

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Alrewas Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 7.15pm by Zoom, following on from the Annual Meeting

**APC/21-22/1/M**

#### CONFIRMED

##### PRESENT

Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Cllrs David Butcher, Elizabeth Lawler, Donna Moss, John Pegg, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Denise Tolson, Michael Wilcox

##### IN ATTENDANCE

CCllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Derick Cross, District Cllr Sonia Wilcox, Mr Stuart Threlfall (Chair of the Quarry Working Group, for agenda item 9a), Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

The Chair welcomed all participants, including members of the public who were observing.

#### 1. Apologies

- a Received and accepted: Cllr Tolson for late arrival due to work commitments.

#### 2 New declarations of interest

- a Noted: that Cllr Lawler declared an Interest in respect of a planning application to be considered under agenda item 2.

#### 3. Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 April 2021 without amendment, as a true record. **(APC/20-21/11/M)**. The Chair would sign the Minutes outside of the meeting due to social distancing requirements.
- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/21-22/1/1)**.

#### 4 Public Participation

- a There was no contribution from village residents. Mr Threlfall's comments as Chair of the Quarry Working Group were considered under agenda item 9a.
- b District Cllrs:  
Noted: that LDC was reorganising its Committee structure to make efficiency gains. The Council had moved back to face to face meetings in line with legislation, but with reluctance due to health and safety considerations. It would be making a response to the government enquiry on the future format of meetings, as would Alrewas Parish Council. Noted: that LDC was still searching for a new CEO.
- c County Cllr  
Noted: that SCC would be putting double yellow lines on roads near the NMA to reduce parking problems. Noted: this could have an effect on parking in Alrewas when large events were held at the NMA. The businesses on the NMA side of the A38 might be affected by the restrictions and this would be monitored. A future APC meeting would consider the impact of the parking changes at the NMA.

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#### 5 Arrangements for future meetings

- a Noted: that legislation allowing virtual parish council meetings had lapsed and the government had stated that it would not be renewed, despite much lobbying and a court case. The APC monthly meeting to be held on 13 June 2021 in the Village Hall.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Agreed: APC would respond to the government's call for responses on the future format of meetings by requesting powers to hold hybrid and virtual Parish Council meetings in addition to face to face ones. This would be beneficial for those not able to attend in person and also during bad weather, in addition to any health and safety considerations.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 6 Planning

- a Considered: planning applications from Lichfield District Council

**(APC/21- 21/1/2).**

**RESOLVED:**

**21/00690/FUH** Recommend approval

**21/00505/FUH** Recommend approval

**21/00524/FUH** Cllr Lawler had declared an Interest and did not participate in the decision. Recommend approval.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 7 Financial statements

- a Noted: that the Accounts for April and May 2021 will be considered at the June 2021 meeting.

- b **RESOLVED:** to delegate authority to the Chair and Vice Chair to sign cheques not considered by members that require submission before the June 2021 meeting. This would be subject to a maximum figure of £1000.00 per cheque.

**ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk, Accounts Officer**

#### 8 Land behind Inge Drive/Deepmoor Close

- a Considered: a proposal to develop the area as a nature reserve **(APC/21-22/1/3)**.  
Noted: some apparent resistance from the RBL local Branch to the use of RBL land for a rewilding project, so this Parish Council land could be a better location. It would also enable more use by the public as it is a larger space. The funding obtained for the existing project could be transferred to this location.

Noted: a previous proposal by the Parish Council to allocate this land for three bungalows for elderly residents as sheltered accommodation.

Noted: a previous proposal to use the land as car parking for the village hall.

Noted: residents of Inge Drive/Deepmoor Close should be consulted on all proposals.

Agreed: to refer the proposals to the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group.

**ACTION: Cllr Potter**

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#### 9 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 from the Chair of the Quarry Working Group. Noted: that CEMEX had submitted further documents to SCC. An objection had been submitted to SCC by the Parish Council and copied to Michael Fabricant MP. Cadent was undertaking considerable work near the site which was causing concern. Cllr Eagland had visited the site.

Noted: Should the planning application be granted opposition to it could only be from a judicial review.

Noted: LDC would consider the application at its Planning Committee on 10 May 2021. District Cllr Wilcox would speak against the proposal

Considered: the notes of the meeting of the Quarry Working Group held on 15 April 2021 (**APC/21-22/1/4**)

Noted: the APC Objection sent to SCC Planning on 26 April 2021 (**APC/21-22/1/5**)

Mr Threlfall and Mrs Servian were thanked for all their work on this issue.

