

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Alrewas Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 August 2021 at 7.30pm in Alrewas Village Hall

APC/21-22/4/M

CONFIRMED

- PRESENT** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Donna Moss, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Michael Wilcox
- IN ATTENDANCE** Cllr Janet Eagland, Mr Stuart Threlfall (Chair of the Quarry Working Group, for agenda item 13a), Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

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

1. Apologies

- a Received and accepted: Cllrs Elizabeth Lawler and Denise Tolson, District Cllrs Sonia Wilcox and Derek Cross

1a Resignation of Cllr John Pegg

- a **RESOLVED:** with great regret, to accept the resignation of Cllr Pegg with immediate effect, due to his other commitments. Cllr Pegg was thanked in his absence for his considerable contribution over a number of years to the Parish Council and to the wider Alrewas community. He was a past Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council and had made an especially significant contribution to the consideration of planning issues, having chaired the Parish Council's Development Group which had been closely involved in the Green Acres development. He had made a significant contribution to the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan and the Local Minerals Plan and had recently been a member of the Quarry Working Group. He had also been a generous source of support and advice to fellow Cllrs and Officers. The Parish Council wished him well for the future.

The Clerk would pass on the Cllrs thanks and comments to Mr Pegg and would notify LDC of the vacancy.

ACTION: Clerk

2 New declarations of interest

- a Noted: that there were no new declarations.

3 Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the revised June 2021 Minutes without amendment
(**APC/21-22/2/M**)
- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the revised July 2021 Minutes without amendment
(**APC/21-22/3/M**)
- c Considered: the updated Action Sheet (**APC/21-22/4/1**).

5 Public Participation

- a Noted: that a resident had wished to speak on the issues of the speed and traffic on the A513, but unable to do so as he was self-isolating due to Covid 19 restrictions.

A resident spoke on the issue of traffic travelling the wrong way in the one way section

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of Micklehome Drive, causing danger to other road users and pedestrians. She reported a persistent disregard for traffic directions and one way signs and had been verbally abused by a driver while trying to get them to follow the signage. Noted: the one way system had been a requirement of the Secretary of State's approval for the scheme. She had made a complaint to SCC Highways and had asked the Police for support. Cllr Michael Wilcox had spoken to the Crest Nicholson Site Manager who would remind construction related drivers of the requirements. APC was asked to arrange for a traffic camera to be installed to monitor traffic flow. **ACTION: Traffic Management Group** CCllr Eagland would contact SCC Highways.

b District Cllrs:

Noted: that LDC was seeking a plan for the development of the Birmingham Road site. LDC was applying for central government funding to develop the new leisure centre.

c County Cllr

The CCllr reported that a request had been made to divert a footpath in Fradley to accommodate more trucks on the Leavesley site opposite Alrewas on the A38. The Clerk would contact the Clerk of Fradley and Streethay Parish Council to see if a joint response could be made.

ACTION: Clerk

6 Planning

a Considered: planning applications from Lichfield District Council

(APC/21- 21/4/2).

RESOLVED: to recommend:

21/00989/COU Approve

21/01219/FUL Approve

20/00359/FUL Considered by Development Group – Objection submitted

21/01327/ABN Approve

ACTION: Clerk

7 Financial statements

a Noted: that the July 2021 and August 2021 Accounts would be considered at the next meeting.

b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list for August 2021 **APC/21-22/2/3.**

ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk

8 Royal British Legion and Remembrance Sunday arrangements

a Considered: the notice issued by the National Royal British Legion stating that it would no longer have public liability insurance for parades and other Remembrance Service activities, and it would expect local councils to arrange road closures, so taking on public liability for these events. Disappointment was expressed at the decision by the Royal British Legion. The Clerk would check with the Parish Council's insurers concerning liability for such events.

ACTION: Clerk

Agreed: that the Parish Council would not wish to see the Remembrance Service cancelled due to this change in policy by the RBL and would investigate issues with LDC and SPCA. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner.

ACTION: Clerk

Noted: that the RBL local Branch may ask the Parish Council to pay for the meal for invited dignitaries after the parade. The Clerk advised that this would probably not

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be covered by the Powers of the Parish Council, but that a grant request could be considered for more public aspects of the service such as a contribution towards the cost of the band or bugler.

9 Flooding on Main Street

a It was reported that Amey had agreed to undertake regular maintenance on behalf of SCC. Noted: that existing drains cannot cope with heavy downpours and further problems would be reported to SCC.

10 Land by the Pumping Station on Dark Lane

a Concerns had been expressed by residents about the open land by the Pumping Station which looked unsightly and enabled children and others to access back gardens of properties. Agreed: to ask the Civic Society to undertake some planting to limit access to the area and screen the pumping station from local properties.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly

11 Walkfield

a Considered: the most recent Play Area safety report (APC/21/4/5). Noted: the issues which required attention. Agreed: the Clerk was asked to contact LDC and obtain a quote for remedial works.

