

**ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON 15 MAY 2023 AT 7.50 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present**

Cllr Dave Whatton (Chair), Cllrs Adams, Lawler, Lomas, Moss, Reilly, M Wilcox,

In attendance: CCllr Eagland, District Cllrs Cross and S Wilcox, Ms K Powell, Clerk

**1 Apologies**

a Noted: from District Cllr Cross for having to leave at 8.15pm to attend another meeting.

**2 Resignation of two Cllrs**

a Noted: that Cllrs Nicklin and Cllr Threlfall had resigned before the elections. They were thanked for all their work on behalf of the Parish Council. Noted: that Mr Threlfall would continue as the Parish Council's representative on external committees. The Clerk would notify CEMEX. **ACTION: Clerk**

**3 Police Liaison** a Noted: that the Smart Alerts had been circulated.

**4 Declarations of Members' Interests**

a Noted: that Cllr Lawler declared an interest in Planning Applications 23/00386/FUH and 23/00387/LBC. that Cllr Adams declared an interest in agenda item 10 as an allotment holder.

**5 Minutes**

a **Resolved:** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2023 (**APC/22-23/10/M**)

b Considered: the updated Action Sheet (**APC/22-23/10/1**). Noted that the Canals and Rivers Trust had declined to take responsibility for the willow sculpture and that Bromford had been reminded of their commitment to create off road parking on Fox Lane.

**6 Public Participation a**

**RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders

b Publication Participation: There were no contributions from members of the public. c District Cllrs:

Noted: that congratulations were given to the returned District Cllrs. Thanks were recorded to CCllr Eagland who had retired as a District Cllr having held office since 1991.

d CCllr: Noted that community funding was available and that requests should be made in the first instance to the CCllr. The CCllr was thanked for her support with traffic management proposals in the village.

An open meeting at the Cemex site would be held shortly. The CCllr and Parish Council were grateful for the comments made by LDC against the proposed extended working house and the recognition of concerns of the local community.

e **RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders

## 7 Planning applications

a Considered: the planning applications received from LDC since the last meeting.  
(APC/22-23/10/2)

Recommended the following:

**22/01455/FUH**

To not oppose although concerns remained about traffic issues and the impact on the conservation area

**23/00386/FUH**

No objections to the design were raised but Cllrs wanted a comprehensive traffic plan to be in place given the location of the property on an already congested stretch of Main Street. District Cllrs were asked to call in the application

**ACTION: District Cllrs**

**23/00387/LBC**

Comments as for application 23/00386/FUH

**23/00356/FUH**

Support the application as it will have no visual impact on the conservation area

**23/00475/FUH**

Cllrs supported the application

**ACTION: Clerk**

**SCC/23/0042/DA**

Cllrs were asked to send comments to SCC

**ACTION: all Cllrs**

b Endorsed: recommendations on planning applications made by circulation in April 2023.

## 8 Financial Matters a

2023 **RESOLVED:** to approve the Accounts from March  
(APC/22-23/10/3) b

2023 **RESOLVED:** to approve the Accounts from April  
(APC/22-23/10/4) c

Endorsed: the decision to approve the April Cheques for Payment list by e mail

(APC/22-23/10/5)

d **RESOLVED:** to approve the Cheques for Payment list for May 2023

(APC/22-23/10/6)

**ACTION: Chair, Vice Chair, Clerk**

e Noted: that no CIL funding had been received in the recent LDC allocation.

## 9 Internal Auditor's report

a Noted: the positive outcome of the report. The Accounts Officer was thanked for her work. A detailed consideration of the report was made in the closed section of the meeting. (APC/22-23/10/7)

**10 Allotment rental agreement a** Agreed: to recommend to the RBL that an increase of the rent should be based on CPI not RPI. (APC/22-23/10/8)

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 11 HS2 meeting with Kings Bromley, Alrewas and Fradley Parish Councils

a Noted: that CCllr Eagland and Cllrs Whatton and Wilcox had attended. They had requested a permanent 60mph limit on the A38 to improve safety, air quality, noise and emissions. They had also requested that the lines on the slip road reinstated. HS2 were offering digital inclusion programmes and this would be explored for the village.

**ACTION: Cllr Wilcox**

## 12 Social Value project

a Noted: That social inclusion projects could be held at the RBL, and some pre-used IT equipment could be provided. Discussions would be held with the Drop In.

**ACTION: Cllr Wilcox**

**13 Update on the Post Office and Post Box** a Noted: that the Post Box had been reinstated after complaints by Cllrs and residents. No progress had been made on a new Post Office and Cllrs would speak to a postmaster in the area who undertakes mobile visits to other visits.

**ACTION: Cllrs Adams and Moss**

**14 Report on Parish Assembly**

a Noted: that the Parish Assembly had been held immediately before the Annual Meeting. A Parish Event involving local groups would be held, possibly in Spring 2024.

