

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17 August 2020 by Zoom

CONFIRMED

- PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), David Butcher (part of the meeting only for technical reasons), John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Michael Wilcox
- IN ATTENDANCE** District Cllrs Derick Cross and Sonia Wilcox, Kathryn Powell, Clerk, Mr Stuart Threlfall, Chair of the Quarry working group

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

1 Apologies

- a Noted and accepted: Cllrs Jan Altham and Denise Tolson, Cllr Margaret Stanhope (due to technical difficulties), CCllr Janet Eagland (due to technical difficulties).

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 13 July 2020 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/20-21/2/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.

- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/20-21/3/1)**.

4 Public Participation

- a Village resident: Taken under agenda item 6

- b Report from District Councillors:
District Cllrs had submitted strong objections to SCC about the Cemex proposal and were working with LDC to improve its submission which had been very disappointing and incorrect.
Local businesses were encouraged to apply for business grants from LDC before the final deadline of 24 August 2020 and were asked to contact District Cllrs for guidance.
Covid 19 recovery and renewal plans were being developed for any future recurrence.
District Cllrs were working with LDC on government planning proposals.

- c Report from County Councillor:
CCllr Eagland had sent regular SCC information updates to the Clerk who had circulated them to Cllrs. The CCllr was thanked for all her work in solving the problem of flooding outside 22 Main Street, which had been a long-standing issue.

ACTION: Clerk

5 Planning Applications for consideration and ratification

- a Recommendations made on planning applications **(APC/20-21/3/2)**:
RESOLVED: **ACTION: Clerk**
20/00877/FUH Holly Cottage, 76A Main Street Recommend **approve**
20/00902/FUH 34 Wellfield Road Recommend **reject** due to size of proposed structure being out of keeping with the area, the impact on neighbours and the possibility of it being used as a separate dwelling
20/00953/FUH 14 Burton Road Recommend **approve**

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- 20/01018/FUH** Vine Cottage, 129 Main Street Recommend **approve** subject to Conservation Officer's agreement
- b Extension to Alrewas quarry application **L.19/09/817 MW**
Cllr Pegg reported on the meeting of the SCC Planning Committee which he had participated in remotely representing the Parish Council. The meeting had heard objections from himself based on the impact of the increasing and cumulative development around the village. A resident of Alrewas had spoken and complained about noise and traffic issues at the existing quarry workings. Tarmac had assured the meeting that they would not be increasing operating hours, extraction or the number of vehicles traveling to and from the quarry. The proposal was approved by SCC. Tarmac had assured the meeting that any concerns could be addressed through the existing Tarmac Liaison Group. Cllr Pegg was thanked for his participation in the meeting.
- c **RESOLVED:** To ratify the letter sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council (previously circulated) to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Robert Jenrick MP. **(APC/20-21/3/3)**. His response was awaited.
- d Cycle way: Tarmac had provided information on the proposed cycle way. It was hoped to create the route in 2021 depending in landfill progress and funding. This scheme has the support of the Parish Council who is prepared to fund an exit by Whitemoor Lakes to protect young people travelling to that venue. Cllr Potter was asked to pass this to the Tarmac Liaison group and request further discussions with the Parish Council. She would forward the congratulatory comments from Cllrs about the VJ Day commemoration to the NMA. **ACTION: Cllr Potter**
- 6 Planning application for a Quarry and Cement Factory at Orgreave**
- a Noted: the SCC's extended deadline until 31 August for objections to the proposal. HS2 had not yet replied to the Parish Council's FOI request but had responded to the Minerals group. This information would be passed to the Clerk to form the basis of a Parish Council objection. **ACTION: Mr Threlfall and Clerk**
- b Mr Threlfall reported that HS2 had indicated that Cemex were not direct approved partners and this would be stressed in objections. HS2 stated that they had not been previously aware of the Cemex proposal. The Minerals Group and APC would put in objections based on the HS2 response. The Clerk was asked to contact HS2 to see if the response to APC was likely to be similar that sent to the Minerals group. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Cemex had applied for permission to increased productivity at their Rugeley plant, possibly in case the Orgreave proposal was refused.
- SCC had received over 600 objections to date.
- Disappointment was expressed at the poor quality of the LDC submission which was being redrafted with help from District Cllrs.
- The Chair thanked Stuart Threlfall and Lesley Servian for the work they were undertaking on behalf of the communities adjacent to Orgreave in opposing the planning application. **ACTION: Clerk**
- c Noted: the notes of the quarry working group meeting held on 24 July 2020 **(APC/20-21/3/4)**.

