

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11 APRIL 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

CONFIRMED

Present:

Clls Dave Whatton (Chair), Jane Reilly (Vice Chair), Mark Hupperdine, Elizabeth Lawler, Donna Moss, Jessica Nicklin

In attendance:

District Cllr Derick Cross, Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

1 Apologies

a Considered and approved: apologies from Cllrs Stuart Threlfall (illness) and Michael Wilcox (a meeting at SCC), District Cllr Sonia Wilcox, Cllr Janet Eagland (illness), PCSO Tracy Horton (shift pattern).

b Noted: that the meeting was quorate.

2 Police Liaison

a Noted: that the PCSO, Tracy Horton, was unable to attend due to her shift pattern. The Clerk read out her report which noted recent burglaries and suspicious activities which might relate to thefts of motor homes which had occurred in other local villages. The PCSO had visited the parents of an 18-year-old whose party had become anti-social late at night.

b It was thought that the recent burglaries were linked to attempted car thefts.

c Noted: Smart Alerts from Staffordshire Police, already circulated to Cllrs.

d Considered: whether to support the setting up of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Noted that residents were often afraid of the possibility of crime and that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been operational some years ago. Cllr Hupperdine was asked to contact the local PCSO for advice on setting up a scheme and bring a proposal to a future meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Hupperdine

The Clerk was asked to obtain police fliers etc which could be displayed at the forthcoming community event.

ACTION: Clerk

3 Declarations of members interests

a Noted: that no new Declarations were made.

b Noted: that no Dispensations were required.

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2022 without amendment (**APC/21-22/11/M**).

b The Action Sheet was noted (**APC/21-22/11/1**). Agreed: to remove the action relating to the war memorial lighting as more residents seemed satisfied with the display. Two other actions were reallocated. **ACTION: Clerk**

District Cllr Cross noted that he had not received a response to his query on fly tipping from LDC. The Clerk was asked to contact LDC again and copy the communication to District Cllr Cross who would follow it up. **ACTION: District Cllr Cross/Clerk**

The revised Action Sheet would be recirculated to Cllrs.

ACTION: Clerk

c Noted: that the LDC deadline for calling an election to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council is 22 April 2022.

5 Public Participation

a Agreed: to suspend Standing Orders.

b Public Participation: a member of the public reported that traffic was continuing to travel the wrong way in Micklehome Drive. She was keeping a record of incidents and would share them with the PCSO. Traffic was impacting on the conservation area by travelling the incorrect route and was posing a danger to pedestrians and other road users. The PCSO had agreed to do a mail drop on the Green Acres estate.

Agreed: to discuss with Cllr Eagland what options SCC could provide e.g., road markings. The Council would consider at a future meeting whether CCTV should be installed by the Parish Council in the worst affected area. **ACTION: Clerk**

A resident reported that unadopted land in the village was causing problems in some areas where it was overgrown or used for anti-social purposes.

c District Cllrs: It was reported that Lichfield District Council had appointed three new Planning Enforcement Officers and it was hoped that this would improve and strengthen the approach to enforcement. The District Cllrs were planning to meet the officers in the conservation area to explain local concerns. The LDC Planning Committee had changed its procedure regarding commenting on planning applications in meetings so any special points to be made should be sent to the ward Cllr.

d Cllr: The Cllr had circulated information since the last meeting. She had sent a report to this meeting noting:

- that she had referred the issue of traffic travelling illegally along Micklehome Drive to the SCC Highways
- that a new way of making enquiries to SCC concerning health and social care and children's services was available via the website as Staffordshire Connects
- that the SCC Cllr Community Fund would re-open on 19 April. Potential bids should be discussed with Cllr Eagland in advance of making a formal submission. Cllrs were reminded that approval was required from the Parish Council before a bid could be made and any bids had to be signed off by the Parish Clerk to meet Financial Regulations.

e Agreed: to reinstate Standing Orders.

6 Planning

a **RESOLVED:** to make the following recommendations to LDC on planning applications (**APC/21-22/12/2**):

22/00496/FUH

recommend approval as there are precedents for such development.

22/00200/FUL

recommend approval subject to there being sufficient vehicle access to the proposed property and adequate off street parking

ACTION: Clerk

b Considered: whether to incorporate unadopted land in Alrewas for the public good (**APC/21-22/12/3**). Agreed: to undertake a survey in the conservation area initially but looking at the whole village if resources permit, to establish ownership, with support from District Cllr Cross. **ACTION: Environment and Development Group and District Cllr Cross**

7 Financial Matters

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Accounts for March 2022 (**APC/21-22/12/3**).

b **RESOLVED:** to approve the cheques for payment (**APC/21-22/12/4**).

ACTION: Chair/Vice Chair/Clerk

c **RESOLVED:** to approve the maintenance charge for the Willow sculpture of £360 including VAT, which the Parish Council had agreed to maintain. (**APC/21-22/12/5**).

