

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8 February 2021 by Zoom

**APC/20-21/9/M**

#### CONFIRMED

- PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Donna Moss, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Denise Tolson, Michael Wilcox
- IN ATTENDANCE** Cllr Janet Eagland, Cllr Derick Cross, Cllr Sonia Wilcox, Mr Stuart Threlfall (Chair of the Quarry Working Group), Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

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

#### 1 Apologies

- a Received and accepted: Cllr David Butcher (technical difficulties)

#### 2 Resignation of Cllr

- a Considered and accepted with regret, the resignation of Cllr Jan Altham. Cllrs thanked her for her work for the Council, especially in relation to planning matters. Agreed: that a letter of thanks and flowers would be sent to Cllr Altham as a mark of appreciation. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 3 New Declarations of Interest

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

#### 4 Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2021 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/20-21/8/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.
- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/20-21/9/1)**.

#### 5 Public Participation

- a Village residents:  
It was agreed that the contribution would be made under agenda item 6b.
- b Report from District Cllrs:  
The LDC Cabinet was considering the Local Plan review. This would then be placed before the Council and circulated for consultation. The Budget would be considered at the next Council meeting and the Council Tax would be agreed. A recommendation to increase it by just under 3% had been made. Information from LDC officers had been circulated by the Clerk.
- c Report from County Councillor:  
Regular updates from the Cllr had been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk. The Government had stated that elections would go ahead in May. This would include for Cllrs. Alrewas Village Hall had been awarded £1000 from the SCC Climate Change Fund. The deadline for applications was now the end of February 2021.

#### 6 Planning Applications for consideration and ratification

- a Recommendations made on planning applications **(APC/20-21/8/2)**:  
**RESOLVED:**  
**21/00111/FUH** Meadow View, Cotton Close: the proposed extension would not be visible from the road. Recommend **Approve**

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**21/00075/FUL** Ryder, Rykneld Street. Recommend no objection

**ACTION: Clerk**

- b Planning application L.20/03/867M – proposed quarry and cement factory at Orgreave  
Considered: a verbal update on developments from the Chair of the Quarry Working Group, Mr Threlfall. SCC had not yet confirmed the date of the Planning meeting which would consider the application, but the working group was preparing for an April meeting, 4 local parish councils had objected to the proposal and representatives had been invited to the next meeting of the Quarry Working Group on 11 February. No response had been received to the FOI request to HS2. A further objection had been submitted by residents relating to the recent flooding and the impact the proposal would have on Pyford Brook.

Agreed: Cllrs agreed that Mr Threlfall should speak at the SCC Planning Committee meeting on behalf of APC as Chair of the Parish Council's working group, if this was acceptable to SCC.

The Parish Council agreed to CCllr England's request for written permission to raise the planning proposal at the forthcoming full SCC Council meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

Considered: the notes of the Quarry working group meeting held on 28 January 2021 (**APC/20-21/9/3**). Members of the group were thanked for their work.

## 7 Reports from working groups

### Development group

Cllr Pegg noted that flooding of areas of the village remained the major concern for the working group. The drainage system, including the infiltration basin, installed at Green Acres had proved inadequate in the recent bad weather and LDC Planning officers had been informed. Photographs and a video of the flooding had been sent to LDC. Cllr Pegg raised concerns that LDC Enforcement Officer had not take action to stop work on the site while the drainage issues were addressed and noted that Crest Nicholson had not submitted their revised drainage plans by the required deadlines. Noted: that the LDC Enforcement Officer had visited the site but did not believe that there were grounds to halt work on the site.

Agreed: the Clerk would ask the LDC Planning Office for the rationale for the decision not to stop work at Green Acres given the evidence of recent flooding and the failure of Crest Nicholson to submit the required drainage information. She would ask for LDC's timescale to receive the drainage report from Crest Nicholson. **ACTION: Clerk**

District Clls would also make enquiries about the drainage issues.

