

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY
2023 AT THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30PM**

CONFIRMED**1a Apologies**

a Received and approved: apologies for absence from Cllr Jessica Nicklin (work engagement), PCSO Tracy Horton (annual leave); Cllr Michael Wilcox for late arrival due to a meeting at LDC

b Noted: the meeting was quorate

1b Resignation of a Cllr

a Considered and accepted with regret: the resignation of Cllr Hupperdine. Thanks were recorded for his work on traffic issues. LDC would be informed. **ACTION: Clerk**

2 Police Liaison

a Noted: the Smart Alerts and crime report (already circulated).

3 Declaration of Members' Interests

a Declarations any new Interests: Cllrs Moss and Reilly for agenda item 9, Cricket Club request as members of the Club. Cllr Reilly for planning application **22/01736/CLE**

b Approved: Dispensations for Cllrs Moss and Reilly for agenda item 9, Cricket Club to speak on matters of information and clarification but not to vote.

Cllr Reilly for planning application **22/01736/CLE** to speak on matters of information and clarification but not to vote.

4 Minutes

a Approved: the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022 without amendment **APC/22-23/6/M**

b Considered: the updated action sheet **APC/22-23/7/1**. Thanked: Cllr Moss for offering to work on the war memorial railings repairs.

5 Public Participation

a) **RESOLVED:** To suspend Standing Orders

b) Members of the public - Mr Tim Aston re the Cricket Club request (agenda item 9). Mr Aston stressed that the proposed pitch would increase opportunities for junior players and the women's section as the full pitch itself was in considerable demand. The existing temporary pitch had been successful and no complaints had been received about its use. The Club hoped to replace this with the permanent pitch which would be a higher standard playing surface. Mr Aston was thanked for his contribution.

c) District Cllrs: Noted: that the District Council would go into purdah from early March due to the forthcoming elections. Work was ongoing to develop the cinema complex, the Birmingham Road site and the leisure centre. The recent residents' survey had highlighted local priorities as the protection and enhancement of green spaces and the green agenda in general. The budget was still under discussion. The District Council had frozen its part of the Council Tax bill to help in the cost of living crisis but SCC had increased its requirement as had the Police and Fire and rescue service allocation.

d) County Cllr: The CCllr had asked for a meeting with the new Police Inspector in Lichfield and asked for issues that she could raise. The Police were keen to obtain residents' priorities and issues for the service. **ACTION: Cllrs**
It had been confirmed by Officers that the land on Fox Lane where the Civic Society wished to install a bench was not owned by the County Council. The CCllr offered to arrange a meeting with Officers from SCC and Amey about the proposed cycleway. **ACTION: CCllr England**

e) **RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders.

Matters for discussion/approval**6 Planning**

a Considered: planning applications from Lichfield District Council **APC/22-23/7/2**

RESOLVED: to recommend

22/01612/FULM: Approval: Noted: SCC and other statutory bodies were in support of the application. On that basis APC supported this major project.

22/01736/CLE: Noted that this was to confirm an existing development. The Parish Council had no concerns and Cllr Reilly did not vote on this item.

23/00006/FUL: Approval as there would be no impact on the street scene

22/01741/FUH: Approval as the development is to the rear of the property and there is no impact on the street scene

22/01740/FUL: Approval, although the column is tall and will be seen from a distance

ACTION: Clerk

b Noted: the letter from the LDC's Planning staff letter stating that infill developments will usually be supported (circulated to Cllrs 16/1/23). Cllrs were concerned that this approach did not support LDC's green agenda but recognised that national planning policy had moved to an assumption of approval in most applications. The Parish Council was concerned that its views were not been fully taken into account.

7 Financial matters

a Considered and approved: the Accounts for December 2022 **APC/22-23/7/3**

b Considered and approved: the Cheques for Payment list for January 2023 **APC/22-23/7/4**

ACTION: Chair/Vice Chair/Clerk

8 Update on Post Office and post boxes

- a Considered: a verbal update from Cllrs Moss and Adams. Considerable efforts had been made to try and discuss the issues of a reinstated post box with Royal Mail but without success. Cllr Moss reported that it would be helpful if as many requests were made as possible for a new post box so that Royal Mail understood the strength of feeling in the village.

Discussions were ongoing to support a local resident who wished to open a new post office in premises in the village. The Council wished the resident well in her endeavours and offered support. Cllrs Moss and Adams would meet with the resident to discuss what support could be provided.

ACTION: Cllrs Moss and Adams

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

- a Considered: further information relating to the request from the Cricket Club to enhance facilities for youth players (**APC/22-23/7/5**). Considered the extra information provided as requested at the last APC meeting. The following points were noted:

1. There had been verbal confirmation from the Football club that they had no objection but no written confirmation had been received
2. The Cricket Club confirmed that it would be willing to pay rental for the pitch
3. Environmental and sustainability issues had been addressed by the extra information provided
4. The Cricket Club did not wish to be responsible for the ongoing and long term maintenance of the pitch
5. Other clubs had set up a maintenance fund to cover ongoing and long term maintenance costs
6. The Parish Council decided that it did not wish to take on responsibility for the ongoing and long term maintenance

Agreed: that the Parish Council would offer to purchase the artificial pitch and charge rental to the Cricket Club.

ACTION: Clerk

A working group would be set up to decide on a fair rent and make a recommendation to the full Parish Council meeting.

