

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

APC/20-21/10/M

CONFIRMED

- PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), 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), 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: District Cllr Sonia Wilcox who was participating in a LDC meeting.

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 February 2021 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/20-21/9/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.

- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/20-21/10/1)**.

4 Public Participation

- a Village residents:

It was agreed that the contribution by the Chair of the Quarry working group would be made under agenda item 6a. Agreed: Mr Walton would speak in section 6b on drainage issues due to the complex nature of the issues. This was acknowledged to be slightly different to the normal conduct of proceedings and would, therefore, not set a precedent for contributions from members of the public.

- b Report from District Cllrs:

LDC had approved its new Development Plan which would be issued for consultation. Measures in the national Budget had been helpful for local businesses and LDC would receive further funding to support the hospitality sector. LDC will consult on pedestrianisation in Lichfield.

- c Report from County Councillor:

Regular updates from the Cllr had been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk. The Clerk was thanked for her work. The County Cllr had approved a grant of £400 from the SCC Climate Change fund for a project on improving scrubland in Alrewas. A further grant of £1000 had been approved to upgrade the heating in the village hall. The consultation on the proposed change to a local footpath was ongoing. A stopping up order for Alrewas Quarry would be investigated further and the Cllr would send a map of the proposed cycle path to the Clerk for circulation.

ACTION: Cllr Eagland

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5 Planning Applications for consideration and ratification

- a Recommendations made on planning applications (**APC/20-21/10/2**):

RESOLVED:

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| 21/00283/FUH | Recommend approve |
| 21/00363/FUH | Recommend approve |
| 21/00227/FUH | Recommend approve |
| 21/00194/FUH | Recommend approve |
| 21/00287/FUH | Recommend approve |
| 21/00204/FUH | Recommend approve |

ACTION: Clerk

6 Reports from working groups

- a Quarry Working Group

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 confirmed the Planning Committee in April 2021 had been cancelled due to the elections, The working group was preparing for the June 2021 meeting. Noted: the HS2 preparatory works near Alrewas Hayes which could be useful to any quarry. This suggested that the quarry would be used for HS2 Phase 2 works if approved, not Phase 1 as stated in the planning application.

Agreed: The Parish Council would contact HS2 to ask about works affecting local footpaths.

ACTION: Clerk

Works in the field where the quarry was proposed were reported to the Cllr by a local resident. This work was by Cadent and was unrelated to any proposal. The Cllr thanked the member of the public for their report.

Kings Bromley Parish Council held regular liaison meetings with HS2. The Quarry working group would discuss liaison with HS2 at its next meeting. A meeting would be sought with the SCC Lead officer for HS2. **ACTION: Clerk**

Considered: the notes of the Quarry working group meeting held on 11 February 2021 (**APC/20-21/10/3**). The next meeting would be held on 11 March 2021. Members of the group were thanked for their work.

- b Development group

Gren Acres:

Cllr Pegg noted that new drainage reports from Crest Nicholson had been lodged on the LDC planning portal and had been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk. The hydrology report did note an infiltration problem and proposed a solution. Concern was expressed that the solution was not fit for purpose and would require ongoing maintenance after the site was completed. It was not clear who would take responsibility for this. The issue of the major gas pipe had not been addressed satisfactorily and remained a serious concern. It was not clear if the National Grid had been consulted. There was no indication of a response from the LLFA. A development group meeting would be held on 15 March at 5pm by Zoom to prepare a response which would be circulated to Cllrs for approval prior to submission to LDC. Cllr Butcher asked that the National Grid should be contacted after the working group meeting to raise concerns. **ACTION: Cllr Pegg**

Mr Walton noted that he had submitted an objection to the two documents. Cadent gas works affecting A38:

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Cadent had given very late notice for weekend closures during March 2021 to construct a new gas pipeline under the A38 to improve services to the NMA and any future developments in the location. There would be considerable disruption to the village, with no access to the A38 north and long detours in place. Bus services would be affected. Highways England would be carrying out some work during the road closure. Cllr Wilcox was hoping to arrange litter picking sessions to clear the reservation if possible.

The Clerk was asked to contact Cadent to complain about the poor and late notification. **ACTION: Clerk**

c Communications and external funding group

Considered: a verbal update on activities. The application to the SCC Climate Change project to improve scrub land near the RBL Club had received a grant of £400. The regional RBL had confirmed that the land can be used. **RESOLVED:** to use the funds of £350 earmarked for trees which had not been planted elsewhere due to complaints by residents to contribute to this project.