**ACTION: District Cllr Cross, M Wilcox, S Wilcox**

The agreed investigation and drilling of bore holes commissioned by APC was on hold due to the weather and Covid restrictions.

Considered: a request from a resident for the parking restriction signs related to the expired TTRO in Micklehome Drive to be removed. Agreed: CCllr England was asked to contact SCC Highways to amend the sign if the TTRO should still be in place.

**ACTION: CCllr England**

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Manor Fields

Noted: that the appeal had been refused by the Planning Inspector. This was welcomed by the Parish Council.

#### b Traffic Management Group

To consider the notes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 **APC/20-21/9/4**. The possible installation of a bus shelter near the George And Dragon was under investigation and discussions were continuing with SCC Highways.

The installation of welcome signs for the village would be investigated and a proposal presented to a future meeting.

**ACTION Traffic Management group/Cllr Pegg**

#### c External funding and communications

To consider the notes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 and the recommendation to fund a Trim Trail at Walkfield using CIL monies **APC/20-21/9/5**. Noted: the benefits to physical and mental health of residents of the exercise equipment which met the Neighbourhood Plan and CIL monies requirements. 3 quotations were considered and the quotation from Sports Equip was approved as it offered the best value for money, the longest guarantee and the most professional customer service and advice.

Noted: that there would be ongoing maintenance costs and inspection costs.

**RESOLVED:** to ask LDC inspectors and maintenance staff to include such work in their existing contract. **ACTION: Clerk**

**RESOLVED:** To install a 7 piece of equipment Trim Trail at Walkfield at a cost of £8500+VAT between the football pitch and the canal away from housing. This was subject to the agreement of Fields in Trust who had been contacted by the Chair. The cost was approved from CIL funding. **ACTION: Clerk**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the proposed application to SCC's Climate Change fund for £1000 to plant up land near the Royal British Legion Club as a public wildflower and orchard area, subject to approval by the national Royal British Legion (**APC/20-21/9/6**). **ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Tolson**

### 8 Financial Statement

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for January 2021 (**APC/20-21/9/7**).

### 9 Cheques for payment

- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the cheques for payment list (**APC/20-21/9/8**).  
**ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair and Accounts Officer**

### 10 Bailey Bridge leading to Alrewas Island

a Considered: a concern raised by a resident about the safety of the surface. Noted: that the Bailey Bridge was not the responsibility of the Parish Council and had last been renovated by a community group, now disbanded. Noted: the accident had occurred when the resident was avoiding others to keep to Covid social distancing requirements. Agreed to notify the Civic Society that the Parish Council would not be able to take action on the matter. **ACTION: Clerk**

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#### 11 Window Wanderland project

a Considered: information from LDC about participating in the Window Wanderland project **APC/20-21/9/9**. Cllr Potter had attended a webinar about the project and made her report. Agreed: the Parish Council did not feel that this project was suitable for the use of public funds and would refer the project to the Alrewas Arts Festival. LDC would be informed. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 12 Invitation to join the Rural/Market Town group

a Considered: a proposal to join the national Rural/Market Town group (already circulated). **RESOLVED:** Not to join the group as its interests did not reflect the role of the Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 13 LDC Litter picking at Walkfield

a Considered: whether to continue to pay for a weekly litter collection or whether to revert to a two week collection schedule. **RESOLVED:** as more residents were using the Parish Council's equipment to do litter picking, the Council would revert to a two weekly schedule. LDC would be informed. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 14 LDC consultation on dogs on playing fields/play areas

a Considered: the LDC consultation (already circulated). The Parish Council supported the need to encourage all dog owners, including professional dog walkers, to be responsible but were aware of the strong feelings in the village on this issue. Walkfield is primarily a sports area but there was considerable dog waste not cleared up by some dog owners.

