

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Alrewas Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.30pm in Alrewas Village Hall

APC/21-22/6/M

CONFIRMED

PRESENT

Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Elizabeth Lawler Donna Moss, Jessica Nicklin, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Stuart Threlfall (after agenda item 2), Denise Tolson, Michael Wilcox

IN ATTENDANCE

CCllr Janet Eagland, District Cllr Derick Cross, Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

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

1. Apologies

- a Received and accepted: District Cllr Sonia Wilcox

2 Co-option of new Cllr

- a **RESOLVED:** unanimously, to co-opt Mr Stuart Threlfall, whose details had been circulated prior to the meeting, as a Cllr with immediate effect. Mr Threlfall made his Declaration to the meeting which was accepted. The Clerk would notify LDC of the co-option.
ACTION: Clerk

3 New declarations of interest

- a Noted: that there were no new declarations.

4 Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the September 2021 without amendment.
(APC/21-22/5/M)
- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/21-22/6/1)**.

5 Public Participation

- a Noted: that there was no public participation. Unusually, Mr Walton was allowed to make a report under agenda item 11c to report on issues at a time when the Development Working Group had been without a Chair.
- b District Cllrs:
Noted: that travellers were in the area and residents were advised to contact the Police if they moved onto land in the Parish. LDC was investing a considerable sum in its Planning Department over a 3-5 year plan to improve services. There would be a 26% increase in staff and an improvement in staff grades which would hopefully reduce staff turnover and increase experience in the team.

A public budget consultation will be undertaken shortly.

c County Cllr

The CCllr reported that she had funding available from her Community Fund which local groups could apply to before the end of October 2021.

Residents were reminded of the forthcoming road closures and roadworks across much of the District due to HS2 construction.

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Cllr England hoped that SCC Highways would paint a no entry sign on Micklehome Drive and informed the Council that she would pay for it from her budget.

6 Appointment of a maintenance person

a **RESOLVED:** to accept the recommendation from the interview panel to appoint the general maintenance person whose details had been previously circulated to Cllrs. (APC/21-22/6/2). **ACTION: Clerk**

7 Planning applications

a **RESOLVED:** to recommend (APC/21-22/6/3):

21/01397/FUH a neutral response but noted:

- that this was a retrospective application and the Parish Council was disappointed that this had not been addressed earlier in the planning process, as the property is in the conservation area.
- The concerns expressed by a neighbour on the impact on light on their property
- The concerns expressed over antisocial behaviour late at night
- Concern that the building should not be used or sold as a separate dwelling in future

21/01556/FUH approve subject to consideration by the Conservation Officer of the impact of the three rooflights on the front of the property on the street view

21/01619/FUH this application was withdrawn

21/01686/FUH approval subject to the building not been allowed to be sold as a separate dwelling in future

A further application had arrived too late for consideration and the Clerk was asked to obtain more information on the application. **ACTION: Clerk**

8 Financial statements

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Accounts for September (APC/21-22/6/4).

b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list for September 2021, including the Clerk's registration fee to undertake the CILCA qualification (APC/21-22/6/5). **ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk**

c Considered: a verbal report from Cllr Potter who has reviewed the accounts against the quarterly bank statements, as recommended by the internal auditor. She reported that she was satisfied with the accounts and noted that all was in good order.

d Approved: Clerk and Accounts Officer to undertake research into online banking. **ACTION: Clerk/Accounts Officer**

e **RESOLVED:** not to increase the rent paid by the football team from the current level to help them recover from the impact on the pandemic.

f **RESOLVED:** to allocate £4000 to each working group (except the GDPR working group) to support project development (APC/21-22/6/6). All spending would still require approval at a full council meeting.

9 Publication scheme

a Noted: that the Parish Council did provide the information required by the Information Commissioner but had no Publication Scheme. **RESOLVED:** to accept the Clerk's recommendation to adopt the NALC model publication scheme to bring the Council explicitly into line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (APC/21-22/6/7). **ACTION: Clerk**

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10 "Don't lose your way" campaign

a Considered: the campaign by the Ramblers to ensure all public footpaths are registered (**APC/21-22/6/8**). Agreed: this project would be undertaken by the Environmental support and climate change working group who was asked to consult local walking groups and SCC. **ACTION: ESCCWG**

11 RBL Service of Remembrance

a Noted: that the Parish Council's insurers had stated that the Parish Council's public liability insurance could not be used to cover the RBL branch activities under insurance law.

Noted: that the Parish Council has limited staffing capacity to organise events. It might be possible for a working group to be set up to organise an event in future years. This would be investigated by the Parish Council at a future meeting.

Noted: the deep disappointment of some councillors that the action taken by the National Royal British Legion which had deprived the local community of the Remembrance Day parade.