ACTION: Cllr Tolson

The Trim Trail equipment funded by CIL funding has been ordered and should be installed by the end of April 2021. An opening ceremony would be arranged. The Fields in Trust organisation had confirmed that they had no interest in this development. **ACTION: Cllr Tolson**

7 Financial Statement

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for February 2021 (**APC/20-21/9/4**).

8 Cheques for payment

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the cheques for payment list (**APC/20-21/10/5**).
ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk and Accounts Officer

9 Consultation on a proposed change to a public footpath

- a No objection was made but it was agreed to request a meeting with the SCC Footpaths Officer to propose a more integrated approach to local footpaths (**APC/20-21/10/6**). Cllr Pegg would forward previous correspondence on footpaths to the Clerk for circulation. **ACTION: Cllr Pegg/Clerk**

10 Dog waste bins

- a Considered: a proposal to increase the number of dog bins in the village to address the issue of increased dog waste. Noted: that it was the legal responsibility of dog owners to clear waste. Agreed: Cllr Wilcox would undertake a survey to include the damaged bin on the canal and report back to a future meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Wilcox**

11 Village CCTV provision

- a Considered: a proposal to approve the costs for maintenance of existing CCTV and installing further CCTV around areas of known antisocial behaviour in the village (**APC/20-21/10/7**). Noted that an allocation remained in the budget for CCTV not yet installed on the Canal near the Delhi Divan which could be used towards these costs. **RESOLVED:** To approve the following expenditure:

- a) Replace and upgrade CCTV camera covering Walkfield Play area £150 + VAT with Starlight Sony 50MM varifocal long range version
b) Service, test and clean the 10 CCTV cameras already installed in the village (operating for 2 years) £160 + VAT

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- c) Install 4 camera Starlight CCTV surveillance system on Cricket Club score hut to cover MUGA and its access points, the tennis courts and the playing field and add to village remote monitoring network £970 +VAT

ACTION: Clerk

Noted: that the Trim Trail would be covered by existing CCTV.

Noted: that the Police would have access to the recordings under Data Protection legislation in the event of a suspected crime.

12 LDC consultation on parking

- a Considered the draft response (**APC/20-21/10/8**). **RESOLVED:** to approve the draft response for submission to LDC. **ACTION: Clerk**

13 Parish Assembly 2021

- a Considered: a proposal to postpone due to Covid 19 restrictions the Parish Assembly held annually in April to either September 2021 or April 2022. Agreed: the event would be held in September 2021. **ACTION: Clerk**

- b Considered: whether to hold the Annual meeting and the May monthly meeting in the previous week to the schedule to enable the meeting to be held by Zoom. Cllr Wilcox reported that the Secretary of State had notified the District Council that virtual meetings could continue after 7 May. Agreed: the APC schedule would not change and the May meetings would be held by Zoom.

Matters for report

14 Information Commissioner

- a Noted: that the Parish Council has re-registered with the Information Commissioner for data protection and information matters

15 Update on planning applications

- a Noted: updated decisions by LDC on planning applications since the last meeting (**APC/20-21/10/9**).

16 Residents' comments/correspondence received since the last meeting

- a Noted: that correspondence included:
- Confirmation that HS2 phase 2 has received Royal Assent
 - Update from HS2 Ltd on planned works
 - Updates from LDC re Covid 19 issues and support available
 - Updates from SCC on Covid 19 issues and support available
 - Information on fire safety from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue service
 - Information from Highway's England on planned works on A38
 - Information from Cadent on works on Rykneld St and A38 to improve gas supply to the NMA
 - Request from Deputy Lord Lieutenant to nominate individuals for awards
 - Request from a resident for an update on fence installation at Walkfield referred to LDC and response forwarded to resident
 - Explanation from developers of the Home Farm site concerning parking by trades people, following complaints
 - Confirmation from the regional RBL that the land near the RBL Club can be used for a climate change project [see 6c above]

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17 Police Smart Alerts (already circulated)

a Noted: the Smart Alerts

b Noted with disappointment: that the Police has informed the Parish Council that youths in Alrewas had been taking drugs and breaking Covid 19 restrictions near the RBL Club bowling green

18 Update from the Civic Society

a Noted: that the Civic Society members were monitoring the welfare of the badgers relocated as a result of the Green Acres development

19 Parish Council Diary

Noted:

a Past dates
None

b Future Dates
None

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

Noted: that the April 2021 meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 12 April 2021** via Zoom

b Noted: that the deadline for agenda items is **Thursday 1 April 2021**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,
Alrewas Parish Council, 9 March 2021
Unconfirmed