

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Alrewas Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 February 2022 7.30pm in Alrewas Village Hall

**APC/21-22/10/M**

#### CONFIRMED

#### PRESENT

**IN ATTENDANCE** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Elizabeth Lawler, Donna Moss, Jessica Nicklin, Janette Potter, Jane Reilly, Stuart Threlfall, Michael Wilcox  
  
CCllr Janet Eagland, District Cllrs Derick Cross and Sonia Wilcox, Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

#### 1. Apologies

- a Received and accepted: Cllr Lawler (family illness), Cllr Wilcox (illness).
- b Noted: that the meeting was quorate.

#### 2 New declarations of interest

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

#### 3 Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2022 without amendment. **APC/21-22/9/M**
- b Considered: the updated action sheet **APC/21-22/10/1**

#### 4 The HS2 project

- a Noted: that representatives of HS2 had been invited to the meeting. They were unable to attend through illness and so had been invited to the March 2022 meeting.
- b Report on Kings Bromley Parish Council (KBPC)/HS2 Liaison meetings  
Considered: the verbal report from Cllr Threlfall who attended the meeting.
  - Phase 1 works were continuing around Wood End Lane with the creation of compounds and traffic management systems.
  - Stage 2a was at the survey stage with the closure of Common Lane for pipe work.
  - HS2 hoped that the A38 junction at Streethay would not have to be closed completely for eighteen months and was preparing a plan for night-time and weekend closures to minimise the length of the complete closure.
  - KBPC has asked HS2 to make plans to improve the Hilliard's Cross junction onto the A38 to minimise heavy traffic on Wood End Lane travelling to the A515.
  - HS2 had been asked to protect public access to footpaths and cycle ways as much as possible during construction.
  - KBPC were asking for improved signage. **AGREED:** APC would contact HS2 and ask for improved signage to avoid heavy traffic in the village. **ACTION: Clerk**

- the borrow pits would be used for aggregate for cement production. Noted: CEMEX was developing the S106 agreement for the proposed Orgreave Quarry and cement factory.
- Letters were being issued by HS2 about major surveying work needed to monitor the impact of construction on some local properties.
- Concern was expressed about a property owned by HS2 which was housing a number of rescue dogs. HS2 would investigate. Cllr Threlfall would check with HS2 to see if the RSPCA had been informed of local concerns. **ACTION: Cllr Threlfall**
- Cllr Threlfall would attend the meetings as the representative of APC.
- Funding for community engagement activities was available from HS2
- The Clerk would contact HS2 before they attended the March 2022 APC meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

## 5 Public Participation

a **Agreed:** to suspend Standing Orders to enable public participation

b Members of the public  
Noted: that there was no public participation.

b District Cllrs  
Noted: District Cllrs had held a meeting with a LDC Planning Enforcement Officer concerning local breaches of planning consent and would continue to raise issues. As one matter could affect SCC land Cllr Eagland asked for information and offered to talk to LDC Planning. **ACTION: Cllr Moss**

District Cllr Cross would follow up the Parish Council's letter to LDC about a suggested change in the approach to rubbish charges to minimise fly tipping.

**ACTION: District Cllr Cross**

The LDC budget would be approved shortly and it was likely that there would be a rise in the Council Tax.

The Community Governance Review was underway.

c County Cllr  
Noted: that the Climate Change Action Fund remained open to applications.  
Lichfield Library had reinstated the IT Buddy Scheme.  
A group from LDC, Burton Town Council and SCC was meeting to make proposals to smarten up the A38. A local Cllr would be invited to join the group.

d Noted: that Standing Orders were reinstated.

## 6 Planning applications

a **Agreed:** to recommend (**APC/21-22/10/2**):  
**21/02015/FUL** Noted: this had been considered at January 2022 meeting and added information had been provided. Confusion remained as to whether work had started before planning approval had been received. The Clerk was asked to contact LDC for clarification. **ACTION: Clerk**

**22/00163/FUL** Application to erect a memorial to submariners at the NMA was supported. **ACTION: Clerk**

b Considered: the issue of the planned cannabis factory. Noted: the letter sent to the Leader of LDC (**APC/21-22/10/3**). No response had been provided by LDC

Planners. Noted: the information provided to Cllrs by District Cllr Cross, who was thanked for his investigation:

- The application was for medical cannabis production which required a government licence
- The facility had longstanding agricultural use permission
- Security had been implemented in line with a previously agreed planning application
- Lighting would not produce light pollution

Cllrs were satisfied that issues of concern had been addressed. **AGREED:** no further action was required by APC.

## **7 Financial statements**

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Accounts for January 2022 (**APC/21-22/10/4**).

b **RESOLVED:** to the Cheques for Payment list for February 2022 (**APC/21-22/10/5**). **ACTION: Chair/Vice Chair/Clerk/Accounts Officer**

## **8 Alley by the George and Dragon**

a Noted: that the maintenance person had tidied the alleyway.

Noted: that he had reported the damaged flower bed which was losing soil into the alleyway. This belonged to the brewery.

Considered: a proposal to address the problem (**APC/21-22/10/6**).

**AGREED:** LDC would be asked for a quote to undertake remedial work to strengthen the structure. The brewery company would be contacted and asked to contribute to the cost of repair.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **9 Parish Assembly/Fair 2022**

a considered how to amend the format of the event (**APC/21-22/10/7**). **AGREED:** an event on a Saturday morning in mid May 2022 would be preferable to try and attract a wider group of residents. Council working groups and local organisations would be asked to have stalls to update residents on activities and plans.

**ACTION: Clerk**

The Police would be asked to attend and provide information on drugs and online safety.

