

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Advisory Meeting of Alrewas Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 December 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom due to concerns about the local Covid 19 infection risk

APC/21-22/8/M

CONFIRMED

PRESENT Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Jessica Nicklin, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Stuart Threlfall, Michael Wilcox

IN ATTENDANCE Cllr Janet Eagland, Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

NOTED: the meeting was held on Zoom as an advisory meeting due to Covid infection risks. All recommended actions and other decisions would be ratified at the January 2022 meeting.

ACTION: Parish Council

1. Apologies

- a Received and accepted: Cllrs Lawler (another commitment) and Moss (illness), District Cllrs Derick Cross and Sonia Wilcox – other meetings.
- b. Noted: that the meeting was quorate.

2 New declarations of interest

- a Noted: that there were no new Declarations of Interest.

3 Minutes

- a **Agreed:** to approve the Minutes of the November 2021 meeting without amendment. **(APC/21-22/7/M)**
- b Considered: the updated Action Sheet **(APC/21-22/8/1)**. Reported that action 8 is in hand and should be removed from the list. **ACTION: Clerk**

4 Public Participation

- a **Agreed:** to suspend Standing Orders to enable public participation
- b Members of the public
 - a Noted: that there was no public participation.
 - b District Cllrs
 - Noted: that LDC have moved to virtual meetings using their powers. The new Chief Executive had started a project to improve services and the way in which the Council engages with residents. Much of this would involve digital services. District Cllrs had attended a training session on planning enforcement and the issues in Alrewas had been raised. The District Council had received central government funding which had helped cover losses in car parking income and other income streams affected by the pandemic. The new Budget was being considered and District Cllr Wilcox would ascertain if the Parish Council could comment on it prior to approval.
- c County Cllr
 - Noted: that anyone wishes to report highway defects must do so through the SCC website. Cllr Eagland would notify the Clerk of the contact details so that they can be circulated to Cllrs. **ACTION: Cllr Eagland and Clerk**
 - Noted: that a project to plant trees along the A513 towards the NMA was being considered. The Parish Council confirmed that it was in favour of the project. It

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hoped that it could include some wildflower planting and not impinge on land that could be included in the proposed cycle way to Whitemoor Lakes.

Noted: the CCllr's concern that the proposed reduction in verge mowing to encourage wildlife might make roadsides look untidy and be a hazard to vehicles. The Environmental Support and Climate Change group were asked to bring a proposal to a future meeting. **ACTION: ESCCWG**

Noted: that LDC's main liaison officer with HS2 had moved to new employment and concern was expressed that this important liaison role might be lost. CCllr Eagland and District Cllr Michael Wilcox were asked to contact LDC to ask that this role was maintained. Cllrs would be participating in an online session with HS2 on 14 December and a member of the HS2 team had been invited to the Parish Council meeting in February 2022.

Noted: the number of road closures planned by HS2. It was hoped that information could be circulated to residents, including by using the Alrewas Telegraph.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly

Noted: that Standing Orders were reinstated.

5 Planning applications

a **Agreed:** to recommend (**APC/21-22/8/2**):

21/01897/LBC: approval as there were no significant changes to the previously approved application

21/01979/FUL and **21/01980/LBC:** concerns were expressed on the impact on housing density with the possibility that this would become a rental property with associated parking problems, the possible bat roosts and the inappropriate modern windows. LDC was asked to confirm that neighbours could still comment on the application. The Parish Council asked that LDC planners made no decision until the bat survey report had been received by the District Council and the Parish Council. They also asked for a copy of the bat report to be sent to the Clerk for consideration by Cllrs.

ACTION: Clerk

6 Financial statements

a **Agreed:** to postpone approval of the Accounts for November 2021 until the January 2022 meeting (**APC/21-22/8/3**).

b **Agreed:** to postpone consideration for the grant of £200 for the charity fireworks display on Alrewas Island, November 6, 2021, until the January 2022 meeting **APC/21-22/8/4**

c **Agreed:** that the grant request from Alrewas Parish Church for repairs to the Church Clock (**APC/21-22/8/5 – not received**) would be considered at a future meeting.

d **Agreed:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list for December 2021

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ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk

7 Budget 2022

a Consideration of the Budget was postponed until the January 2022 meeting **APC/21-22/8/7**. **ACTION: Clerk, Accounts Officer**

8 Precept 2022

a Consideration of the draft Precept for 2022-23 (**APC/21-22/8/8**) was postponed until the January 2022 meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

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9 Dates of meetings 2022

- a Approved the proposed dates of meetings for 2022 (**APC/21-22/8/9**). The meeting date in January 2022 would be on the 17 January, the third Monday in the month, to allow more time to prepare the financial papers. **ACTION: Clerk**

10 Heavy traffic on Main Street

- a Considered: how to deal with concerns raised by a resident over heavy traffic not adhering to weight limit restrictions on Main Street (**APC/21-22/8/10**) and on speeding traffic. The meeting was informed that traffic violations was a police matter, not an issue for SCC Highways. Agreed: that this was a significant issue and the companies whose vehicles had been identified as driving illegally though the village would be contacted and their names passed to the Police. **ACTION: Clerk**
The Cllr asked the Clerk to forward the resident's complaint to her for attention. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Noted: the Parish Council had previously tried to set up a Speedwatch Scheme in the village but no residents had volunteered to take part. Agreed: a further attempt would be made to set up a scheme and the Clerk was asked to contact the Speedwatch co-ordinator. **ACTION: Cllr Wilcox and Clerk**

