

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022 AT THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING
AT 7.30PM**

CONFIRMED

Present:

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

In attendance:

District Cllr Sonia Wilcox, Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk.

1. Apologies

a Received and approved: Cllr Lawler - other commitment, Cllr Janet Eagland - other commitment, District Cllr Derick Cross (illness). Cllrs sent District Cllr Cross their best wishes. **ACTION: Clerk**

b Noted: the meeting was quorate

2 Police Liaison

a Considered: a report from PCSO Horton. Recent car crimes in Alrewas were reported and the PCSO gave advice on using extra car security measures.

Information would be put on the Alrewas Telegraph and on the Parish Council website. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly and Clerk.**

Drivers were still travelling the wrong way along Micklehome Drive and Police required visual evidence of numberplates or names on delivery vans to take action.

Noted: a resident was interested in setting up a Speed watch group. Cllr Hupperdine would contact them. **ACTION: Cllr Hupperdine**

b Considered: issues caused by lorries waiting on Rykneld Street to access the petrol station. Residents raised a number of concerns and reported a range of issues, including accidents, access to drives being blocked and verbal abuse from drivers waiting to enter the petrol station.

Noted: that the Police would install No Waiting traffic cones on the affected stretch of Rykneld Street and had contacted Leavesley's to see if the land around the petrol station could be used as a waiting area for lorries. APC would contact the company too to support this idea. **ACTION: Cllr Wilcox and Clerk.**

Cllr Michael Wilcox would ask SCC to write too. **ACTION: Cllr Wilcox.**

Noted: that some cars were travelling the wrong way along the slip road from the village when they could not enter the garage from Main Street if the entrance was blocked by lorries. The slip road was the property of Highways England who would be undertaking major work early in 2023. It was hoped that new signs would be installed and existing road markings repaired. An information van would be visiting the village in January and concerns about the garage and speed of traffic on the slip road would be raised. **ACTION: Cllr Michael Wilcox.**

c Noted: the Smart Alerts (already circulated)

3 Declaration of Members' Interests

a Noted: Interests declared by Cllrs Moss and Reilly in relation to agenda item 10, as both are members of the Cricket Club.

b Noted: that no Dispensations were requested.

4 Minutes

a Approved: the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2022 without amendment **APC/22-23/5/M.**

b Considered: the updated action sheet **APC/22-23/6/1**

5 Public Participation

a **RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders

b Members of the public: see Minute 2a above.

c District Cllrs: LDC was about to sign an agreement with the owners of the 3 Spires shopping centre to develop the Debenhams site. LDC was waiting to get the financial settlement from central government before a final budget is agreed. Purdah due to local elections in May 2023 would begin on 18 March 2023.

A supply of blue recycling bags for paper and card were available at the Bank Coffee House.

d County Cllr: Regular updates had been circulated to the Clerk. The forthcoming work on Rykneld Street and the A38 was reported.

e **RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders

Matters for discussion/approval

6 Planning

a Considered: planning the application from Lichfield District Council

APC/22-23/6/2

22/01576/FUH Recommended: Support for the application as there is no impact on the street scene. **ACTION: Clerk**

7 Financial matters

a Approved: the Accounts for November 2022 **APC/22-23/6/3**

b Approved: the Cheques for Payment list for December 2022 **APC/22-23/6/4.**

8 Precept for 2023-24

a **RESOLVED:**

"that the Precept should be kept at its 2022 level per household and the

Chair and Clerk should sign the LDC's paperwork." **ACTION: Chair and Clerk**

9 War memorial renovation

a **RESOLVED:** to approve the quotation from Cannels for cleaning the memorial and repainting the names. **APC/22-23/6/5** Agreed: a contingency amount should be entered in the budget to contribute to ongoing maintenance costs.

ACTION: Clerk/Accounts Officer

10 Request from Alrewas Cricket Club to install an artificial pitch for youth players

a Considered: the request from the Cricket Club to enhance facilities for youth players **APC/22-23/6/6**. Cllr Moss and Reilly abstained. Agreed: to consider the request in more detail at the January meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

11 Consultation from SCC about removing barriers on some footpaths in Alrewas

a Considered: a proposal from SCC to remove existing barriers across some footpaths in Alrewas to improve access for those using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and children's' buggies (already circulated to Cllrs). Noted some concern about any danger to pedestrians from people riding cycles, motor bikes, scooters and e scooters dangerously. Noted the importance of access for residents with children's buggies, or those using wheelchairs or mobility vehicles.

