

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12 April 2021 by Zoom

**APC/20-21/11/M**

#### CONFIRMED

- PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Elizabeth Lawler, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Denise Tolson, Michael Wilcox
- IN ATTENDANCE** Cllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Derick Cross, District Cllr Sonia Wilcox, Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

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

#### HRH the Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh

The Council held a minute's silence to mark the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.

#### 1 Apologies

- a Received and accepted: Cllr Eagland for late arrival due to a prior LDC meeting.

#### 2 New Declarations of Interest

- a Noted: Cllr Moss for a planning application taken under agenda item 2.

#### 3 Council vacancy

- a Noted: that there had been no call for an election and so the Council could co-opt a new member.

- b **RESOLVED:** unanimously, to co-opt Mrs Elizabeth Lawler as the new Cllr. Noted: that due to Covid restrictions Cllr Lawler had not been interviewed but her application had been circulated to all Cllrs for approval prior to the April 2021 council meeting. Mrs Lawler made her declaration to the meeting and was welcomed to the Parish Council. The Clerk would notify LDC of the co-option.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Lawler would take on the vacant working group roles until the membership list was revised in May 2021.

#### 4 Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 March 2021 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/20-21/10/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.

- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/20-21/11/1)**.

#### 5 Public Participation

- a Village residents:  
There was no contribution from village residents.
- b Report from District Cllrs:  
No date had been fixed for the consultation on the draft Local Plan. LDC had been awarded £1.5 million from the Government's Cultural Recovery Fund which had been allocated to six local organisations. District Cllrs were considering the new documents from Cemex relating to the quarry proposal and had called in the planning application to considered by the LDC Planning Committee.

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The organisation Transport for Britain had contacted the Parish Council and District Cllrs to discuss plans for a bridge over, or a tunnel under, the A38. They were also interested in supporting a bid for the railway station at Alrewas which would also serve the NMA. The station was in the manifesto for the current West Midlands Mayor in the forthcoming elections and the local MP was supporting proposals.

LDC had an extra £800,000 to support local businesses to recover from the lockdown.

LDC had not yet appointed a new CEO and may appoint an interim to the post.

- c Report from County Councillor:  
Regular updates from the Cllr had been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk. The proposed railway station at Alrewas was being discussed at County level. The Cllr was working on various issues from residents and kept the Clerk informed of any developments.

#### 6 Arrangements for future meetings

- a Considered: the recommendation to move the May meetings (Annual and monthly) to Wednesday 5 May 2021 in the light of the Government's decision not to extend the legal period for virtual meetings beyond 7 May 2021, and the national advice from NALC to hold meetings prior to 7 May 2021 due to risks from Covid (already circulated). Noted: that the earlier date might mean that the Annual Accounts may have to be considered and approved at the June 2021 meeting, but that this was within national deadlines. Noted that Buckinghamshire County Council had mounted a legal challenge to the Government's ruling on face to face meetings on public health grounds. The outcome could affect the format of future meetings.

**RESOLVED:** To hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the May monthly meeting on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 7.30 by Zoom. The deadline for agenda items would be Tuesday 27 April 2021. The change to the date would be advertised on the Parish Council website

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 7 Planning Applications for consideration and ratification

- a Recommendations made on planning applications (**APC/20-21/11/2**):

**RESOLVED:**

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| <b>21/00177/FUH</b> | Recommend approve  |
| <b>21/00232/FUH</b> | Recommend approve if the Conservation Officer approves the proposal and materials sympathetic to the age of the building are used  |
| <b>21/00405/FUH</b> | Cllr Moss removed herself from the Meeting at this point due to her interest as a neighbour. Recommend approve   |
| <b>21/00532/FUH</b> | Objection to the proposed garage due to its planned size which would enable its use as a separate dwelling and its impact on the street scene.<br>Recommend approval for the extension to the rear of the property |
| <b>21/00587/FUH</b> | Recommend approve  |
| <b>21/00608/FUH</b> | Recommend approve  |
| <b>21/00547/FUH</b> | The Conservation Officer should consider this proposal to ensure that the type of aluminium windows installed are appropriate to the age of the property   |

**ACTION: Clerk**

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#### 8 Financial Statement

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously to approve the financial statement for March 2021  
(APC/20-21/11/3).

#### 9 Cheques for payment

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the cheques for payment list (APC/20-21/11/4).  
**ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk and Accounts Officer**

#### 10 Reports from working groups

- a Training for working group chairs  
Zoom training for working group chairs would be provided by Cllr Whatton.  
**ACTION: Cllr Whatton**

- b Quarry Working Group  
Planning application L.20/03/867M – proposed quarry and cement factory at Orgreave  
Considered: a written report from the Chair of the Quarry Working Group, Mr Threlfall. More documents had been submitted to SCC planning by Cemex in response to issues raised in objections. Cllrs were asked to send their comments to the Clerk for incorporation into the draft response from the Parish Council which would be considered by the working group and approved by circulation, as the deadline for submission to SCC is before the next APC meeting. **ACTION: Cllrs**

Mr Milns and Mr Walton would be invited to the next QWG meeting to discuss drainage issues.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

Noted: the notes of the last meeting of the working group (APC/20-21/11/5).

- c Development group  
Green Acres:  
A response had been submitted to LDC but not uploaded by planning officers to the website. The Clerk would resubmit the document. **ACTION: Clerk**

The LLFA had not been able to agree to a meeting date and this was very disappointing. The Clerk was asked to remind them of the need for this meeting as a matter of urgency and to send them the recent response made to LDC Planning.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

The CCllr was asked to contact the LLFA and explain the need for a meeting.  
**ACTION: CCllr Eagland**

Cllr Whatton would contact the LLFA as Chair of the Parish Council.  
**ACTION: Cllr Whatton**

Noted: the notes of the last meeting of the working group (APC/20-21/11/6).

