

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 MAY 2022 IN THE BANK COFFEE HOUSE, MAIN STREET, ALREWAS, FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.10PM

Present:

Clls Dave Whatton (Chair), Jane Reilly (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Lawler, Donna Moss, Stuart Threlfall, Michael Wilcox

In attendance:

District Cllr Derick Cross, District Cllr Sonia Wilcox, Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

The Chair thanked Cllr Reilly for allowing the Parish Council to meet at the Bank Coffee House as the Village Hall was unavailable due to a sudden fault with the fire alarm system.

1 Apologies

a Considered and approved: apologies from Cllrs Mark Hupperdine (holiday), Jessica Nicklin (an investiture), Cllr Janet Eagland (another event)

b Noted: that the meeting was quorate.

c Cllrs congratulated Cllr Nicklin on her achieving the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

ACTION: Clerk

2 Police Liaison

a Noted: Smart Alerts from Staffordshire Police, which had been circulated to Cllrs.

b Noted: that the PCSO had worked with Cllr Hupperdine on the draft dangerous parking leaflet.

3 Co-option of new Cllr

a Noted: that an election had not been requested by residents.

b **RESOLVED:** To co-opt Mrs Gail Adams as a new Cllr. She would make her Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

4 Declaration of Members' Interests

a Accepted: new Interests declared by Cllr Whatton and Cllr Lawler in respect of agenda item 2 planning application 22/00580/FUL

b Noted: that no Dispensations were requested or approved.

5 Minutes

a Approved: without amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2022 (**APC/21-22/12/M**).

b Considered: the updated action sheet (**APC/22-23/1/1**). Noted: that the management of the John Taylor High School have refused the offer of a presentation Cup. The Clerk was asked to contact the School and see if this decision could be reversed. **ACTION: Clerk**

6 Public Participation

a **RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders

b Members of the public: Noted that no members of the public wished to speak.

c District Cllrs: Noted: that a new Leader and Vice Leader of LDC would be appointed shortly. Waste issues remained a high priority. A leisure centre for Lichfield was under discussion. Plans for the Birmingham Road site were under consideration. The District Plan had been approved by Cabinet and would be considered by a full Council meeting before being sent to a planning inspector. No extra housing in Alrewas was proposed.

d County Cllr: Noted that information supplied by Cllr Eagland had been circulated to Cllrs by the Clerk. Cllr Michael Wilcox reported that a full SCC Council meeting would be held shortly. He reported that 20mph speed limits were expensive to implement and required considerable evidence before SCC would agree to impose the lower speed limit. This would be considered by the Traffic Management Group. **ACTION: TMWG**

e **RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders

Matters for discussion/approval

7 Planning

a Considered: planning applications from Lichfield District Council (**APC/22-23/1/2**).

RESOLVED: to recommend:

22/00664/FUL Approval as there would be no impact on the street scene

22/00509/FUL Approve

22/00636/LBC Approve as the window system proposed did not alter the appearance of the listed property. This is subject to approval by the Conservation Officer.

22/00580/FUL Cllr Reilly took the Chair for this application as Cllr Whatton had declared an interest. Noted: serious concerns about the proposal and a strong recommendation to reject due to:

- the worrying impact on housing density in Main Street
- the impact of traffic turning out of a shared driveway onto a busy and narrow part of Main Street
- the loss of mature trees
- complaints by neighbours due to the proposed location of the buildings within the plot
- the modern roof design and proposed materials would not be in keeping with existing surrounding properties

District Cllrs were asked to call in the planning application for discussion by the LDC Planning Committee.

ACTION: District Cllr Michael Wilcox

Cllr Whatton retook the Chair.

22/00627/FUL Strong rejection on the grounds of

- the infill would increase housing density in the Conservation area
- the proposed development is large and out of scale with the Conservation area
- the location is a busy and narrow part of Main Street with existing on-street parking so access onto Main Street from the proposed properties would be dangerous
- Mature trees would be lost in the development

District Cllrs were asked to call in this application due to the impact on the Conservation area.

ACTION: District Cllr Michael Wilcox

ACTION: Clerk

8 Financial matters

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the Accounts for April 2022 (**APC/22-23/1/3**).

b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list for May 2022

ACTION: Chair/Vice Chair/Clerk

c Noted: that the Internal Auditor visited the Parish Council on 16 April 2022. Her report was satisfactory and would be considered at the June meeting with a response from the Clerk and Accounts Officer.

d Noted: the CIL annual report submitted to LDC 9 May 2022 (**APC/22-23/1/5**).