ACTION: Clerk

b **RESOLVED:** to hire a part time handyman to undertake basic duties that were not safety critical. **ACTION: Clerk**

12 Request from the Civic Society

a Noted: that the Civic Society had asked the Parish Council to guarantee that they would take long term responsibility for the maintenance of trees planted by the Civic Society if the Civic Society was unable to undertake such work, or if the Society closed. This was required by SCC before trees could be planted. Noted: that this could create an ongoing charge for the Parish Council if the Civic Society did not undertake this work. **RESOLVED:** to confirm that the Parish Council would take on the responsibility for the maintenance of the newly planted trees but only if the Civic Society closed. The Civic Society was asked to produce a maintenance plan.

ACTION: Clerk

13 Working groups

a Quarry working group

Planning application L.20/03/867M – proposed quarry and cement factory at Orgreave – Considered: a verbal update on behalf of the Chair of the Quarry Working Group, Mr Stuart Threlfall. SCC had approved the planning application to the great disappointment of many individuals.

The speakers who had made contributions to the meeting were thanked for their excellent work. The Chair of the Quarry working group had asked SCC if he can be part of a monitoring group to see that conditions are implemented correctly but had not yet received a response.

Agreed: the Quarry Working group would continue its work as the quarry and factory were developed.

Noted: There was concern that the planning process may have not been carried out fully in line with requirements. Considered: the issue of undertaking a Judicial Review. Noted: a private individual had paid for a barrister's Opinion on the possibility of starting a legal challenge to the process. Noted: the Parish Council has

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the power to initiate a judicial review against SCC but that such processes are expensive and time consuming. Crowd funding could be an option to raise funds. Agreed: the Parish Council would wait to hear the views of the barrister before making any decisions.

Considered: the notes of the meeting of the Quarry Working Group held on 12 July 2021 **APC/21-22/4/7**

c Development working group - Green Acres at Alrewas

Noted: that the working group had not met since the last APC meeting, and the Chair had now resigned. APC had submitted an objection to the latest planning application and had been advised by Mr Milns and Mr Walton who were thanked for their work.

A complaint had been received about the treatment of the hedging in Dark Lane and was being investigated.

d Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Working Group

Reported: a meeting had been held and the draft Work Plan had been considered prior to submission to APC in September. The need for enhanced facilities for young people was a priority and proposals for the better use of the MUGA could be brought forward. Consultations with residents might be undertaken to ensure that issues identified in the Neighbourhood Plan remained current.

Considered: the notes of the meeting held on 29 July 2021 (**APC/21-22/4/8**).

14 Residents comments

- a Concern about the use of chemicals by LDC on land owned by APC referred to LDC. **ACTION: Clerk**
- b Concern about the speed of traffic on the A513: CClr Eagland was asked to contact SCC Highways about this issue and the Clerk would make a written request to her. **ACTION: Clerk/CClir Eagland**
- c Request for a 30mph speed limit from the Alrewas junction of the A38 to the Kings Bromley Road turning: This was supported by the Parish Council. CClr Eagland was asked to contact SCC Highways about this issue and the Clerk would make a written request to her. **ACTION: Clerk/CClir Eagland**
- d Concern expressed about a BBQ held on Walkfield: Occurrences would be monitored and signage improved if this occurred again.
- e Concern over traffic travelling the wrong way along Micklehome Drive. Cllr Wilcox had contacted the developers to ask them to advise their staff and contractors. SCC would be asked to paint "No Entry" on the road. Noted that the slip road required clearing and CClr Eagland would ask SCC Highways to undertake this work when she received a formal request from the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk/CClir Eagland**

Matters for report

15 Update on planning applications

- a Noted: updates LDC decisions on planning applications since the last meeting (**APC/21-22/1/9**).

16 To note correspondence received since the last meeting

- a Noted: that correspondence includes:
 - 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

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Information from Highways England on planned works on A38
Information from LDC on the pedestrianisation survey for Lichfield city centre
Consultation from SCC on the future of Burton Library
Notification of PTTRO on Croxall Road on 11 August 2021 for one day.
Consultation request on proposed Community Diagnostic Hubs – Concern was expressed that only a few hubs for the whole of Staffordshire might mean long journeys for patients. The Clerk was asked to check how many hubs were proposed and their locations. **ACTION: Clerk**
Cannock Chase AONB Annual Review received

17 Police Smart Alerts (already circulated)

- a Noted.

18 Update from the Civic Society

- a Noted: a verbal report from Cllr Reilly. The Civic Society was keen to support the rewinding projects and would liaise with Cllr Tolson. **ACTION: Cllr Tolson**

19 Parish Council Diary

Noted:

- a Past dates

None

- b Future Dates

None

20 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

1 at 7.30pm in the village hall. a Agreed: that the August 2021 meeting would be held on Monday **13 September 2021 at 7.30pm**

- b Noted: that the agenda deadline is **Thursday 2 September 2021**

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Kathryn Powell,
Clerk,
Alrewas Parish Council,
16 August 2021
Confirmed.