

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 18 JULY 2022 HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM

### CONFIRMED

**Present:** Cllrs Dave Whatton (Chair), Jane Reilly (Vice Chair), Mark Hupperdine, Donna Moss, Stuart Threlfall, Michael Wilcox.

**In attendance:** Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk.

#### 1 Apologies

- a **RESOLVED:** To approve apologies for absence: Mrs Adams – holiday booked before she became a Cllr, Cllr Jessica Nicklin - holiday, Cllr Elizabeth Lawler – family commitment, District Cllr Derick Cross – holiday, CCllr Janet England – precautions due to National Red Alert heat warning, PCSO Tracy Horton – another meeting.  
b Noted: that the meeting was quorate

#### 2 Police liaison

- a Noted: that the PCSO was unable to attend to make a report due to another meeting.  
b Noted: the Smart Alerts (already circulated).

#### 3 Declaration of Members' Interests

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

#### 4 Minutes

- a **RESOLVED:** to approve without amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2022 (**APC/22-23/2/M**) **ACTION: Clerk**  
b Considered: the updated action sheet (**APC/22-23/3/1**). Noted: that the action to obtain garden quotations had been taken up by Cllr Reilly, and that the action for Cllr Reilly to liaise about the condition of a footpath has been closed as the footpath surface had improved. **ACTION: Clerk**

#### 4 Public Participation

- a **RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders  
b Members of the public: Noted: that no members of the public had asked to speak.  
c District Cllrs: Noted: that LDC Cllrs and Officers were preparing for the 2023 elections. Cllrs had rejected an increase in their allowance recommended by an external body as it was felt inappropriate at a time of national cost pressures. A Youth Parliament/Assembly was being developed to give a route to obtaining views from younger members of the community and to create useful skills for participants.  
d County Cllr  
Noted: that the CCllr had circulated information to the Parish Clerk for distribution to Cllrs. SCC had been given extra funding by central government but much had been taken up in cost rises. A new Board for leaders of local authorities within the County had been set up to increase co-ordination and improve services. Highways work was being taken in house and local companies would be asked to tender for work. The Parish Council asked about service standards to ensure that work would be of an appropriate standard. This was being considered by SCC as part of the process.

e **RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders

## **Matters for discussion/approval**

### **5 Planning**

a Considered: planning applications from Lichfield District Council (**APC/22-23/3/2**).

**RESOLVED:** To make the following recommendations to LDC

**22/00689/FUH** No concerns were expressed. Recommend approve.

**22/00937/FUH** Further information including elevation drawings were requested before a decision could be made

**22/01024/PREAPM** This application was strongly supported

**ACTION: Clerk**

### **6 Financial matters**

a Considered and approved: the Accounts for June 2022 (**APC/22-23/3/3**)

b Approved: the Cheques for Payment list for July 2022 (**APC/22-23/3/4**)

c **RESOLVED:** to approve Powers for cheques to be authorised and paid in August 2022 outside of a meeting

d Noted: that the Council's insurance has been renewed for the forthcoming year

### **7 Closure of Alrewas Post Office**

a Considered: A verbal report from Cllr Reilly on the forthcoming closure of the Post Office. An advertisement for the Post Office franchise in Alrewas had been issued by the Post Office. It had been stated that only retail premises could be considered as a location. Agreed: a letter would be sent to the Post Office asking about future plans and any further options open to the village, including a possible mobile post office facility, stressing that the Post Office was a valuable local resource. Local businesses would be contacted to see if they would take on the franchise.

**ACTION: Clerk**

### **8 Replacement glass in the Parish Council noticeboard**

a Noted: no quotation had been received so other companies would be contacted by the Clerk.

**ACTION: Clerk**

### **9 Village Green/War memorial**

a Noted: that further research was required and the item would be added to the September 2022 agenda **APC/22-23/3/6**.

**ACTION: Clerk**

### **10 Alrewas Cricket Club sponsorship first match of the season**

a Considered: the offer from the Cricket Club for the Parish Council to sponsor the first match of next season for free, to bring closer links between the Parish Council and local groups. **RESOLVED:** to accept the offer of free sponsorship.

