

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30PM

CONFIRMED

Present:

Cllr Dave Whatton (Chair), Cllr Jane Reilly (Vice Chair), Cllr Gail Adams, Cllr Mark Hupperdine, Cllr Elizabeth Lawler, Cllr Donna Moss, Cllr Jessica Nicklin, Cllr Stuart Threlfall, Cllr Michael Wilcox

In attendance:

CCllr Janet Eagland, PCSO Tracy Horton (for agenda item 3).

1. Apologies

- a Received and approved apologies for absence from District Cllr Cross (illness), Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk (illness).
- b Noted: that the meeting was quorate.

2 Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

- a A Minute's silence was held in memory of Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

3 Police Liaison

- a Considered: a report from the PCSO Tracy Horton who reported a minor anti-social behaviour incident at the Mill Stream and a garage break in and stolen bike on Main Street.
- b Noted: the Smart Alerts (already circulated).

4 Declaration of Office

- a Made and accepted: the Declaration of Office by the new Cllr Gail Adams. Cllr Adams was welcomed to the Parish Council. Her paperwork would be sent to LDC. **ACTION: Clerk**

5 Declaration of Members' Interests

- a Noted: that there were no new Interests declared.
- B NOted: that no new Dispensations were requested.

6 Minutes

- a Noted: that the August 2022 meeting was cancelled and the September 2022 meeting was not held due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- b **RESOLVED:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2022 as a true record without amendment.
- c Considered: the updated action sheet **APC/22-23/4/1**.

7 Public Participation

- a) **RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders
- b) Members of the public
Noted: that there were no contributions.
- c) District Cllrs
Cllr Wilcox had provided a report (already circulated)
- d) County Cllr
CCllr Eagland had provided a report (already circulated)
- e) **RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders

Matters for discussion/approval**8 Planning**

- a Considered: planning applications from Lichfield District Council **APC/22-23/4/2**. The following recommendation to LDC were made:

22/01159/FUH	recommend approve
22/01163/FULM	recommend approve
22/00808/FUL	Noted: the substantial number of objections. The Council would maintain a watching brief
22/01318/FUL	recommend approve
22/01309/FUH	Agreed to oppose based on substantial number of objections from neighbours
22/00821/COU	NOted this was an attempt to take over land belonging to SCC Highways. Agreed to oppose and the Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways to say that the Parish Council wished to take over this land for the public good.

ACTION: Clerk

The Clerk was asked to write to LDC Planning to explain that the preference for infill developments noted in the Neighbourhood Plan was in the context of not wanting a major housing development in the village. As the major housing development had been allowed, and further developments have taken place subsequently, the village has exceeded the planning numbers allocated to it.

9 Financial matters

- a Considered and approved: the Accounts for July, August and September 2022 **APC/22-23/4/3**.
- b Approved retrospectively: the Cheques for Payment list for September 2022. **APC/22-23/4/4**
- c Approved: the Cheques for Payment list October 2022. **APC/22-23/4/5**
- d Considered: the External Audit Report which has been published on the website in line with national requirements. Agreed, that the report raised no concerns. The Accounts Officer was thanked for her excellent work. **APC/22-23/4/6**

e Considered: whether APC wished to continue to participate in the national external audit scheme **APC/22-23/4/7**

RESOLVED: to continue to participate in the national external audit scheme. **ACTION: Clerk**

f **RESOLVED:** To continue to charge the football team the same level of rent as in 2021-2022 **APC/22-23/4/8**

ACTION: Clerk

10 Remembrance Sunday event

a Considered: a verbal update on preparations, noting that the Parish Council, Church and RBL were working together to arrange the event.

b Considered: notes from a meeting held with Rev John Allen and representatives of the RBL Alrewas Branch on 14 September 2022 **APC/22-23/4/9**.

c **RESOLVED:** to approve the resolution:

"On behalf of the residents of Alrewas, the Parish Council will adopt the Village Remembrance Services at All Saints Church and at the War Memorial and the Parade to the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and organise it in close collaboration with the RBL Alrewas Branch and All Saints Parish Church."

d **RESOLVED:** to approve a payment up to £200 for the printing of Service Sheets for the Remembrance Service.

