

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 December 2020 by Zoom

**APC/20-21/7/M**

#### CONFIRMED

- PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Jan Altham, David Butcher, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Denise Tolson, Michael Wilcox
- IN ATTENDANCE** Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Derick Cross, Mr Stuart Threlfall (Chair of the Quarry Working Group), Mr Simon Roberts (Chair – F&SPC), Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

The Chair welcomed all participants, including observers and members of the public, and thanked everyone for their interest in the work of the Parish Council.

Minor amendments to the agenda proposed by the Chair were accepted.

#### **1 Apologies**

- a Cllr Eagland and District Cllr Michael Wilcox for late arrival due to a prior meeting with LDC.

#### **2 Vacancy on the Parish Council**

- a Noted: that no electors had requested LDC to hold an election so the Parish Council had to co-opt a new Cllr.
- b **RESOLVED:** Unanimously, to co-opt Mrs Donna Moss as the new Cllr with immediate effect. **RESOLVED:** to accept Cllr Moss's Declaration made to the meeting, which would be signed outside of the meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions.

#### **3 Minutes**

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 November 2020 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/20-21/6/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.
- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/20-21/7/1)**. Agreed that the action for Cllr Eagland to contact SCC about drainage concerns at the Green Acres site had been overtaken by events and would be removed. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### **4 New Declarations of Interest**

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

#### **5 Public Participation**

- a Village residents:  
It was agreed that the contribution would be made under agenda item 6b.
- b Report from District Cllrs:  
District Cllr Cross reported that LDC staff were busy with the response to the Covid 19 pandemic. LDC were reorganising the Planning Department to enhance performance and to make the department more responsive to local councils in the District. Grants were available for local businesses to help them with the Covid 19 crisis.

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- c Report from County Councillor:  
Regular updates from the Cllr had been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk. Cllr Eagland had been busy briefing District and County Councils and Cllrs on issues relating to the proposed Orgreave quarry and concrete factory.

Cllr Eagland reported on a planning application from Ryder which might be in the remit of F&SPC, but which would impact on Alrewas. This was to extend the lorry parking area by the Leavesley Headquarters into current agricultural land. A similar application had been made some years ago from the Leavesley Headquarters to towards the Fradley Arms and any Cllrs with any information were asked to inform the Clerk. The Clerk would investigate with LDC.

**ACTION: Clerk and Cllrs**

#### **6 Planning Applications for consideration and ratification**

- a Recommendations made on planning applications (**APC/20-21/7/2**):

**RESOLVED:**

**20/01568/FUH**

Recommend approve

**20/01225/ADV**

Recommend approve

**ACTION: Clerk**

- b Planning application L.20/03/867M – proposed quarry and cement factory at Orgreave  
Considered: a report on recent working group meetings (**APC/20-21/7/3**)

Considered: a verbal update on developments from the Chair of the Quarry Working Group, Mr Threlfall. A small group had worked through revised Cemex documentation, which had been difficult as they had not been supplied with any indication of the changes made. Commentaries on the revised documentation had been made available to the Parish Clerk to inform the draft Parish Council objection letter. Replies had been received from HS2 stating that they would not be able to respond immediately. Michael Fabricant MP had contacted HS2 Management at the request for the Clerk. A further objection would be submitted once the HS2 response had been received.

Cllr Michael Wilcox reported that he and Cllr Eagland had updated the LDC Planning Committee about the proposal prior to the Parish Council meeting. LDC Planning Committee members were very concerned about the impact of the proposal, including the cumulative development impact. A strong objection would be sent to SCC.

Cllr Eagland had briefed the SCC recently on the proposal.

Noted: that a number of councils, including LDC and SCC, had signed non-disclosure agreements with HS2. District Cllrs and the Cllr were asked to get confirmation that these agreements did not restrict the planning process by either Council.

**ACTION: Cllr Eagland and District Cllrs**

Considered: a proposal to support any appeal including a contribution to a fighting Fund. **RESOLVED:** to support the fighting fund with a contribution as required. It was hoped that other local Parish Councils would also contribute as need became clear.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the draft APC Objection to the further documentation from CEMEX for submission to SCC planners. (**APC/20-21/7/3**) **ACTION: Clerk**

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#### 7 Development group

##### a Green Acres at Alrewas

**RESOLVED:** to endorse the letter from the Chair to LDC Planners requesting an Enforcement Notice due to drainage concerns. **APC/20-21/7/5**. Noted with concern: District Cllr Cross's report that the Enforcement element in the LDC Planning department was understaffed. No enforcement action had yet been taken by LDC against the Green Acres site, although this had been advised by the Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA) and the SCC Highways department. It had also been requested by the Chair on behalf of the Parish Council. A further request to LDC for an update on progress with enforcement action had been made by the Clerk but a response had not yet been received. District Cllrs would request LDC Planners to take urgent action on the enforcement issue.

