

## ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

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

**CONFIRMED****Present:**

Cllr Dave Whatton, Chair, Cllr Jane Reilly, Vice Chair, Cllr Gail Adams, Cllr Elizabeth Lawler, Cllr Donna Moss, Cllr Jessica Nicklin, Cllr Michael Wilcox.

In attendance, District Cllr Derick Cross, Ms Kathryn Powell, Clerk.

District Cllr Cross was welcomed to the meeting after his recent illness.

**1 Cllr Margaret Stanhope MBE**

a Held: a Minutes Silence for the late Cllr Margaret Stanhope MBE. Her over 50 years of public service at Parish and District Cllr level was remembered, as was the full role she played in local life and the fact that she was a founder of the Civic Society. Various organisations to which she had contributed were represented at her funeral, including the Parish Council.

**2 Apologies** a Received and approved: apologies for absence from Cllr Threlfall – holiday; CCllr Eagland – another meeting, District Cllr Sonia Wilcox – another commitment. b Noted: the meeting was quorate**3 Cllr vacancy** a Noted: 2 residents have expressed an interest. They will be asked to submit a statement which would be considered at a closed session at the next meeting.**ACTION: Clerk****4 Police Liaison** a Noted: the Smart Alerts (already circulated)**5 Declaration of Members' Interests** a Noted: that no new interests were declared. b Noted: that no Dispensations were requested or approved.**6 Minutes** a Approved: the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2023, without amendments **APC/22-23/8/M** b Considered: the updated action sheet **APC/22-23/9/1**

Noted: that the overflowing bin at Orgreave was emptied and removed by LDC at the request of the Parish Council as ownership could not be established

Noted: that the CCTV installed on Micklehome Drive was now operational.

**7 Public Participation**

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

b) Members of the public - Mr Richard Kirkland spoke about the planning application outstanding for 16 Mill End Lane. He noted that much of the application had previously received approval and that further information has been submitted to LDC to clarify some concerns. He also noted that the neighbour had withdrawn his objection following the further information. The Parish Council agreed to reconsider the revised information and make a further response to LDC if they felt it was warranted.

**ACTION: All Cllrs**

c) District Cllrs - District Cllr Cross noted that Purdah would start shortly because of the upcoming elections. He had been invited to be interviewed by the BBC on the impact of HS2 and asked for points to be forwarded to him.

**ACTION: All Cllrs**

Concern was expressed by Cllrs about the impact of the delay to HS2, given the amount of disruption in the area due to groundworks. It was also noted that the CEMEX plant had been granted planning permission because of HS2 so it was not clear whether this would be impacted by the delay to HS2.

It was noted that Fradley and Streethay Parish Council would be dissolved shortly and two new Parish Councils created after the forthcoming May 2023 elections.

d) County Cllr – Noted that information had been circulated and that updates on work on the A38 had been forwarded by the CCllr. Cllrs confirmed that they wished to attend a meeting with Kings Bromley Parish Council about the impact of forthcoming road closures.

**ACTION: Clerk e)****RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders**Matters for discussion/approval****8 Planning** a Noted: that no planning applications had been received from Lichfield District Council.**9 Financial matters** a Considered and approved: the Accounts for February 2023 **APC/22-23/9/2.**

b Approved: the Cheques for Payment list for March 2023 **APC/22-23/9/3. ACTION: Clerk, Chair, Vice Chair**

**10 War memorial railings** a Noted: that LDC has been asked to repair the railings and that insurance companies will be asked to reimburse the costs.

**11 Update on Post Office and post boxes** a Noted: that a post box has been reinstated on Main Street near the war memorial.

b Considered: a verbal update from Cllrs Moss and Adams. Enquiries about the installation of a parcels drop box were ongoing. Complaints against Royal Mail due to their lack of engagement with the Parish Council were being pursued.

A meeting would be arranged with the resident wishing to open a post office.

**ACTION: Clerk****12 Parish Assembly 2023** a Agreed: that the Parish Assembly for 2023 would be held in the Church on 20 May 2023 from 2-4pm. Local groups would

be invited to participate.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**13 Traffic issues on Rykneld Street** a Considered: a verbal update from Cllr Wilcox. Residents were being kept informed about the road works on the A38 and slip road. The slip road will be closed during the summer school holidays to minimise disruption to bus users. Issues relating to the lorry parking by the Ivy Garage had abated. b Noted: that the Clerk has been informed that no further response will be made by the Manager of the Ivy Garage.