ACTION: Clerk

11 Jubilee Garden project

a Considered: quotations for the project **APC/22-23/4/10**. In the light of significant increases in costs it was agreed to suspend the hard landscaping elements of the project indefinitely and to create some less formal planting on the site to help with climate change. **AGREED:** to set up a Friends of the Jubilee Garden to take the project forward.

ACTION: E&D working group

12 Closure of Alrewas Post Office

a Considered: a verbal update including on the loss of post boxes. The Clerk was asked to contact the Post Office to explore options for alternative services, including the use of a licensed premises for a Post Office, mobile facilities and a drop off service for parcels. **ACTION: Clerk**

13 The Green/War memorial

a Considered: notes of a consultation on the Green/War memorial held with Rev John Allen and representatives of the Alrewas RBL branch on 14 September 2022 **APC/22-23/4/11**

b Considered: further information from the Alrewas Archive **APC/22-23/4/12**

Noted that the Parish Council had the ultimate responsibility for the War Memorial area and the existing railings would be retained and repaired. The Parish Council retained the final say on proposed displays in the vicinity of the war memorial and would remember the Village Green heritage when assessing future requests for installations **ACTION: Clerk**

14 LDC's Community Governance Review

a **RESOLVED:** to endorse the proposed outcome that no change is recommended for Alrewas Parish Council.

15 SLCC's Civility and Respect Pledge

a **RESOLVED:** to sign up to the Pledge **APC/22-23/4/13**

ACTION: Clerk

16 Working groups (Standing item – reports when required)

a Communications The Newsletter would be issued in December. A working group meeting would be arranged shortly to produce the copy.

b Environment and Development Working Group No report

c NPWG

Considered: a verbal report on updating the Plan

Considered: the notes of the meeting held on 27 July 2022 **APC/22-23/4/14**

d Quarry working group

Noted: that notification of the commencement of site preparations at the Pyford Brook Quarry has been received from SCC.

Noted: that an informal meeting had been held, chaired by Cllr Eagland, between representatives of Cemex, APC (Cllr Threlfall) and Cllr Eagland. The Clerk attended and produced notes circulated to Cllrs. These informal consultations would continue and a formal Liaison Committee would be created by Cemex in line with planning approval. Cllr Threlfall would arrange a meeting with Cemex, Tarmac, HS2 and APC working group chairs to explore funding opportunities.

ACTION: Cllr Threlfall

e Traffic Management Group

Considered: the update on actions **APC/22-23/4/15**

RESOLVED: to approve the proposal for a 20mph limit in the village for forwarding to SCC Highways

RESOLVED: to approve the quotation from Message maker for the cost of 2 smiley faced solar powered units and 3 posts to which signs could be moved and attached as required. **ACTION: Clerk**

A meeting with SCC Highways to decide on locations would be arranged shortly. **ACTION: Cllr Hupperdine**

APC/22-23/4/16

Noted: that complaints against noisy and dangerous drivers has been passed to the Police

f Walkfield:

RESOLVED: to approve the use of Walkfield for the Scouts Bonfire on 5 November 2022 **ACTION: Clerk**

17 Residents comments/correspondence

a Noted: that correspondence included:

- Invitation from the NMA for the Chair to attend the RBL Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on 12 November 2022 – Chair to attend
- Invitation to a national service to commemorate Covid victims
- Concerns from residents about action against speeding traffic in and around the village referred to the Traffic Management Working Group, Cllr Eagland and the Police
- Update from SCC on action taken to seal off Gorsefield House Lane circulated to Cllrs
- Discussions with Staffordshire Police about illegal trespass on land near the river and canal. A message was put on the web