**ACTION: District Cllrs Derick Cross, Michael Wilcox, Sonia Wilcox**

Considered: a verbal update from the Chair of the Development Working Group, Cllr Pegg. Several local homeowners had agreed to have boreholes in their gardens on the edge of the development site to provide more accurate and current readings than those being used by the developers which date back to 2013. Readings would be monitored from December 2020 to March 2021.

**RESOLVED:** to approve a budget for the work to be undertaken by a drainage consultant of £1,000, including expenses **APC/20-21/7/6**. **ACTION:**

**Cllr Pegg and Clerk**

Noted: that the Alrewas Residents Group has been disbanded and that a letter of thanks had been sent to the Chair. Some individuals who had been members of ARG continued to help APC with technical advice.

##### b Proposed Whitemoor Garden Village development

Noted: that the developers had provided copies of the development prospectus which had been circulated to Cllrs.

Considered: a verbal update from Cllr Wilcox. It was thought unlikely that the proposed Garden Village would be included in the forthcoming LDC Local Plan. Agreed: that an open public Parish Meeting with developers was preferable to a Zoom meeting but this would have to take place when Covid 19 restrictions allowed and the LDC Local Plan approved. **ACTION: Clerk**

##### c Bagnalls Lock

Noted: That the Clerk had contacted the C&RT to ask them about imposing a width restriction for the bridge. The C&RT had confirmed that the bridge was 7ft wide but had not yet clarified the width restriction issue. Despite a reminder no response had been made by the CRT.

##### d Home Farm development

Noted: that the front wall has been removed in accordance with planning approval so that the property can be fenced for safety and security reasons. The developer had removed the advertising material on the fence after a complaint by a local resident as it did not have planning approval.

##### e Manor Fields

**RESOLVED:** to approve and submit the letter against this Appeal by the developers (**APC/20-21/7/7**). **ACTION: Clerk**

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#### 8 Financial Statement

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for November 2020 (APC/20-21/7/8).
- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the cheques for payment list (APC/20-21/7/9).  
**ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk**

#### 9 Draft Budget 2021

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the draft Budget for 2021 APC/20-21/7/10
- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the signing of the Precept Application for submission to LDC. It would be signed outside of the meeting for Covid 19 reasons  
APC/20-21/7/11 **ACTION: Chair/Clerk/Accounts Officer**

#### 10 Meeting dates 2021

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the meeting dates for 2021 APC/20-21/7/12  
**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 11 LDC Sustainability Scoping Report

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Parish Council's response APC/20-21/7/13  
**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 12 Cost of parking restriction road markings at Alrewas Village Hall

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the cost of £109, as the charge made by SCC to mark the road for the already approved parking restriction road marking. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 13 Update on planning applications

- a Noted: updated decisions by LDC on planning applications since the last meeting (APC/20-21/7/10)

#### 14 Residents' comments/correspondence received since the last meeting

- a Noted: that correspondence included:
- Regular updates from Highways England concerning work on the A38. Agreed that the Parish Council would continue to ask Highways England to install average speed cameras in the Alrewas area. F&SPC would be asked to join this request. **ACTION: Clerk**
  - Information from LDC and SCC on Covid 19 requirements and support available
  - Information from the Alrewas PPG and Alrewas Volunteers about support available to residents
  - Letter from the National RBL concerning the tenancy of the office during lockdown – no impact on the APC tenancy
  - Request to purchase the football pitch – refused
  - Request from Knitwits to arrange a Christmas display - approved
  - Notification that a resident has applied for a disabled parking bay to be marked on Main Street but that the application has been refused
  - Thanks from a resident of Chaseview Road for having more fencing erected at the play area to minimise antisocial behaviour
  - Complaint about potholes and mud on the Croxall Road by the Tarmac Quarry – referred to Tarmac via Cllr Eagland and Cllr Potter

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- Drivers who had erroneously received parking tickets in Lichfield could contact District Cllr Cross. A note would be put on the APC website
- LDC extended shopping hours in Lichfield
- Update from Bromford Homes on the Anson Road redevelopment
- Complaints about HGVs using Overley Lane and consequent damage. Agreed that SCC would be asked to install HGV restriction signs.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### **15 Police Smart Alerts (already circulated)**

a Noted.

#### **16 Update from the Civic Society**

a Noted: new trees near the Cricket Club would be planted shortly. The Civic Society members had tidied the alleyway near the George and Dragon Public House. Attempts were ongoing to establish the legal ownership of the triangle of land near the School.

It was confirmed that the new bench at the Co-op was owned by the Civic Society.

#### **17 DSE assessment for Clerk**

a Noted: that the health and safety regulations for safe home computer use had been self-assessed and signed off for the Clerk.

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

a Noted: that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 11 January 2021** via Zoom

b To note that the deadline for agenda items is **Thursday 18 December 2020**

The meeting closed at 21.08pm.

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,  
Alrewas Parish Council, 15 December 2020  
Confirmed