**ACTION: Communications Working Group**

**15 Report on Coronation commemorations**

a Noted: that the Big Lunch had been successful and well attended. Another event might be held next year. The Bank Coffee House was thanked for its support. Volunteers had collected 15 bags of litter and work had been undertaken on the Jubilee Garden. Cllr Wilcox and Cllrs Adams and Moss were thanked for arranging activities. Cllr Wilcox would talk to LDC about taking over the mowing contract on main road verges from SCC. **ACTION: Cllr Wilcox**

The garden group would start work on weeding Micklehome Drive.

Proposals were being discussed to hold a Christmas Market in December 2023.

**16 Traffic issues on Rykneld Street**

a Noted: that there had been no recent developments.

**17 Working groups**

a Communications: – no report

b Environment and Development working group:

Noted: that a new Chair would be appointed soon. The Jubilee Garden project was going well. The Friends had been created and work had been undertaken on the site.

Permission was granted to contact South Staffordshire water to install a water pipe at the Jubilee Garden (**APC/22-23/10/9**) **ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs Adams and Moss**

Permission was granted to buy a refillable bowser for a maximum cost of £200.

**ACTION: Clerk**

c Quarry working group:

Noted: that a new Chair would be appointed shortly. Mr Threlfall would continue as a member representing residents.

d Traffic Management working group:

Noted: that a meeting would be held with the CCllr on traffic issues.

Noted: that double yellow lines had been reinstated at the end of Post Office Rd

e Walkfield working group:

Noted: that recent vandalism to the play area gate had cost over £1000 to repair. The cost had been approved between meetings as an emergency on health and safety grounds.

**18 Residents comments/correspondence**

a Noted: comments and correspondence from residents. In particular:

1. **Approved:** the request from the Civic Society to use Walkfield as a car park for the Open Gardens weekend. **ACTION: Clerk**
2. **Approved:** request from the Civic Society to put an advertising banner on the War Memorial railings **ACTION: Clerk**
3. **Approved:** a request from the Knit Wits to decorate the war memorial/village green area for the Open Gardens **ACTION: Clerk**
4. **Approved:** a request to contact Cadent and Bromford about left after works on Anson Road and Somerville Road

**19 Update on planning applications a** Noted: the updates from LDC. (**APC/22-23/10/10**)

**20 Correspondence received since the last meeting a**

Noted: the correspondence which included:

a To note that correspondence includes:

- 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 the Order diverting public footpath 54A
- Information from SCC on road closures for the Ironman event May 2023
- 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
- SCC Newsletter
- Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- Information from SCC on funding opportunities
- Information from the Integrated Care Partnership
- 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
- Update from Lichfield Police
- Fire and Rescue Safety updates
- Information on works to the Lichfield Trent Valley platforms – closure and replacement of platform 3 from July to December 2023
- Information on the Bearded Theory Festival at Catton Hall, May 2023

**21 Civic Society a** Noted: that there was no update.

**22 Parish Council diary a** Past dates: 21 April 2023: unveiling of a sculpture at the NMA. The Chair reported that he had attended at the advertised time but found that he had not been informed of a change to the time.

22 April 2023: Parish Council supported match at the Cricket Club b  
Future dates:

11 July 2023: Invitation to the Presentation Evening at John Taylor High School

### **23 Date of next meeting**

- a The next meeting will be held at 7.30 on 12 June 2023 in the Village Hall.

The Meeting finished at 7.45pm.

The meeting went into closed session and the Cllr, District Cllrs and residents left the meeting.

#### **Closed session:**

### **23 Budgetary matters**

Cllrs considered the Annual Report from the Internal Auditor, noting the good practice and the comment on the lower level of reserves after the Parish Council had undertaken various projects.

**RESOLVED:** to transfer £10,000 from the earmarked play area reserves to general reserves to undertake agreed projects.

**RESOLVED:** to install the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), once the Traffic Management working group had confined it had consulted residents where SIDS were to be located.

**ACTION: Cllr Adams and Clerk**

**RESOLVED:** not to transfer £3000 to the pay area fund in 2023-24

**ACTION: Accounts Officer**

**RESOLVED:** to transfer £4200 from the election allocated reserve to general reserves

**ACTION: Accounts Officer**

**RESOLVED:** to retain the Grants allocation at £2000, plus the £500 remaining CIL money.

**RESOLVED:** to increase the Precept for 2023-24

Agreed: a meeting of all Cllrs plus the Clerk and Accounts Officer, would be held in October 2023, replacing the monthly meeting, to discuss the draft budget.

Agreed: To pay the bill for the chippings from the Jubilee Garden grant.

**ACTION: Accounts Officer**

Agreed: to pay £100 for Coronation fireworks from the Chair's allowance.

**ACTION: Accounts Officer**

Agreed: to pay the costs of publicity and street decorations for the Coronation celebrations from the Chair's allowance.

**ACTION: Accounts Officer**

Agreed: to add a grant to the John Taylor High School and to All Saints School of £75 and £25 respectively for pupil achievement to the June cheques for payment list.

**ACTION: Accounts Officer**

The closed meeting finished at 9.40pm

Kathryn Powell  
Clerk  
22 May 2023

Confirmed