

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2024 AT THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING AND PARISH ASSEMBLY

Present:

Cllr D Whatton (Chair), Cllr M Wilcox, Cllr S Keane, Cllr E Lawler, Cllr M Lomas, Cllr R Stephenson

In attendance: CCllr J Eagland, Mrs D Moss (Clerk/RFO)

1. Apologies

- a. Noted and approved: Cllr G Adams, Cllr J Reilly, District Cllr S Wilcox
- b. Noted: that the meeting was quorate.

2. Declarations of Interests

- a. Noted: that no new interests were declared.
- b. Noted: that no new dispensations were requested.

3. Minutes

- a. Approved: the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15th April 2024, approved without amendment
- b. Noted: the updated Action Sheet, for review at the June meeting
- c. Noted: that new keys had been purchased for the notice board at a cost of £50

4. Public Participation

- a) **RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders.
- b) **Public Participation:** None
- c) **District Cllrs:** District Cllr Wilcox updated Cllrs on a new initiative called Habitat Havens, aimed at identifying previously unused green areas and naturally cultivating the land to encourage wildlife. Display boards would be used to inform and raise awareness. LDC are keen to support Parish Councils in creating their own Havens and their arboricultural team will visit possible sites to advise and help maintain adopted areas. It was agreed that this could tie in with the Jubilee Garden and other spots in the village. Clerk to investigate.
ACTION: Clerk
- d) **County Cllr:** CCllr Eagland reported that she had received information from Nick Atkins at Tarmac about a new planning application. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Nick Atkins to arrange a meeting with Councillors.
ACTION: Clerk
CCllr Eagland advised that Mary Lee is retiring. It was agreed that the PC would write with best wishes.
ACTION: Clerk
CCllr Eagland recently had a meeting with the Highways team to look at repairs to potholes using her budget and Daisy Lane was identified as needing urgent repair. 20mph local speed limits are being considered. The Community Fund is still available and local football clubs in Alrewas and Fradley have already received funds. CCllr Eagland would be attending a stall at Lichfield Market on 14th May to raise awareness about Dementia Action Week.
- e) **Police Liaison:** no update
- f) **RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders.

5 Planning

- a. **Considered:** Planning Applications from LDC
 - 24/00248/FUH** Recommend permit subject to approval of the Conservation Officer
 - 23/00222/LBC** Recommend permit
- b. **Updates:** to note updates for 23/01109/FUH, 24/00171/FUH, 24/00330/FUL

ACTION: Clerk

6 Financial matters

- a. **Approved:** the Accounts for April 2024
- b. **Approved:** the Cheques for Payment list for May 2024

ACTION: Chair/Clerk

7 Parish Council grants

Resolved: to accept the recommendations from the Communications Working Group for the 2 remaining applications:

- a. 1st Alrewas Scouts £500
- b. Royal British Legion £300

ACTION: Clerk

8 Bus Stop on Main Street

- a. **Noted:** correspondence from a local resident requesting that the bus-stop on Main Street by the pharmacy be relocated to a safer location nearer the George and Dragon.
- b. **Resolved:** to email Cllr Eagland expressing PC support for this request.

ACTION: Clerk

9 Footpath Barriers

- a. **Noted:** an update from Cllr Lawler on a meeting with the Footpaths Officer, also attended by Cllrs Adams and Keane who walked the village to look the barriers in place. It was observed that there is no uniformity to the existing barriers and one situated between Somerville and Turton Close is not on a footpath. All have been measured and photographed and the Footpaths Officer will make recommendations. Whilst in the village, the Officer also noted that there seemed to be an obstruction to an active Right of Way through the Cricket Club and a property on the Cricketers.
- b. **Resolved:** to write to the Cricket Club and the Cricketers resident to draw their attention to this issue.

ACTION: Clerk

10 Working Groups (Standing item – reports when required)

Communications

Noted: a written update from the Chair

Environment and Development no update

Quarry

Clerk to email the Liaison Manager at Cemex to request that Cllrs Lomas and Stephenson are put on the distribution list for future meetings.

ACTION: Clerk

Traffic Management

Update from the Clerk on a recent meeting with Highways on Fox Lane, also attended by Cllr Adams, to look at siting a SID and it was agreed that this is a good location. After the meeting an email was received from Highways specifying that signed consent is required for all identified residents on Fox Lane and Kings Bromley Road before the SIDS project can go ahead. Cllr Adams has replied requesting the reasons for this as previously we were advised that verbal consent or no response to a hand delivered letter would be sufficient. Cllr Eagland also agreed to look into this. Clerk to email Janet with the information.

ACTION: Clerk

Utilities

Ongoing maintenance programme in place following a recent walk around the village with Highways. No further update.

Walkfield

Following an email to LDC, the requested repairs have now been done. Cllr Lawler to visit the play area to check.

ACTION: Cllr Lawler

11 Residents comments/correspondence

Noted that correspondence included:

- a. Letter concerning the bus stop on Main Street (see item 11)

- b. Concerns from a resident about a diseased tree, LDC have been contacted.
- c. A query from a resident about scaffolding that has been erected at Leavesleys.
Noted: that Cllr Wilcox had contacted planning at LDC and they are sending a planning enforcement officer out to take a look.
- d. Contact from a resident about overgrown hedging on Mill End Lane. It was also noted that this was a problem on Park Road. As this is a safety issue, it was agreed that the Clerk will write a TWIMC polite request to the relevant properties.
ACTION: Clerk
- e. Consent given for Walkfield to be used as a car park during Open Gardens weekend. 11.30am – 6.00pm both days. Neighbours will be informed beforehand.
- f. Noted from previous minutes that War Memorial is looking neglected. It was maintained by a member of the Civic Society who has moved away. Clerk to contact handyman to arrange a tidy up.
ACTION: Clerk

12 Correspondence received since the last meeting

Noted that correspondence included:

- HS2 construction information including road closures
- Information from SCC on bus service changes
- Information from SCC on roadworks including the A38
- Information from SCC on business support
- SCC consultation on adult health and social care provision
- 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
- Updates from the Rural Services Network
- Updates from CPRE
- Letter of thanks from John Taylor High School for donation to presentation evening
- Letter of thanks from All Saints School for the grant awarded of £500
- Email of thanks from Alrewas Arts Festival for the grant awarded of £250

18 Update from the Civic Society

No update.

19 Parish Council Diary

- a. Past dates: None
- b. Future dates:
 - Drop-In 3rd June 2024
 - D-Day Commemoration at NMA 6th June 2024, Cllr Whatton attending
 - Parish Council Surgery at the George and Dragon 15th June 2024
 - Cemex Liaison meeting 15th July 2024
 - John Taylor High School Presentation Evening 16th July 2024 at 6pm.

20 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

- a. To note that the next meeting will be held on Monday 10th June 2024 at the Village Hall
- b. To note that the agenda deadline is **12 noon on Thursday 30th May 2024**

Donna Moss
Parish Clerk/RFO
14th May 2024