ACTION: Chair and two Cllrs and Mr T Aston

The Parish Council would not accept any maintenance and replacement costs or any insurance liability and the Cricket Club would be required to insure the pitch and provide evidence to the Clerk.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Fields in Trust for permission to install the pitch.

ACTION: Clerk

10 Traffic issues on Rykneld Street

- a Noted: the disappointing response from the Manager of the Ivy Garage to the letter sent by the Parish Council concerning lorries parking on Rykneld Street waiting to get fuel. A response would be made.

ACTION: Cllr Whatton

Discussions had been held with SCC Highways and it was hoped that they would put in road markings during the forthcoming work on Rykneld Street and Old Burton Road to improve the situation for residents.

- b Noted: the dates of the visit of the A38 works information van on 19-20 January 2023 at the RBL Club. Information had been uploaded to the Parish Council website.

- c Considered: a request from National Highways to remove a pole on the slip road (already circulated to Cllrs). Noted: this pole had been erected as a boundary marker by the National Forest when it was created. The Clerk would clarify the issue with National Highways and ask for the pole to be retained.

11 Coronation of King Charles III

- a Considered: initial proposals for the celebration **APC/22-23/7/6**. Noted: that no national guidelines had been issued regarding national celebrations. A working group of Cllrs Adams, Lawler, Moss, Reilly and Wilcox would be set up and plans taken forward when national guidelines were in place. A

ACTION: Cllrs Adams, Lawler, Moss, Reilly and Wilcox

12 Working groups (Standing item – reports when required)

- a Communications

Noted: that the newsletter had been issued.

- b Environment and Development Working Group

Noted: that a letter about the Jubilee Garden development would be sent to residents in Inge Drive and Deepmoor Close shortly

- c NPWG No issues reported

- d Quarry working group

Noted: SCC were being contacted about the on site cladding which had been changed from green to white by SCC officers against planning approval conditions.

- e Traffic Management working group

Noted: that work would be taken forward on traffic calming and speed signs. **ACTION: Clerk**

A meeting had been held with SCC Highways and the PCSO concerning traffic travelling the wrong way on Micklehome Drive. A local company had been asked for a quotation for CCTV on Micklehome Drive and this would be considered at the February meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

Crest Nicholson would be contacted to see if they would allow the camera to be mounted on their lamppost and also if they would share the costs.

ACTION: Cllr Wilcox/Clerk

- f Walkfield working group

Noted: that a meeting will be held shortly.

Agreed: to purchase 3 boot scrapers for the Walkfield entrances **ACTION: Clerk**

13 Residents comments/correspondence

- a Noted: that correspondence included:

- Concern from several residents about the removal of post boxes – Cllrs Adams and Moss and the Clerk are in contact with Royal Mail. Everyone was encouraged to contact Royal Mail about the reinstatement of a post box.
- Concern over parking on Main Street near William IV Rd junction, including a blocked driveway and pavement referred to the Police by the Clerk and response received
- Request from a resident for the Council to provide private security in the village – consulted SPCA and concerned about taking this forward because of cost and liability issues. Agreed that a private security firm would not be employed. Cllr Wilcox would provide information to the Clerk about another local council which paid for an extra shift for a PCSO to improve Police presence in the village. **ACTION: Cllr Wilcox**

- Request from Drop In for an information session with the Parish Council. The Cllrs had suggested 6 February 2023. **ACTION: Clerk**
- Notification of damage to a memorial bench by a visiting lorry being addressed by a resident
- Complaint of increasing amounts of litter left after football matches referred to the Football Club and matter addressed
- Complaints about the brightness of the security lights at Kings Bromley Car Centre causing a traffic hazard on the A513 referred to the garage owner and response awaiting. The Clerk would monitor for a response. **ACTION: Clerk**

Matters for report

14 Update on Planning Applications

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

15 Correspondence received since the last meeting

- a Noted: that correspondence included:

- HS2 construction information including road closures
- Information from Highways England on planned works on the A38
- Information from SCC on road repairs
- TTRO Barley Green Lane, Lichfield
- TTRO Gorsefield House, Croxall Lane
- Information from SCC on gritting arrangements winter 2022-23
- Information from SCC on the weight limit reduction to 7.5t on the Chetwynd Bridge
- Information from SCC on bus service changes
- Information from SCC on business support
- Information from SCC on the dangers of nitrous oxide
- SCC Newsletter
- Consultation on division boundaries for Staffordshire County Council
- Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- Information from SCC on funding opportunities
- Information from SCC on support for Ukrainian refugees in Staffordshire
- Request for consultation on how much precept to pay for Police and Fire and Rescue Services
- Consultation on future structures of integrated health and social care in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent
- Training information for Cllrs and Officers from SPCA and SLCC circulated
- Information from LDC on business support
- Information and updates from Staffordshire Association of Parish Councils (SPCA) and SSLC
- Updates from the Rural Services Network
- CPRE Staffordshire newsletters
- Enquiry from Ashby Woulds Town Council about hosting a circus

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

- a Agreed: that the Parish Council had no objection to the Civic Society installing a bench on condition that it was maintained by the Civic Society and that it would not be placed in the area used by children to play football.

ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Reilly

17 Parish Council Diary

- a Past dates:

None

- b Future dates:

None

18 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

- a Noted: that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 February 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

- b Noted: that the agenda deadline is **12 noon on Thursday 2 February 2023**

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Kathryn Powell, Clerk,
25 January 2023

Unconfirmed