RESOLVED: with regret, that the Parish Council could not offer public liability insurance cover for the RBL local Branch's Remembrance Day parade in 2021. **ACTION: Clerk**

12 Working groups

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the revised draft membership of working groups. (**APC/21-22/6/9**). **ACTION: Clerk**

b Communications working group

Noted: that the newsletter would be issued before the end of 2021.

c Development working group - Green Acres at Alrewas

Noted: a verbal report from a member of the public, allowed at this point as it covered issues while the working group had no Chair. It was reported that:

- LDC's Planning Committee meeting had unanimously rejected the planning application 20/00359/FULM
- Planning officers had issued a large report within a few days of the meeting which had made it difficult for protesters to make a response
- There appeared to be a breach of planning conditions on biodiversity.
- The issue of drainage had not considered the loss of amenity or hygiene issues relating to the Beach.
- The Dark Lane hedge was removed under a previous planning approval

The member of the public was thanked for his report.

RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr Wilcox as Chair of the Working group. Cllr Wilcox reported the following:

- The LDC Planning Committee appreciated the concerns expressed by Cllrs and residents and unanimously rejected the LDC Planning Officers' recommendations.
- It would not be possible to make any further progress on drainage concerns as all statutory bodies had reported that they were satisfied with proposals. This would be removed from any work proposals
- LDC would take legal advice on any possible CIL funding from the development
- The S106 money was still allocated to All Saints School and John Taylor Academy. This would be a focus of the working group

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- Work was required to monitor LDC Planning Officers holding CN to the agreed planning conditions
- Thanks were given to the ARG, Civic Society and residents who had contributed information to the LDC Planning Committee

RESOLVED: to approve the annual work plan (**APC/21-22/6/10**).

d Environmental support and climate change group

RESOLVED: to approve Cllr Nicklin as Chair of the working group.

e Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Working Group

Noted: that a meeting would be held soon when all members were available.

f. Quarry Working Group

RESOLVED: to approve the draft Work Plan (**APC/21-22/6/11**).

Noted: that a resident had put in a notice of judicial review based on Counsel's opinion, but funding would be required to take the review forward. It is hoped to meet with SCC Planning Officers to see if mitigation can be applied and if any application from Cemex for HS2 Phase 2 can be stopped.

g. Traffic Management Working Group

RESOLVED: to approve the draft workplan (**APC/21-22/6/12**).

Noted: the responses from SCC on traffic issues on Micklehome Drive (**APC/21-22/6/13**) and to the request to install speed cameras on the A513 (**APC/21-22/6/14**). The working group would continue to liaise with SCC on these issues.

ACTION: TMWG

h. Walkfield working group

RESOLVED: to approve the quotation from LDC of £600 for repairs to the play equipment and fence (**APC/21-22/6/15**). **ACTION: Clerk**

Concern was expressed at the continuing vandalism of the play area fence and the cost to all Council Taxpayers of the repairs. The Working Group would consider options, including whether to replace it with a metal fence. **ACTION: Working group**

13 Residents' Comments

a Noted: comments which have included

- Further concerns over the Dark Lane hedge – Cllr Wilcox has discussed this with LDC Planning and spoke against it at the LDC planning Committee meeting
- Query over the allocation possibility that S106 monies will not be allocated to John Taylor Academy and All Saints School. In discussion with a representative of John Taylor Academy it was confirmed that the Academy had resolved not to pursue the matter
- Concern over the war memorial railings – insurance company involved

Matters for report

14 Update on planning applications

- a Noted: updates LDC decisions on planning applications since the last meeting (**APC/21-22/6/16**).

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15 To note correspondence received since the last meeting

a To note that correspondence includes:

- Updates from LDC re Covid 19 issues and support available
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- Update from SCC on local regeneration projects
- Information on fire safety from Staffordshire Fire and Rescue service
- Information from Highways England on planned works on A38
- Information from SCC on road repairs
- Update from HS2 on planned works
- Help from LDC for property owners to take on homeless tenants
- Consultation request on budget priorities from LDC
- Information on the meals and activities support from SCC for the Christmas school holidays
- Newsletter from the Transforming the Trent Valley project
- Information on the Queens Jubilee celebrations
- Update from Neighbourhood Watch
- Request for information from BBC Countryfile re a forthcoming programme based around the NMA circulated to Cllrs and to the Alrewas Archive project

16 Police Smart Alerts

a Noted.

17 Update from the Civic Society

a Noted: that the Civic Society was represented on the Environmental Support and Climate Change working group.

18 Parish Council Diary

a Past dates:

Service of Remembrance and Recovery for the Public Services at Lichfield Cathedral 26 September 2021.

b future dates

Armistice Day Service of Remembrance at the NMA 11 November 2021 to be attended by the Chair and Vice Chair

19 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

a Noted: that the next meeting will be held on 8 November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

b Noted: that the agenda deadline is Thursday 28 October 2021

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Kathryn Powell,
Clerk,
Alrewas Parish Council,
25 October 2021
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