- Concern over litter on Long Lane and Daisy Lane referred to KAT
- Concern over the state of the road leading to the NMA taken up by Cllr Wilcox
- Concern over heavy traffic, especially in Micklehome Drive, referred to the Traffic Management Working Group
- Thanks expressed by a resident for the work done to clear the footpath on Walkfield forwarded to LDC. She noted that the work had made the footpath much more accessible to those using wheelchairs, mobility scooters and children's prams or buggies
- Contact information for the Parish Council revised following notification from a resident that his address is getting confused with the RBL Club
- Thanks from the Arts Festival Treasurer for the grant made to the 2022 Arts Festival
- Request from a resident that plaques inscribed ERII are made more visible on Walkfield referred to the Walkfield working group and undertaken by the Parish Council's maintenance person
- Concern from resident over loss of post boxes raised with Royal Mail
- Cattle stampede on fields near the river reported to SCC.

Matters for report

18 Update on Planning Applications

- a Noted: the update **APC/22-23/4/17**.

19 Correspondence received since the last meeting

a Noted: that correspondence includes:

- Information on the Trent Valley way celebrations held on Alrewas Island September 2022
- HS2 information including update on the A38 junction works at Streethay and Wood End Lane including the closure of footpath Fradley and Streethay 35 from September 2022 to 2026.
- Information on traffic restrictions on Chetwynd Bridge
- Information from Highways England on planned works on the A38 and arrangements for the Bank Holiday for the Queen's funeral
- Information from SCC on road repairs
- Information from SCC on bus service changes
- Information on West Coast Main line overnight closures for HS2
- Information from SCC on business support
- Information from SCC on the stopping smoking campaign
- SCC Newsletter
- Information on cost of living support from SCC put on APC website
- Information on Covid inoculation clinics
- Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- SCC information on support for Ukrainian refugees and information from LDC on a rally for Ukraine held in Lichfield on 24 August 2022
- Information from SCC on funding opportunities, including the new Climate Fund
- Training information for Cllrs and Officers from SPCA and SLCC circulated
- Information from LDC on business support
- Information from LDC on funding opportunities including the Cllr Local Community Fund
- Consultation on proposed Council Tax support from LDC
- Request to join the LDC Greenspace Mowing Panel
- Information from LDC on the Lichfield 10k event and associated road closures
- Information and updates from Staffordshire Association of Parish Councils (SPCA)
- Updates from the Rural Services Network
- Request for volunteers for the Cannock Chase Forest Runner event 18 September 2022
- Information on safety by open water from Canal and Rivers Trust passed to village school
- Letter from the Post Office re the closure of the Alrewas branch
- Information on installing public EV charging points
- NHS information on mental health provision
- Invitation from SCC to comment on proposed amendment for HS2 traffic to the A515 TRO traffic turning ban
- Invitation to HS2 community event re Wood End Lane workings (via Cllr Eagland) 7 September 2022
- Information from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA) Chair on correct e mail addresses for Parish Councils – checked with APC's IT provider who confirmed that the Parish Council's e mail addresses meet national requirements
- Request to participate in the Lichfield 2050 Strategy survey
- Invitation to free flood resilience training
- Information on proposed changes to support for children with special educational needs
- Information from East Midlands Airport on consultation on development proposals

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

a Noted: The Civic Society had planted 6 cherry trees on Walkfield to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Two benches would be installed on Walkfield

21 Parish Council Diary

a Past dates: Noted:

Commonwealth Games Baton relay at the NMA 20 July 2022 attended by Cllr Reilly.
APC Cllrs' and officers' SPCA Training session 3 October 2022 at 7pm

b Future dates:

Trees of Life, a Service of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey - Tuesday 11 October 2022, 12 noon – Chair invited.

22 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

a Noted: that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 14 November 2022** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

b Noted: that the agenda deadline is **12 noon on Thursday 3 November 2022**

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