

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2023 HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING AT 7.30PM

CONFIRMED**1 Apologies**

- a Received and approved apologies for absence: Cllr S Threlfall, business commitment, District Cllr Cross.
b Noted: that the meeting was quorate.

2 Police Liaison a Noted: the Smart Alerts (Already circulated)**3 Declaration of Members' Interests** a Considered and approved: Cllr Adams' Interest in agenda item 11 due to a family link with the Chair of the Tennis Club.

Cllr Reilly declared an interest in agenda items 10 and 11 and Cllr Moss declared an interest in agenda item 10.

- b Noted: that Dispensations were allowed for Cllrs Moss and Reilly to speak but not to vote on agenda items 10 and 11.

4 Minutes a Approved: without amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023 **APC/22-23/7/M** b Considered: the updated action sheet **APC/22-23/8/1****5 Public Participation**

- a) **RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders

b) Members of the public Mr I Whitfield on agenda item 2. He explained the rationale for putting in amendments to the approved planning application.

Mr R Adams on behalf of the Tennis Club for agenda item 11. He explained that the Tennis Club had asked surveyors to check the courts and they had recommended that they were resurfaced to maintain a safe playing surface. The Tennis Club had made an application to the Parish Council for CIL funding to cover the costs of this work.

Both residents were thanked for their contributions.

c) District Cllrs: LDC had been unsuccessful in obtaining Levelling Up funding so would pay for the new Leisure Centre from Council funding if final planning approval were granted. Work has started on the old Debenhams building to create a cinema and other facilities. Enabling works had commenced on the Birmingham Road site.

d) County Cllr: She was still working with SCC and the NMA to resolve the issues of the cancelled cycle way. Cllrs were asked to send comments to Mr Spencer at SCC.

Parking in the village remained an issue and Cllrs were asked to send suggestions to her for consideration by SCC Highways.

She would ask the Police to address dangerous parking

She was taking forward the possibility of a zebra crossing.

The action relating to the installation of traffic calming equipment would be taken on by the new Chair of the Traffic Management Working Group when elected.

The CCllr was thanked for her work and support.

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

ACTION: All Cllrs

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Matters for discussion/approval**6 Planning**

- a Considered: planning applications from Lichfield District Council **APC/22-23/8/2**

Recommendations:

23/00006/FUL Cllrs asked the Clerk to write to LDC and ask for clarification as it was not clear from the plans what the amendments were.

23/00079/FUL The Council agreed that these proposed amendments were acceptable and supported the application.

23/00099/FUL Noted: that there was no impact on the street scene and Cllrs supported this application

ACTION: Clerk

7 Financial matters a Considered and approved: the Accounts for January 2023 **APC/22-23/8/3**.

- b Approved: the Cheques for Payment list for February 2023 **APC/22-23/8/4** **ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk**

c Considered: the use of CIL funding based on information from the LDC website, circulated to Cllrs. Agreed that the Parish Council would base funding decisions on the LDC guidelines.

- d Noted: that the Zoom contract had been cancelled as it was no longer required.

8 CCTV a **RESOLVED:** to install CCTV in Micklehome Drive to address traffic driving the wrong way in the area at a cost of a

payment of £1182, including VAT **APC/22-23/8/5**.

ACTION: Clerk

9 Security in the village

a Information on paying for extra PCSO shift: Noted a verbal update from Cllr M Wilcox. He reported that Armitage pays for an extra PCSO shift at a cost of £8,000-10,0000 per annum but that the Police often removed cover if staff were needed elsewhere. **Agreed:** that Alrewas Parish Council would not pursue this matter further.

10 Request from Alrewas Cricket Club to install an artificial pitch for youth players a Noted: that Cllrs Whatton and Lawler had held a meeting the Cricket Club representatives to discuss issues based on information supplied by the Cricket Club **APC/22-23/8/6**. Noted: that Fields in Trust had been contacted and were happy with the proposal as it enhanced sports facilities. Noted: that residents had been consulted when the temporary pitch installation was considered but not about this proposal.

RESOLVED: to give a grant of £10,000 from CIL monies for the Cricket Club to buy and install the permanent artificial pitch. pitch and to agree the rental figure and charge a rent of £125 per annum. This was on the basis that the Parish Council would have no responsibility for this facility in the future. **ACTION: Clerk**

Noted: that the Cricket Club lease was due for renewal. Cllrs Lawler and Wilcox would review it and make recommendations to a future meeting. A solicitor would be asked to review the final recommendations. **ACTION: Cllrs Lawler and Wilcox**

Agreed: a request from the Cricket Club to use a section of Walkfield as a car park for a cup match in September 2023.

ACTION: Clerk

11 Request from the Tennis Club for funding to paint lines on courts a Considered: a request from the Tennis Club for funding of £6181.20 to repaint the courts as advised by surveyors on health and safety grounds. **APC/22-23/8/7. RESOLVED:** to give a grant of £6181.20 from CIL funding for this work.