9 Village Jubilee Celebrations

a Considered: a verbal update from Cllr Reilly. Arrangements were complete for all events, including the street party on Main Street.

b Considered: a request for funding to pay for bunting for the Sunday Big Jubilee Lunch (**APC/22-23/1/6**). **RESOLVED:** to allocate £1000 to pay for bunting, the hire of toilets and publicity for the Jubilee Weekend. Cllr Moss's invoice was approved for payment.

10 Working groups (Standing item – reports when required)

a Communications

Noted: that there was no report.

b Environment and Development Working Group

Congratulated: the group on obtaining a grant for the garden project from the Transforming the Trent Valley (TTTV) organisation, in addition to the grant from the SCC Climate Change Fund.

Considered: the notes of the meeting held on 13 April 2022 and the actions to be undertaken (**APC/22-23/1/7**).

Considered a verbal report of the meeting held on 28 April 2022 and the actions to be undertaken.

RESOLVED: to approve the Parish Council Housebuilding and Development Charter, with thanks to the group for its development (**APC/22-23/1/8**). This would be published on the website and made available to developers at an early stage of their engagement with the village.

ACTION: Clerk

Considered: the two quotations for hard landscaping for the Jubilee Community Garden (**APC/22-23/1/9**). The Clerk was asked to obtain a third quotation from the LDC Grounds department. A decision would then be made virtually to enable work to commence and would be ratified at the June 2022 meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

c NPWG

Noted: that there was no report.

d Quarry working group

Considered: a verbal report noting that Tarmac had commenced exploratory works near the Cemex site. This might lead to a request to extend the working life of the concrete plant. The situation was being monitored.

e Traffic Management Group

Considered: the notes of the meeting held on 4 May 2022 (**APC/22-23/1/10**).

Considered: a draft message to be sent to companies whose lorries break the weight limit on Main Street (circulated separately). Cllrs were asked to send suggestions for any amendments to the Clerk. **ACTION: All Cllrs**

RESOLVED: to approve a new parking leaflet (**APC/22-23/1/11**) to be placed on cars parking on street corners. Printing costs up to £100 were approved.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly

Co-op deliveries: the Clerk was asked to contact the Co-op to see if deliveries could be streamlined in any way.

ACTION: Clerk

A meeting would be arranged with Mary Lee from SCC Highways to discuss other proposed initiatives.

ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Hupperdine

f Walkfield working group

Considered: a verbal update on the most recent meeting. A useful meeting had been held with LDC Grounds staff. The group wished to undertake more research on the suitability of plants to hedge the play area and would bring a proposal to a future meeting. Other proposals had been set out in paper 12.

RESOLVED: to approve the proposed schedule of works and associated spending, (**APC/22-23/1/12**) up to £1725 plus VAT and a survey of up to 20 trees on Walkfield for health and safety reasons at a cost of £4.75 +VAT per tree to be undertaken by qualified LDC staff. **ACTION: Cllr Moss**

11 Residents comments/correspondence

a Noted: that correspondence included:

- A request from Knit wits to decorate the war memorial area during the Open Gardens event. Agreed to approve a display but only if it was Jubilee themed.

ACTION: Clerk

- Concern over the safety of an uneven path in Park Road to be referred to SCC Highways.

ACTION: Clerk

- Concern over raised concrete in the play area had referred to LDC and repaired.

Matters for report

12 Update on Planning Applications

a Noted: the update **APC/22-23/1/13**

13 To note correspondence received since the last meeting

a Noted: that correspondence includes:

- HS2 information and a request for the Parish Council to publicise information for them. This was refused as the village is not directly on the HS2 line.

ACTION: Clerk

- SCC highways bulletins, including road closure notifications
- Information from Highways England on planned works on the A38
- information from SCC on business support
- Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- Information from LDC on business support
- Information from LDC on funding opportunities
- SCC information on support for Ukrainian refugees
- SCC information on the Ironman event
- Information on SCC Call Blocker devices for vulnerable residents
- Information on the new care centre in Lichfield

14 Update from the Civic Society (Standing item – report if required)

a Noted: that there was no report.

15 Parish Council Diary

a Past dates:

Alrewas Parish Council Community Event 7 May 2022

This event had been successful and a report would be made to the June 2022 meeting with recommendations for future events.

b Future dates:

16 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

a Noted: that the June monthly meeting would be held on Monday 13 June 2022 in the Village Hall

b Noted: that the agenda deadline for the June 2022 meeting would be 12 noon on Wednesday 1 June 2022 due to the extended Jubilee weekend.

The meeting finished at 9pm

Kathryn Powell,
Clerk, Alrewas Parish Council
17 May 2022 Confirmed

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