**ACTION: Clerk**

### **11 Working groups (Standing item – reports when required)**

a Communications No report

b Environment and Development working group

Noted: that a meeting would be held before the end of July 2022.

c NPWG

Noted: that a meeting would be held before the end of July 2022.

d Quarry working group

Reported: Cllr Threlfall had attended a meeting with KBPC and HS2. Considerable disruption would happen locally shortly with the closure of the Streethay A38 junction southbound for 15 months and train disruption between Burton and Lichfield and on the West Coast main line. Wood End Lane would be redeveloped to take more heavy traffic and may become an A road. Cemex was preparing to start work at the Orgreave site. Cllr Threlfall had met with members of SCC to try and arrange that they would provide earlier notification of future planning application for quarrying.

e Traffic Management working group

Reported: A helpful meeting had been held with a Cllr from Hammerwich to discuss speed devices and a proposal may be made to the Parish Council once the results of the data survey were provided by SCC. A proposal to develop an information leaflet about damage to sandstone kerbstones by pavement parking might be brought to a future meeting. A few noisy vehicles were being a nuisance and Cllr Hupperdine would discuss issues with the PCSO. Consideration was being given to placing planters near the school to limit dangerous parking. A proposal would be made to a future meeting. Notes of the previous meeting had been circulated to Cllrs.

f Walkfield working group

Noted: that a meeting would be held in September 2022.

## 12 Residents comments/correspondence

a Noted: that correspondence included:

- Request to recommend a provider for home improvements – Residents informed that the Parish Council is not able to make individual recommendations
- Report of an overflowing waste bin owned by the Civic Society reported to LDC who will arrange for it to be cleared
- Invitation to the Chair and Vice Chair to attend the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay at the NMA. Vice Chair to attend
- Thanks from the Alrewas Archive for the grant towards the publication of a book, and copies of the book provided to the Parish Council

**ACTION: Clerk**

## Matters for report

### 13 Jubilee Garden contract

a Noted: that further quotations are being obtained and will be referred to the September 2022 meeting for consideration. Offers of support from Tarmac and HS2 would be followed up by Cllr Threlfall and the Clerk. **ACTION: Cllr Threlfall/Clerk**

### 14 Update on Planning Applications

a Noted: the update **APC/22-23/3/7**

### 15 To note correspondence received since the last meeting

a Noted: that correspondence included:

- HS2 information including on A38 closures at Streethay
- Information from Highways England on planned works on the A38
- Information from SCC on road repairs
- Information from SCC on business support
- SCC Newsletter
- Information on Covid inoculation clinics
- Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- SCC information on support for Ukrainian refugees
- Information from SCC on funding opportunities
- Information from SCC on SPACE leisure provision and passes

- Information from SCC on free advanced driving courses for young people
- Training information for Cllrs and Officers from SPCA circulated
- Information from LDC on the reopening of LDC House
- Information from LDC on business support
- Information from LDC on funding opportunities
- Information on the Bloodstock Festival, Catton Hall 11-14 August 2022
- Information from Staffordshire Police on community focus
- Information and updates from Staffordshire Association of Parish Councils (SPCA)
- Information on the launch of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Integrated Care System
- Invitation to the Cannock Chase AONB Joint Committee Meeting 14 July 2022
- LDC notice of change to footpath in Fradley and Streethay parish council area which may impact on walkers from Alrewas
- Staffordshire Parish Councils Association (SPCA) updates and a legal notice on elections and co-options circulated to Cllrs

#### **16 Update from the Civic Society (Standing item – report if required)**

a Noted: that there was no report.

#### **17 Parish Council Diary**

a Past dates:

John Taylor High School presentation mid July 2022 – attended by Cllr Lawler

b Future dates:

Commonwealth Games Baton relay at the NMA 20 July 2022 to be attended by Cllr Reilly

#### **18 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

a Noted: that the meeting planned for 8 August 2022 is **CANCELLED**.

b Noted: that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 12 September 2022** in the Village Hall

c Noted: that the agenda deadline is **12 noon on Thursday 1 September 2022**

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Kathryn Powell,  
Clerk, July 2022  
Confirmed