ACTION: Clerk

12 Update on Post Office and post boxes a Considered: a verbal update from Cllrs Moss and Adams. A meeting had been held with a local resident who wished to open a post office to see what help the Council could offer. Cllrs Moss and Adams had agreed to contact some local businesses to see if there was any interest in offering a location now that a potential manager had been identified to run the business. District Cllr Cross had agreed to contact Mr James Leavesley to see if space could be allocated in the garage.

A resident had contacted Michael Fabricant MP and he had stated that a replacement box would be installed in the next few months. Royal Mail had not been available for direct consultation on this matter.

13 Allotment Licence a Noted: that the Clerk has begun negotiations with Fairhurst Buckley/RBL to renew the allotments licence from 2024.

14 Traffic issues on Rykneld Street a Noted: the letter sent by the Parish Council **APC/22-23/8/8** b Noted: that no response had been forthcoming from the Leavesley Group or the Ivy Garage. c Considered: a verbal update from Cllr M Wilcox who reported that road markings would be reinstalled as part of the road works. Lorries had not respected the Police cones and problems remained as lorries waited for the garage. Cllr England and Cllr Wilcox would consult further with Highways England. **ACTION: Cllr England and Cllr M Wilcox**

15 Coronation of King Charles III a Considered: a verbal update on the Parish Council's response to the celebration weekend. The Jubilee group had been reconstituted as the Coronation group to co-ordinate events. Activities were being held on Saturday at the RBL and a street party and lunch would be held on Main Street on Sunday. The road closure had been applied for. Local groups had been asked to notify the groups of any further planned events. The bank holiday Monday had been designated nationally as a Volunteering day and Cllr Wilcox was organising volunteering activities including litter picking, signage cleaning. There would also be activities in the Jubilee Garden. Cllr Reilly would ask the Civic Society if they would plant bulbs in the Garden. **ACTION: Cllr Reilly**

16 Working groups (Standing item – reports when required) a Communications
A meeting would be held to address issues raised by the Drop In consultation. Monthly surgeries would be reinstated. **ACTION: Cllrs Whatton, Reilly and Wilcox**

b Environment and Development Working Group No report c Jubilee Garden

Noted: that the fruit trees had been planted in the Jubilee Garden.

The quotation for bark chippings to be laid around the planted fruit trees and around the edge of the garden to eliminate the need for mowing around the trees had not been received. Virtual consideration was approved when the quotation was received.

Considered: complaints from three residents of Deepmoor Close about the Jubilee Garden, one being anonymous. It had been alleged that no consultation with residents had taken place before work was started. Cllr Nicklin explained that a resident from Deepmoor Close had been recruited to consider the plans at an early state and had reported back to residents. A holding letter would be sent to the identified resident who had met with Cllr Wilcox. **ACTION: Clerk** d NPWG

Agreed: that the group would be stood down as no work on the Plan was planned in the near future. **ACTION: Clerk**

e Quarry working group No report.

f Traffic Management working group

Noted: that the group would meet shortly to appoint a new Chair.

g Walkfield working group

Noted: that a payment of a maximum of £1200 had been made to LDC for an urgent repair to an item of play equipment.

It had been authorised by the Clerk after consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair on health and safety grounds on 24 January 2023

17 Residents comments/correspondence a

Noted that correspondence included:

Continued concern from residents about the removal of post boxes – Cllrs Adams and Moss and the Clerk are in contact with Royal Mail

Concern over overflowing bin in Orgreave. LDC would empty and then identify ownership.

Agreed: Knitwits were given permission to decorate the war memorial area for Easter and for the Coronation. They were asked not to install banners.

Matters for report

18 Update on Planning Applications a Noted:
the update **APC/22-23/8/11**

19 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
- Information from SCC on gritting arrangements winter 2022-23
- Information from SCC on bus service changes
- Information from SCC on business support
- SCC Newsletter
- Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- Information from SCC on funding opportunities
- 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
- Invitation to join the LDC Design Code project
- CPRE Staffordshire newsletter and Council membership information
- Lichfield Police update January 2023
- Consultation on adult inpatient mental health services in southeast Staffordshire
- Information on integrated care systems Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent
- Information on support for Ukrainian refugees
- Invitation to Cllrs to a seminar on SCC boundary changes 16 February 2023
- Notification of the publication of the "Future of Local Councils" report by SLCC • Information about SCC ongoing support for bus companies

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

a Three benches had been installed by the Civic Society. Noted: that no responsibility for them would accrue to the Parish Council.

21 Parish Council Diary

a Past dates:

None

b Future dates:

None

22 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

a To note that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 March 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall b To note that the agenda deadline is **12 noon on Thursday 2 March 2023**

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Kathryn Powell,
Clerk,

16 February 2023
Confirmed