Noted: traffic issues elsewhere in the village especially dangerous parking on Main Street and Fox Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the building companies concerned and also to remind Bromford of the urgency of providing off street parking at properties on Fox Lane. **ACTION: Clerk**

11 Working groups

- a Meeting of working group chairs:
Noted: that this meeting was postponed until January 2022. Chair of working groups were asked to give their availability to the Chair. **ACTION: Chairs of working groups**
- b Communications
Noted: that the annual Newsletter had been printed and would be issued shortly.
- c Development working group
Reported: that the working group chair would meet shortly with LDC Enforcement staff to reiterate concerns in the community.
Noted: The response from LDC Planning (**APC/21-22/8/11**).
- d Environmental support and climate change working group
Agreed: permission for the working group chair to contact the British Hydropower Association concerning the possible project at the weir. **ACTION: Cllr Nicklin**
- e Neighbourhood Plan implementation working group
Noted: that no meeting had been held pending the meeting of working group chairs.
- f Quarry working group
The Cllr was asked to find out contact details for officers at Tarmac and for them to set up a meeting date for the liaison committee. **ACTION: Cllr Eagland**
The Clerk was asked to contact SCC for an update on the response to the FOI request. **ACTION: Clerk**
- g Traffic Management working group
Noted: that no meeting had been held pending the meeting of working group chairs.

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h Walkfield working group

Noted: the ongoing serious vandalism to the play area fencing which would be publicised to residents on the Alrewas Telegraph and the website.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly and Clerk

Agreed: CCTV footage would be consulted to see if offenders could be identified.

ACTION: Clerk

Noted the expense of replacing the fencing. A future meeting of the working group would consider alternatives, including metal fencing and planting hedging, and bring a proposal to a future Parish Council meeting. **ACTION: Walkfield working group**

11 Residents' Comments

a Noted: comments which have included:

- A note of appreciation that the war memorial lights were switched on for Remembrance Sunday
- A copy of the response from LDC Planning to a complaint by a local resident regarding the approval of Greenacres workings. The complaint was not upheld and the resident has confirmed that he will not take the complaint further
- Notification by a resident that large commercial vehicles are travelling along Main Street from the petrol station to the A513 in contravention of the weight limit referred to the Traffic Management Working Group (addressed as agenda item 10 above).

Matters for report

12 Update on planning applications

a Noted: updates LDC decisions on planning applications since the last meeting **(APC/21-22/8/12)**.

13 To note correspondence received since the last meeting

a Noted: that correspondence received included:

- SCC questionnaire on covid 19 experience for residents
- SCC update on Omicron variant
- HS2 information on its environmental activities including watercourse investigations A513 and Shaw Lane and work on the A515 at Kings Bromley
- Information on the HS2 Phase 1 Road Safety Fund
- Information from SCC on a new SEND carers forum
- Information from SCC Highways on a TTRO for Gorse Lane Fradley where the diversion passes through Alrewas Parish on A513
- Information from Western Power on Fuel Poverty grants
- Staffs Police and Fire commissioner request to complete a survey on Police powers
- Notification that LDC are working on a levelling up agenda
- LDC tackling knife crime initiative
- LDC information on Christmas Tree festival
- LDC notification of Christmas tours and events
- LDC notification of consideration by Cllrs of draft Local Plan 2040

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- LDC notification of free parking during Christmas period
- Healthwatch Staffordshire e bulletin
- SCC highways bulletin
- Information from SCC on free food and school holiday activities
- Consultation request from SCC on future Police and Fire and Rescue services
- Information on avian flu precautions from SCC published on Parish Council website
- Notification from SCC that the Climate Fund is open again for bids
- Annual report of the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association and notification of the AGM
- Updates from LDC re Covid 19 issues and support available
- Updates from SCC on Covid 19 issues and support available
- Information from Highways England on planned works on A38 and in Birmingham
- Information from SCC on road repairs
- Invitation from HS2 for a one to one meeting received
- Updates from Staffordshire Archives
- Notification of the new Staffordshire Police Chief Constable

15 Police Smart Alerts

- a Noted, including a report of youths throwing glass bottles into gardens in Cotton Close.

16 Update from the Civic Society

- a Noted: that the Civic Society had planted trees on Walkfield near the cricket club car park.

17 Parish Council Diary

- a Past dates:

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

Communal wreath laying at the Village War Memorial Sunday 14 November 2021 – Cllr Whatton represented the Parish Council

Wreath laying at Fradley Church Sunday 14 November 2021 – District Cllr Cross represented the Parish Council

Community Litter Pick held on 20 November 2021 at 10am.

- b Future dates

Virtual meeting with HS2 to be attended by some Cllrs and the CCllr 14 December 2021.

18 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

- a Noted: that the next meeting will be held on 17 January 2022 at 7.30pm, location to be confirmed depending on Covid 19 restrictions in place at the time of the meeting.

- b Noted: that the agenda deadline is Thursday 18 December 2021

The Chair wished all those attending the meeting a happy and peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

Agreed: Closed business would be held over until the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

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The meeting closed at 8.39pm.

Kathryn Powell,
Clerk, Alrewas Parish Council,
14 December 2021, revised 20 December 2021
Confirmed