ACTION: Clerk

8 Policies and Procedures

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the draft Inclusion Policy with immediate effect (**APC/21-22/12/6**).

ACTION: Clerk

9 Repairs to the Alleyway by the George and Dragon Public House

a Noted: that Marston's Brewery PLC, the landowners, had not responded to the request from the Clerk to repair the damaged planting area. Agreed: to contact Marston's and say that the work would be undertaken, and a bill sent to them, and a request would be made to take over ownership of the land.

ACTION: Clerk

10 Village Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

a Cllr Reilly updated the meeting on preparations. The road closure on Main Street had been approved by LDC and residents would be contacted to notify them of the closure. A full programme would be published after Easter.

11 Annual Parish Assembly/Community event

a Noted: the Clerk was inviting local groups to participate in the event on 7 May 2022 in the Village Hall. Agreed: a questionnaire on village priorities would be useful.

ACTION: Clerk

b Considered: whether to change the event title as the format had been altered (**APC/21-22/12/8**). Agreed: to call the event the Annual Parish Community Event. The Clerk would investigate legislation to see if the event in future could be combined with the Alrewas Spring Fair.

ACTION: Clerk

12 Report from working groups (standing item):

a Environment and Development working group: A grant to support the Jubilee Garden project had been applied for from the Canals and Rivers Trust (C&RT) and further grants would be applied for subject to APC approval and submission by the Clerk. Two quotations for work had been submitted and a third was requested. Consideration would be given to quotations at the May 2022 meeting and paper 9 was withdrawn for this meeting.

b Traffic Management working group: Noted: that Cllr Hupperdine had been appointed as the Chair of the working group. Considered: the notes of the most recent meeting (**APC/21-22/12/10**).

Considered: a proposal from the working group to recommend that a 20mph speed limit is created in the village (**APC/21-22/12/11**). Noted that advice had been received from SCC on the conditions required for such a change to the speed limit. Noted: the 20mph speed limit had been approved in Fradley recently. Agreed: a lower speed limit would reduce the risk of accidents, make the roads safer for pedestrians, car drivers and cyclists, and reduce emissions so improving air quality in the village.

RESOLVED: unanimously, to work towards a 20mph speed limit on all village roads apart from the Rykneld Street slip road. The District Cllrs would support the scheme and invite the new SCC officer responsible for speed limits to a site meeting with Cllr Eagland. **ACTION: Traffic Management Group, District Cllrs Cross and Wilcox, Cllr Eagland**

The report on the condition of Roddidge Lane would be considered at the May 2022 meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Eagland

13 Residents comments

Considered:

- Concern had been raised over views expressed to a resident about her comments on a planning application
- A request had been made to have signs left from building works and a redundant temporary bus stop removed from Fox Lane. This had been referred to the builders and to SCC by the Clerk
- A request had been made that the developers of the Green Acres site install lifebelt rings around their deep-water drainage pools, as is the case in other local developments. Agreed: To ask Crest Nicholson to undertake this installation **ACTION: Clerk**
- A request had been made that the Canals and Rivers Trust install a lifebelt near the lock Agreed: to request the C&RT to install a lifebelt **ACTION: Clerk**

14 Update on Planning Applications

The update on LDC's decisions was noted **APC/21-22/12/11**).

15 Correspondence received since the last meeting

Noted: that the correspondence received included:

- SCC updates on Covid 19 arrangements
- SCC highways bulletins
- SCC information on road closures
- SCC information on road repairs
- SCC information on business support
- SCC Libraries and Archives updates
- SCC information on holiday activities for children and on food support
- SCC information on air quality measures
- LDC information on funding opportunities
- LDC information on business support
- HS2 updates

16 Update from the Civic Society

Noted: that there were no new issues to report.

17 Parish Council Diary

a Past Dates:

None

b Future dates:

Parish Assembly 7 May 2022

John Taylor High School presentation 12 July 2022 – Cllrs Lawler and Moss agreed to represent the Parish Council. **ACTION: Cllr Lawler and Moss**

Consideration would be given at a future meeting to offering trophies rather than money to both John Taylor and All Saints Schools. **ACTION: Clerk**

18 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

a Noted: that the Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 16 May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

b Noted: that the May monthly Meeting will be held on Monday 16 May 2022 following on from the Annual Meeting in the Village Hall

c Noted: that the agenda deadline for both meetings is 12 noon on 5 May 2022

Kathryn Powell,

Clerk, 12 April 2022, Unconfirmed

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19 Maintenance Person

RESOLVED: to approve the pay rate for the Maintenance Person as set out in paper **APC/21-22/12/13**. The payment would be linked to increases in national pay scales for local government employees. **ACTION: Clerk and Accounts Officer**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Kathryn Powell,
Clerk,
12 April 2022,

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