

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 September 2020 by Zoom****DRAFT**

**PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Jan Altham, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Michael Wilcox

**IN ATTENDANCE** Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Sonia Wilcox, Kathryn Powell, Clerk

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 Margaret Stanhope (technical issues) and Denise Tolson (holiday), District Cllr Derick Cross (holiday).

**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 17 August 2020 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/20-21/3/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.

b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/20-21/4/1)**. The action for Cllr Pegg relating to the flood consultant would be removed as circumstances had changed now that discussions were taking place with the LLFA.

**4 Public Participation**

a Village resident:  
No issues were raised.

b Report from District Councillors:  
The revised draft Lichfield Local Plan was being compiled and should be completed early in 2021.

A site for a replacement to the Friary Grange leisure centre was being investigated and a decision would be made shortly.

The District Council continued to hold meetings by Zoom but hoped to get more staff back into offices shortly.

The Keep Alrewas Tidy group would meet at the Surgery on Saturday 3 October 2020 at 10am for a litter picking session. There would be coffee at the Bank Coffee House at the end of the session.

c Report from County Councillor:  
Regular updates from the Cllr had been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk. The traffic issues in Dark Lane had been taken up with SCC Highways. The Cllr would be holding another meeting with SCC Highways shortly to discuss repairing potholes and the condition of the small traffic island near the NMA.

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### 5 Planning Applications for consideration and ratification

- a Recommendations made on planning applications (**APC/20-21/4/2**):

**RESOLVED:**

<b>20/01154/FUH</b>	24 Wellfield Road	Recommend approve
<b>20/00990/FUH</b>	31 Micklehome Drive	Recommend approve
<b>20/01164/FUH</b>	50 Park Road	Recommend approve

**ACTION: Clerk**

- b Government White paper – *Planning for the Future*  
This was referred for a more detailed discussion to the October 2020 meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

### 6 Planning application for a Quarry and Cement Factory at Orgreave

- a Noted: that LDC were preparing a revised and strengthened objection which had been overseen by District Cllrs. The SCC Speaker Policy had been received.
- b Considered: the notes of the meeting of the working group, dated 26 August 2020 (**APC/20-21/4/3**). The objection has been submitted to SCC following the FOI response from HS2. This had confirmed that there was no link between HS2 and Cemex.
- c Noted: the Objection sent to SCC, previously circulated for approval (**APC/20-21/4/4**)
- d **RESOLVED:** Cllr Whatton as Chair would speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the SCC planning meeting considered the planning proposal. The meeting might be held in early 2021 and it was hoped that it would be a face to face meeting.

### 7 Development group

- a Green Acres at Alrewas

Considered: a verbal update from the Chair of the Development Working Group, Cllr Pegg. On 22 August some Cllrs and District Cllrs had walked around the site to see issues for themselves. The Secretary of State had written to ARG confirming that he had no further role in the development as all decisions were now for LDC. APC was waiting for his response to the letter sent by the Clerk. The Flood Risk Officer had made a consultee comment on the latest planning application raising similar concerns to those raised by the development group. A further objection had been raised noting that the proposed changes were outside the approved housing mix for the site.

Cllr M Wilcox had arranged a site meeting with Crest Nicholson representatives and on 18 September. While disappointed that Crest Nicholson did not wish to meet with representatives of ARG, the Parish Council agreed that APC representatives should meet to keep lines of communication open. It was hoped that they would be able to convince Crest Nicholson of the benefits of engaging with the expertise residing in ARG members in future.

**RESOLVED:** to formally approve the objection letter sent by APC to Lichfield District Council concerning proposed landscape and drainage changes previously circulated to Cllrs for endorsement.

#### Anson Road

- b Cllr Pegg reported that work was scheduled to start early in October 2020.

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- c Bagnalls Lock Bridge:  
Concern was expressed that large lorries were using and damaging the bridge. The Clerk had contacted the Canals and Rivers Trust about amending the weight limit and would remind them that this was an urgent matter. **ACTION: Clerk**

**8 Financial Statement**

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for August 2020 (**APC/20-21/4/6**).

**RESOLVED:** that there would be no rent increases for any of the sports clubs using the Walkfield area for the 2020-21 season to mitigate the effects of the Covid 19 virus on their activities.

**9 Cheques for payment**

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the cheques for payment list (**APC/20-21/4/6**). It was confirmed that the payments for the Covid 19 support line had been taken over by the Alrewas and Fradley United Charities.

**10 Update on planning applications**

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

**11 Residents' comments/correspondence received since the last meeting**

- a Noted: that correspondence included:
1. Correspondence from ARG re Green Acres planning issues
  2. Updates from LDC and SCC re tacking Covid 19 impact
  3. Receipt of Covid 19 risk assessments from Alrewas Colts and Cricket Club
  4. Comments re the Arts Festival display at the war memorial relayed to Arts Festival Chair and her response circulated to Cllrs and to the person raising the query
  5. Report of damage to Walkfield play equipment reported to LDC and repair instigated
  6. Further information relating to a possible planning application received
  7. Request for information for a possible new business in Alrewas referred to LDC Planning department
  8. Information from LDC re Electoral Registration circulated to Cllrs
  9. Letter and card from the Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire thanking Cllrs for their work during the Covid 19 pandemic

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

- a Noted.

**13 Update from the Civic Society**

Cllr Reilly reported that there had been no new developments.

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

- a Noted: that the October 2020 meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday **12 October 2020** via Zoom

- b Noted that the deadline for agenda items is **Thursday 1 October 2020**

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,  
Alrewas Parish Council, 15 September 2020