##### b Development working group - Green Acres at Alrewas

Considered: a verbal update from the Chair of the Development Working Group, who expressed serious concern that the LLFA would not meet with the Parish Council. New drainage proposals had been submitted by Crest Nicholson and a meeting of the Development Working Group would be held soon to consider a draft response from the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk**

Agreed: Cllr Eagland would contact the LLFA on behalf of the Parish Council to see if she could arrange a meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Eagland/Clerk**

Agreed: the Clerk would contact Michael Fabricant MP and ask for his support.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Agreed: Cllr Lawler would consult the Flood And Water Management Act to see what responsibilities had been allocated to LLFAs. **ACTION: Cllr Lawler**

##### c Walkfield

Noted: complaints from local residents about overflowing rubbish bins. **RESOLVED:** To continue to pay for a weekly litter clearing and bin emptying service from LDC.

**ACTION: Clerk/Accounts Officer**

Noted: that permission to LDC has been given by the Clerk for urgent remedial work on a play item on health and safety grounds

Noted: with regret, ongoing vandalism to the play area fencing.

##### d Communications and external funding

Noted: that the Trim Trail has been installed and that safety information for its use has been posted on the APC website. A notice that the Trim Trail is available will be put on the website. **ACTION: Clerk**

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Cllr Tolson was thanked for her work in overseeing the project.

#### 10 Willowwave

- a **RESOLVED:** To take over responsibility for this structure with its associated maintenance costs of approximately £130 per annum.

**ACTION: Clerk/Accounts Officer**

#### 11 War memorial

- a Considered: a request from the Civic Society that the names on the war memorial are repainted. Agreed: Quotations would be obtained and the War Memorials Trust would be asked for permission to undertake the work. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 12 Lock gates on the Kings Bromley Road

- a Agreed: to obtain quotations for repainting of the Lock Gates on the Kings Road to consider at a future meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 13 Local footpaths

- a Considered: the notes of a meeting held with the SCC Principal Rights of Way Officer 15 April 2021 (**APC/21-22/1/6**). Cllr Pegg reported that SCC seemed to have little resource to dedicate to footpath maintenance and improvement and that dialogue would continue to try and improve the state of local footpaths.

#### Matters for report

#### 14 Update on planning applications

- a Noted: updates LDC decisions on planning applications since the last meeting (**APC/21-22/1/7**).

#### 15 To note 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
  - Information from Highway's England on planned works on A38
  - Query from a resident about whether washing can be hung out in back gardens overlooked by other residences - The Clerk confirmed that there is no general restriction in the village
  - Complaints about overflowing litter bins, especially on Walkfield - see agenda item 9c above
  - Notification from LDC that preliminary ground works are being carried out on the new leisure centre in Lichfield
  - Complaint about a building development referred to LDC planning enforcement Copied into complaint to SCC by local resident that drainage from the Tarmac quarry at Alrewas is flooding the local lane - referred to Tarmac who are investigating
  - Correspondence from a resident to the SCC Highways concerning temporary traffic restrictions copied to the Council
  - Complaint from a local resident on the state of footpaths referred to the SCC Principal Rights of Way Officer by the Clerk
  - Complaint about an incident at the Home Farm building site dealt with by Cllr Wilcox and the Site Manager
  - Complaint that the railings on Kent's Bridge require painting referred to the Canal

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and Rivers Trust who will see if volunteers can undertake the work

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

- a Noted.

#### **17 Update from the Civic Society**

- a Noted: a verbal report from Cllr Reilly and that items from the Civic Society had been included on the agenda.

#### **18 Parish Council Diary**

Noted:

- a Past dates  
None

- b Future Dates  
HS2 webinar 25 May 2021 Cllr Potter and Clerk will participate

#### **19 Keep Alrewas Tidy Group**

- a Noted: that the next litter pick will be on Saturday 15 May 2021 at 10.30 outside the Surgery in Exchange Road.

#### **20 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

- a Noted: that the meeting will be held on **Monday 14 June 2021 at 7.30pm**
- b Noted: that the agenda deadline is **Thursday 3 June 2021**
- c Noted: the decision on the format of the meeting under agenda item 5 above

Kathryn Powell,  
Clerk,  
Alrewas Parish Council,  
6 May 2021.  
Unconfirmed