**ACTION: Clerk**

The Council would offer the safety evening later in the year which had been postponed by Covid restrictions in 2020.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **10 Jubilee Celebrations**

a Considered: a verbal update from Cllr Reilly on village preparations. A village working group had been set up including representatives of the Parish Council. A range of events were being planned by different village organisations. The Clerk was asked to request a road closure for the Jubilee Lunch, and one for the Remembrance Service in November.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Noted: that APC would consider grant requires to support the events if submitted.

## **11 Transforming the Trent Valley Partnership**

a Considered: a verbal update from Cllr Reilly on her recent meeting with the organisation. The partnership would be installing an interpretation board at the Mill Stream. The Parish Council would consider any grant applications for projects as part of its environmental commitment.

## **12 Report from the Tarmac Liaison Group meeting 4 February 2022**

a Considered: the paper from Cllr Potter (**APC/21-22/10/8**).

The current planning application was for a short term project for a few months. Full quarrying was expected to last for about another four years with landfill work taking

about another four years. It was expected that Tarmac may put in a planning application for development on the land in the future. There was also a possible joint venture with CEMEX near Fradley Marina in future. **AGREED:** to send a letter to SCC raising concerns.  
**ACTION: Cllr Threlfall/Clerk**

Cllr Eagland had requested a meeting with the Leader and CEO of SCC to discuss concerns.

### 13 Working groups

#### a Communications working group

Considered: a proposal to replace the glass in the Parish Council noticeboard on Main Street (**APC/21-22/10/9**). A quotation was requested for consideration at a future meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

**APPROVED:** the revised Annual Work Plan and Schedule (**APC/21-22/10/10**).

#### b ESCCWG

Considered: the notes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022 (**APC/21-22/10/11**). Considered: the proposed Jubilee Garden plan, previously circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Nicklin was thanked for her work. Quotations would be considered at a future meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Nicklin**

**APPROVED:** the revised Annual Work Plan and Schedule (**APC/21-22/10/12**).

#### c NPWG

**APPROVED:** the revised Annual Work Plan and Schedule (**APC/21-22/10/13**).

#### d Quarry Working Group

Noted: the verbal report from Cllr Threlfall given under agenda items 4b and 12.

**APPROVED:** the revised Annual Work Plan and Schedule (**APC/21-22/10/14**).

#### e Traffic Management Group

Noted: that Cllr Reilly has been appointed as the Interim Chair

Considered: the notes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022 (**APC/21-22/10/15**). A meeting would be sought with SCC Highways about traffic calming measures.

**ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

It was hoped to set up a Speedwatch team in 2022.

Cllr Threlfall agreed to join the working group.

**APPROVED:** the revised Annual Work Plan and Schedule (**APC/21-22/10/16**).

#### f Walkfield Working Group

Considered: the notes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022 (**APC/21-22/10/17**). A meeting would be held shortly with LDC to discuss new options for fencing around the play area and other issues.

**ACTION: Cllr Moss**

Considered: a verbal report from Cllr Moss on the meeting of the Sports Forum held on 4 February 2022. Low level lighting would be installed by the Tennis Club to light the path. Options would be explored about lighting the car park. **ACTION: Cllr Moss**

Some trees required trimming and LDC would be asked to do this. **ACTION: Cllr Moss**  
LDC would be asked for advice on clearing the path between Walkfield and the canal.

**ACTION: Cllr Moss**

The Council's maintenance person would be asked to trim the edges of the car park vegetation.

**ACTION: Clerk**

The Police would be asked to monitor benches as reports had been received that they were being used by drug users.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**APPROVED:** the revised Annual Work Plan and Schedule, subject to removing the action on Jubilee celebrations and changing the wording on the MUGA item to "see if better use can be made of the MUGA." (**APC/21-22/10/18**).

**ACTION: Clerk**

### 14 Residents' Comments

a Noted: comments included:

- Correspondence from a resident about speeding on Main Street – he was contacted by Cllr Reilly as interim Chair of the Traffic Management working group
- Information on dementia friendly talks to be held in March 2022. The group would be asked to come to the Village Assembly/Fair

**ACTION: Clerk**

- Letter of thanks from ex Cllr Tolson
- Progress on repairing the railings at the war memorial – The Clerk would deal with this urgently. **ACTION: Clerk**
- A bush growing in the bush shelter on Fox Lane was reported. The maintenance person would be asked to remove it. **ACTION: Clerk**

## **Matters for report**

### **15 Update on planning applications**

a Noted: updates on LDC decisions on planning applications since the last meeting (APC/21-22/10/19).

### **16 Correspondence received since the last meeting**

a Correspondence included:

- SCC updates on Covid 19, including the Omicron variant, and testing and vaccination locations
- HS2 information
- SCC highways bulletins
- Information from Highways England on planned works on the A38
- Information from SCC on road repairs
- information from SCC on business support
- Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- Information from LDC on business support
- Request from LDC on views about the future use of the Beacon Park golf course
- Information on the LDC Community Governance Review (to be considered at a future APC meeting)
- Notification that F&SPC has been awarded the Local Council Award Scheme Foundation Level. The Clerk would send a letter of congratulations

**ACTION: Clerk**

- Notice from national RBL that they are selling plaques for Jubilee trees. Agreed: the cost would be factored into the Jubilee garden project budget.

**ACTION: Cllr Nicklin**

### **17 Police Smart Alerts**

a Noted: the alerts.

### **18 Update from the Civic Society**

a Noted: that the Open Gardens weekend would be 2-3 July 2022. Tree saplings had been purchased from the Woodland Trust and were being sold to residents at cost price.

### **19 Parish Council Diary**

a Past dates:

None.

b Future dates

None.

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

a Noted: that the next meeting will be held on Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless there are changes in national Covid requirements

b Noted: that the agenda deadline is 3 March 2021

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Kathryn Powell,  
Clerk, Alrewas Parish Council,  
15 February 2022,  
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