- d Neighbourhood Plan working group  
**RESOLVED:** to co-opt local resident Mrs Jane Pegg to the working group.

A meeting would be held before the May APC meetings.  
**ACTION: Cllr Potter and Clerk**

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#### 11 War memorial

- a Considered: a verbal report on the lighting at the war memorial. The costs of putting Christmas lights into the tree each year was prohibitive so the group was considering ways to enhance the existing display. Cllr Pegg was investigating more powerful units, but was mindful of the possible environmental impact of uplighters.  
**ACTION: Cllrs Pegg and Reilly**
- b Noted: that the damage caused to the war memorial railings by a lorry was reported to the Police by the Vice Chair. The Police will contact the owner of the vehicle as the driver did not stop to report the incident. The Clerk would contact the company and ask for costs to repair the railings.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- c The Clerk was asked to write to the Royal British Legion Club to ask them to remove the wreaths which had become damaged by the weather.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 12 Dog waste bins

- a Considered: a verbal report on the survey conducted by Cllr Wilcox. Most bins seemed to be in the correct location and generally there were an adequate number of bins to serve the village. However, one bin was damaged beyond repair and another location needed a bin to be installed. **RESOLVED:** to ask LDC to erect a joint rubbish and dog waste bin on the towpath opposite the Delhi Divan and one at the gate on the towpath near the bowling club.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

Noted: the ongoing issue of dog owners not clearing dog waste or not disposing of it in the bins provided. Agreed: that it was the legal responsibility of dog owners to clear waste.

#### 13 Request from the Cricket Club to use Walkfield for parking August 2021

- a Noted: that the Cricket Club have been chosen to host the Derbyshire League Cup Final on Monday 30 August 2021 (Bank Holiday Monday). **RESOLVED:** to approve their request to use a roped off area of Walkfield for parking. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 14 Update on planning applications

- a Noted: updated decisions by LDC on planning applications since the last meeting (**APC/20-21/11/7**).

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

- a Noted: that correspondence included:
- 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 and an invitation to a training session on outdoor safety
  - Information from Highway's England on planned works on A38
  - Updates from HS2 on forthcoming local works
  - Notification from Amey on behalf of SCC Highways that the Overley Lane complaint has been considered and no action taken as there is no weight limit on the lane and that HGVs could use it for access if a weight limit was imposed
  - Notification of dangerous parking on Main Street blocking the pavement referred to the Police by the Chair of the Traffic Management Working group. The Police have written to the car owner.
  - Complaint about increase in dog waste bags not being put in the bins
  - Thanks from a resident for completing the fencing at the play area
  - Confirmation from Crest Nicholson that they will arrange a litter pick on the site following contact from Cllr Michael Wilcox

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Complaint from a resident via Cllr Eagland about the width of Somerville Road and the need for off street parking passed to Bromford Homes. Bromford's response has been forwarded to the Traffic Management Group

Complaint about a large pothole in Park Road to be referred to SCC Highways

**ACTION: Clerk**

Request for feedback on customer services from LDC

Request for feedback on the draft LPGS funding strategy

Communications about the forthcoming AGAR 2020/21.

Contact from Transport for Britain concerning taking forward sustainable travel options referred to Cllrs

Notification from HS2 of forthcoming webinars on its work. Cllr Potter and the Clerk will participate

Complaint from a resident about drug taking on a bench on the canal towpath.

Caller advised to contact Police when antisocial behaviour occurs.

Complaint about debris causing damage to the Quarter Mile Bridge. To be referred again to the CRT who have not acted on the previous complaint **ACTION: Clerk**

Complaint about human waste in the canal lock referred to Police.

Complaint about rubbish from canal boats discharge from boats referred to the Canal and Rivers Trust with a request for action.

Complaint about parking on the grass area at the corner of Fox Lane and the A513 to be monitored by the Traffic Management Group **ACTION: Cllr Tolson**

Parking by non-customers on the Delhi Divan forecourt. This was not actioned as the area is private land.

#### 16 Keep Alrewas Tidy Group

a To note that the litter pick on 20 March 2021 collected 25 bags of litter from around the village. Over 30 residents participated and the session was split into two to meet Covid requirements and to enable all participants to use equipment. The Bank Coffee House was thanked for offering all participants a complimentary drink at the end of the sessions. Litter picking sessions on a Sunday might be offered for those who work on a Saturday. **ACTION: Cllr Wilcox**

Agreed: that litter picking sessions would be advertised at the School.

**ACTION: Cllr Wilcox**

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

a Noted: the Smart Alerts

#### 18 Update from the Civic Society

a Noted: that the Civic Society members had cleared the George and Dragon Alleyway. Tree planting near the Cricket Club car ark would be undertaken soon. The Civic Society was considering whether to take on responsibility for the Willow Weave structure.

#### 19 Parish Council Diary

Noted:

a Past dates

None

b Future Dates

HS2 webinar 27 May 2021 Cllr Potter and Clerk will participate.

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

Noted: that the Annual Meeting and the May 2021 meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 5 April** from 7.30 via Zoom

b Noted: that the deadline for agenda items is **Tuesday 27 April 2021**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,  
Alrewas Parish Council, 14 April 2021  
Confirmed

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