**14 Bus shelter glass** a Quotes to repair the bus shelter on Fox Lane would be obtained for consideration at a future meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

**15 Request from the Civic Society to plant hedging on Walkfield**

a Approved: the request from the Civic Society to plant mixed hedging near the entrance to Walkfield at Chaseview Rd and Walkfield Rd. This approval was subject to the Civic Society agreeing to maintain the hedging in the future. The Civic Society would be asked to consider planting against the fence at the car park. **ACTION: Clerk**

**16 Request to have Willow Wave pruned annually**

a Considered: a request from a resident that the willow wave is pruned annually (already circulated). Noted: the structure is on Canal and River Trust (C&RT) land and they would be contacted to see if they would undertake maintenance.

**ACTION: Clerk**

If the C&RT would not adopt the structure than the Parish Council would and would adopt it permanently and would identify a specialist who could weave the structure to maintain its shape. **ACTION: Clerk**

**17 Working groups (Standing item – reports when required)**

a Communications Noted: that initiatives were in hand to enhance communication with local residents. Approved: a Facebook page would be set up for information circulation only. Quarterly surgeries would be offered on a Saturday morning in the George & Dragon public house starting on June 2023. A regular visit would be made by Cllrs to the Drop In.

An update leaflet would be printed and left with local businesses for residents to pick up.

b Environment and Development Working Group A Jubilee Gardens Development Day would be held on 1 April in the Village Hall to set up the Friends of the Jubilee Garden. **ACTION: Clerk**

The Green Arborist would be asked to plant the two cherry trees. **ACTION: Clerk**

Agreed: not to continue with the bark chipping and membrane until the final design of the garden was agreed.

**ACTION: Clerk** On 8 May 2023 a volunteering day would be held nationally as part of Coronation celebrations.

Park of the work in Alrewas would be planting bulbs and wildflowers at locations in the village.

Agreed: to ask LDC not to mow planted areas to help pollinators. The group would provide exact locations to the Clerk so that she could undertake the renegotiation of the mowing contract with LDC. **ACTION: Cllrs Nicklin and Wilcox**

Quarry working group

Noted: the update on mitigation on the colour of the silos provided by Cllr Eagland (already circulated) and that SCC were investigating possible further action. e Traffic Management working group

Noted: that Cllr Adams is the new Chair of the working group

Considered: the notes of the recent meeting **APC/22-23/9/4**

Noted: the expense if a crossing could be installed. The working group would discuss a feasibility study with Cllr. The issue of double yellow lines at sites on Main Street would also be raised with her. Noted the strength of feeling among elderly residents about the risks of crossing Main Street due to traffic and poor parking. **ACTION: Cllr Adams**

Leafletting of poorly parked cars would continue.

The working group would finalise locations for the SIDS, including consultation with local residents. **ACTION Cllr Adams**

The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for the planting and maintenance of planters on the corner of Furlong Close and Furlong Lane to stop dangerous parking. **ACTION: Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to contact the Maintenance person concerning a maintenance schedule for the gates at the entrance to the village. **ACTION: Clerk**

**18 Residents' comments/correspondence** a

Noted: that correspondence included:

- Request to repair the sign at the entrance to the village on Fox Lane
- Request from a resident that the Willow Wave is pruned annually (see agenda item 16 above)
- Request from the Village Hall to be mindful of security.

**Matters for report**

**19 Update on Planning Applications** a Noted: the update **APC/22-23/9/5.**

**20 Information Commissioner**

a Noted: that the Parish Council remains registered with the Information Commissioner's Office. The Clerk is the registered Data Protection Officer.

**21 Correspondence received since the last meeting**

a Noted: that correspondence included:

- HS2 construction information including road closures
- HS2 notes of the Annual Extraordinary Meeting
- Invitation from HS2 to webinars on funding opportunities
- Further information from Highways England on planned works on the A38
- Information from SCC on road repairs
- SCC information on Croxall Road repairs
- Information on Chetwynd Bridge repairs
- Information from SCC on bus service changes

- Information from SCC on business support
- Information from SCC on flood planning
- Information from SCC on home to school travel assistance
- SCC Newsletter
- Information from SCC on better health activities
- 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
- Updates from CPRE
- Information from the Boundary Commissioners on consultations concerning ward boundary changes
- Information from the Cllr on donating Easter Eggs for care leavers
- Information from the Keep Britain Tidy campaign on their Big Spring Clean Campaign
- Update from Lichfield Police February 2023
- Update on remedial work to help mobile plant crossing of Roddidge Lane
- Update on support for Ukraine.

**22 Update from the Civic Society (Standing item – report if required)** a: Agreed: the request from the Civic Society that the Parish Council’s Maintenance person should be asked to spread grass seed in bare areas by the Winding Hole.

**ACTION: Clerk**

**23 Parish Council Diary** a Past dates: None b Future dates: None

**24 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting** a Noted: that the next meeting will be held on **Monday 17 April 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. b Noted: that the agenda deadline is **12 noon on Thursday 6 April 2023.**

Kathryn Powell,  
Clerk,  
14 March 2023

Confirmed