Agreed: to support the proposal to remove the barriers. **ACTION: Clerk**

12 Working groups (Standing item – reports when required)

a Communications

Noted: that the Newsletter would be issued before Christmas 2022. Cllr Reilly and the working group were thanked for their work.

b Environment and Development Working Group

Considered and approved: the suggested planting scheme and cost for stage 1 of the Jubilee Garden **APC/22-23/6/7**. The Clerk was asked to order the plants and stakes and arrange for a local contractor to undertake the planting. **ACTION: Clerk**

A letter will be set to local residents **ACTION: Cllr Nicklin**

The working group was thanked for their work on the project.

Agreed: to join the campaign for the Preservation of Rural England, Staffordshire.

APC/22-23/6/8

ACTION: Clerk

c NPWG No report

d Quarry working group

Considered: the notes of the informal meeting with CEMEX held on 23 November 2022 **APC/22-23/6/9**

Considered: a verbal update from Cllr Threlfall

e Traffic Management working group

Considered: a verbal update on actions

Considered: the proposal from SCC to make Barley Green Lane and Croxall Road Old Road a no waiting at any time road with a 40mph speed limit (**already circulated to Cllrs**). The RBL Club has been informed of this proposal at the request of CCllr Eagland

Noted: with concern, that the SCC's deadline for comments was 22 November 2022 but that the Parish Council was not notified until 1 December 2022. The Parish Council agreed that the speed limit should be 30mph and a no waiting order was supported. The Clerk was asked to notify SCC of the Council's concern at not being consulted earlier. **ACTION: Clerk**

f Walkfield working group

Noted: that a meeting would be held early in 2023 and the Annual Safety report on the play area and Trim Trail would be considered.

Noted: that the overhanging tree has been pruned by LDC

13 Residents comments/correspondence

a Noted: that correspondence included:

- Request from Knitwits to install a Christmas display at the War Memorial/Village Green approved
- Notification of damaged lights in an alleyway referred to SCC Highways and repaired
- Thanks from the football club for arranging the pruning of the overhanging tree. Message forwarded to LDC staff
- Concern about the post box outside the Chemist not being emptied regularly and a suggestion that a larger post box should be installed responded to by the Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Adams

Matters for report

14 Update on Planning Applications

a Noted: the update **APC/22-23/6/10**

15 Correspondence received since the last meeting

a Noted: that correspondence included:

- HS2 information including road closures, including A38 at Streethay overnight and M42 over Christmas and New Year
- HS2 information on temporary closure of Public Right of Way (PRoW) 31 in Alrewas
- Information from Highways England on planned works on the A38
- Information from SCC on road repairs and work on the Chetwynd Bridge
- Information from SCC on bus service changes
- Information from SCC on business support
- Consultation from SCC on van permits and trade waste disposal
- SCC Newsletter
- Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- Information from SCC on the Light up the Longest Night campaign with the Samaritans
- SCC update on avian flu and precautions
- Information from SCC on funding opportunities
- Information from SCC on support for Ukrainian refugees in Staffordshire
- Information from SCC on Rail Strikes late November 2022 to early January 2023
- Training information for Cllrs and Officers from SPCA and SLCC circulated
- Information from LDC on business support
- Information on trial pedestrianisation in Lichfield City Centre
- Information and updates from Staffordshire Association of Parish Councils (SPCA) and SSLC
- Updates from the Rural Services Network
- CPRE Staffordshire newsletter

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

a A tree planted on Walkfield has been knocked over.

An interpretation board had been installed at the Mill Stream.

The Civic Society had held a meeting with SCC Highways about installing benches on Fox Lane. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the Parish Council may have to take responsibility of the benches. This would be considered when the Civic

Society made an application for permission to the Parish Council.

ACTION: Cllr Reilly

17 Parish Council Diary

Noted:

None

b Future dates:

None

18 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

a Noted: that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 16 January 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

b Noted: that the agenda deadline is **12 noon on Thursday 5 January 2023**

The Chair wished all Cllrs and observers a Merry Christmas.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Kathryn Powell,
Clerk, 15 December 2022
CONFIRMED