Parish Council to pay for the cost of aeration of the pitch at a cost of £80 plus VAT.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**11 Green Acres at Alrewas**

- a Considered: a report from the Chair of the Development Working Group: The difficulty of arranging meetings with LDC and Crest Nicholson during the pandemic was noted. The removal of trees on the Dark Lane footpath had caused concern but this had been approved by the original approval decision. Traffic flow issues on Micklehome Drive were noted. Concern was expressed that LDC and SCC were not consulting APC over any changes. District Cllrs would be asked to highlight these concerns and ask for a closer working relationship.

**ACTION: District Cllrs Cross, M Wilcox and S Wilcox**

The Clerk was asked to contact LDC and SCC to highlight concerns.

**ACTION: Clerk**

ARG had contacted the Secretary of State and the Clerk was asked to write to the Secretary of State to support the points made by ARG. **ACTION: Clerk**

**12 Update on planning applications**

- a Noted: an update on decisions from LDC (APC/20-21/2/10).

**13 Residents comments and correspondence**

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Correspondence includes:

- a Complaint over noise from dirt bikes on a field near the Show Field. This land was in Fradley and Streethay Parish Council's area but belonged to a resident of Alrewas. This was a longstanding activity but appeared to be held more frequently and possibly on land nearer Alrewas than previously. Cllr Reilly would speak to the owner and ask him to limit activity to Saturday afternoons 1.30-5.30 rather than allow bikes on a Sunday. The matter would be referred to Fradley and Streethay Parish Council if an informal approach was not effective.  
**ACTION: Cllr Reilly**
- b Information on a damaged gate lock at Walkfield. LDC asked to replace
- c Request from Knitwits to decorate area by the war memorial – approved
- d Request from tennis club for strimming. Tennis club asked to arrange as it is their responsibility under their lease
- e Request from football club – see agenda
- f Request for information on installing a memorial bench – referred to Civic Society due to their experience
- g Resident has asked whether APC needs the play roof stored on her property. Cllr Reilly was asked to see if the supplier would take the item back. If not, it would be disposed of. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**
- h Confirmation from AMEY on behalf of SCC that works in Somerville Road requested by APC have been completed
- i Request from Mavesyn Ridware Parish Council about the village sign
- j Request from Marie Curie for funding – request not approved as not in Council's remit
- k Request for information on local places to stay – Clerk referred correspondent to the Visit Staffordshire website for updated information
- l Update from ARG on Dark Lane tree and hedges followed up by Cllr Wilcox
- m Queries from ARG over the work at Alrewas Island by the Coltec Foundation and LDC and response made to ARG
- n Notification from Alrewas Surgery of phishing attempt
- o Request for CCTV to be installed at MUGA to deter antisocial behaviour.  
**RESOLVED:** To install a solar powered light at the MUGA as a deterrent in the first instance. If this did not solve the problem, further consideration would be given to installing CCTV. **ACTION: Clerk**
- p Notification of repairs to Chetwynd Bridge and associated speed limit. Work endorsed by the Parish Council to protect the ancient bridge structure.
- q Notification from SCC that works are being allowed at Alrewas Quarry near to the railway line.

**14 Police Smart Alerts (already circulated)**

- a Noted.

**15 Update from the Civic Society**

- a Noted: the update that consideration was still being given to installing a bench by the Co-Op.

**16 Date of the next virtual (Zoom) Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **17 August 2020**.

The deadline for Agenda items is **Thursday 30 July 2020**

Kathryn Powell, Clerk, Alrewas Parish Council,  
14 July 2020, revised 20 July 2020, Confirmed