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- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for July 2020 (APC/20-21/3/5).

8 Cheques for payment

- a Noted: that the cheques had been dealt with at the previous meeting.

9 Green Acres at Alrewas

- a Considered: a verbal report from the Chair of the Development Group, Cllr Pegg. Efforts were ongoing to liaise with the range of organisations and interested parties about flooding risks etc. More documents had been uploaded to the LDC planning website. Concerns had been expressed about the drainage outflow affecting the Beach area and Cllr Whatton had contacted Crest Nicholson asking for an alternative solution to protect the amenity. District Cllrs were asked to raise the concerns with LDC Planning Officers. **ACTION: District Cllrs**

Concern had been expressed about landscaping issues including the loss of hedgerows and trees. ARG had sent in an objection and the Parish Council would also object. **ACTION: Clerk**

A meeting has been requested with Crest Nicholson directors. Cllr Michael Wilcox will confirm the date as soon as possible. **ACTION: Cllr Michael Wilcox**
District Cllr Cross will attend the meeting if possible.

District Cllrs will liaise with LDC Planning to ensure that they take a strong line on ensuring compliance with planning conditions.

ACTION: Cllr Michael Wilcox and District Cllr Cross

Noted: that issues relating to the position of signage on Micklehome Drive had been resolved after intervention by Cllr Michael Wilcox and Staffordshire Police.

- b Noted: the letter sent by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council (previously endorsed by circulation) to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick MP, asking for support over the issues at the Green Acres site (APC/20-21/3/6).

10 Walkfield

- a Considered: the Covid 19 Risk Assessment completed by the Clerk for the Play area (APC/20-21/3/7). **RESOLVED:** to approve the risk assessment and the guidance issued.

- b Security light installation at the MUGA

A site meeting between the installer and the Vice Chair of the Parish Council has agreed that no pole was needed to fix the light so there would be no extra costs to approve. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

- c Damage and antisocial behaviour: It was noted that there had been vandalism to the new fence around the play area and more litter left in the area. There had been reports from residents of antisocial behaviour at Walkfield.

11 Update on planning applications

- a Noted: updated decisions on planning applications since the last meeting (APC/20-21/3/8)

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- a Noted: that correspondence included:
1. Query over security fencing by boats along the riverbank erected due to burglaries. The landowner had moved the fence to enable public access to more of the river frontage. APC had contacted LDC who had confirmed that no planning permission was required for the fence
 2. Complaints from a resident to Tarmac concerning noise and disruption from Alrewas Quarry copied to the Parish Council for information and reported to SCC (see agenda item 2, above)
 3. Complaints about Crest Nicholson and "the Beach" on the riverbank. (see agenda item 9, above)
 4. Complaint about antisocial behaviour at Potters Meadow passed to Police and Barton Under Needwood Parish Council. Other sites of antisocial behaviour would be reported to the Police if notified to the Clerk. Concern was expressed that canisters of Nitrous Oxide had been discovered in several locations around the village. **ACTION: Clerk**
 5. Request from the Alrewas Colts to use the football pitch for extra practice in August – agreed
 6. Requests from two external teams to use the Walkfield football pitch – refused to avoid too much wear and tear to the pitch
 7. Concern over the state of public access to Essington Woods reported to SCC
 8. Queries about no entry signs on Micklehome referred to Development working group, LDC and SCC. Police have asked CN and SCC for improved signs (see agenda item 9 above)
 9. Parking on Fox Lane: parking was increasing and causing problems for traffic flow. The Clerk would contact Bromford Homes and request them to lower kerbs and provide off road parking. **ACTION: Clerk**
 10. Antisocial behaviour on Walkfield reported – youths kicking a ball against a resident's fence. Discussions with LDC are ongoing about fencing or hedging solutions. Concern was expressed that parents might not be aware of such activities.
 11. Updates from LDC and SCC re tacking Covid 19 impact

13 Police Smart Alerts (already circulated)

- a Noted.

14 Update from the Civic Society

Cllr Reilly reported that the benches had been installed. Planning for tree planting by the Cricket Club and near Bagnalls Lock was underway.

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **14 September 2020**.

The deadline for agenda items is **Thursday 3 September 2020**

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,
Alrewas Parish Council,
20 August 2020