A response would be sent to LDC encouraging the Council to ensure that enforcement was undertaken as this could help reduce the issue of dog waste. Also, clear signage asking all dog walkers to clear up after a dog should be visible. **ACTION: Clerk**

The Walkfield group was asked to consider whether more signage was required.

**ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

The LDC consultation would be advertised on the Alrewas Telegraph and residents be asked to submit comments to LDC. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

#### 15 HS2 Phase 2 consultation request (already circulated).

a Considered: issues to report back to HS2. These included the environmental damage already caused to ancient woodland and farmland, traffic disruption and whether the route was needed as travel patterns and IT Use in business change. The need for more local rail stations to link to HS2 hub stations without increasing car journeys would be included in the response. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 16 Transforming the Trent Valley Group

a Considered: a report from Cllrs Pegg and Reilly from the meeting of the Transforming the Trent Valley Group held on 19 January 2021. Grants for projects were available and should be considered. Walking routes and cycle routes were being developed, although the current provision around Alrewas due to major roads was not good. Local walking groups could get involved with developing signed routes. Cllr Reilly would liaise with Cllr Potter about Tarmac's role in the cycleway to

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the NMA and a possible exit to the Whitemoor Lakes complex.

**ACTION: Cllrs Reilly and Potter**

b Tales of the Riverbank project –noted that the request for tales to be submitted had been circulated to Cllrs, the Alrewas Archives and the Arts Festival.

#### 17 Update on planning applications

a Noted: updated decisions by LDC on planning applications since the last meeting (**APC/20-21/8/7**).

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

a Noted: that correspondence included:

- Regular updates from Highways England concerning work on the A38
- Complaint from a resident re the state of Rykneld Street by the RBL Club addressed by Cllr Tolson, Chair of the Traffic Management working group and referred to SCC highways
- Information from LDC and SCC on Covid 19 requirements, including school openings, libraries and support available, including for businesses
- Information from LDC on funding opportunities for community projects
- Consultation from SCC re changes to the pension scheme
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service regular updates on reducing fire risks in residential properties
- Request to complete survey from Staffordshire Police – forwarded to Cllrs for responses
- Information from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) on various issues including training and Covid 19
- Information from LDC on the planned leisure centre in Lichfield
- Consultation from LDC about dogs on playing fields and play areas (Agenda item 14)
- Concern about the safety of the Bailey Bridge surface (Agenda item 11)
- Complaint from a resident about inconsiderate parking by Anson Road developers dealt with by Cllr Tolson and reported to Bromford homes
- Complaint about the road surface at the Fox Lane and Main Street junction and about the safety of the wall at Home Farm reported to SCC Highways and the Home Farm developers respectively
- Information from HS2 including Minutes of a recent consultation meeting
- Request for information from Fradley and Streethay Parish Council on village halls and community buildings
- Request from Deputy Lord Lieutenant for nominations for national honours circulated to Cllrs
- Information on SCC contribution to travel costs to schools and colleges
- Complaint from a resident about the debris in the river by the Quarter Mile Bridge forwarded by the Clerk to the Canals and Rivers Trust

#### 19 Police Smart Alerts (already circulated)

a Noted. The PCSO was still visiting the village on a regular basis. Information on reporting County Lines activity would be put on the APC website. **ACTION: Clerk**

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#### 20 Update from the Civic Society

- a Noted: that the Civic Society intended to plant more trees in the village during the year. The Civic Society were interested in supporting the scrub land project. The bench by the shops now had a plaque installed on it.

#### 21 Parish Council Diary

Noted:

- a Past dates

Transforming the Trent Valley group meeting for local Parish Councils 19 January 2021 – Cllrs Pegg and Reilly participated via Zoom

- b Future Dates

None

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

Noted: that the February 2021 meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 8 March 2021** via Zoom

- b Noted: that the deadline for agenda items is **Thursday 28 February 2021**

The meeting closed at 21.07pm.

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,  
Alrewas Parish Council, 9 February 2021  
Confirmed