

ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALREWAS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th JUNE 2024 AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Cllr D Whatton (Chair), Cllr G Adams (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Wilcox, Cllr S Keane, Cllr E Lawler, Cllr M Lomas, Cllr R Stephenson, Cllr J Reilly

In attendance: CCllr J Eagland, District Cllr S Wilcox, Mrs D Moss (Clerk/RFO)

1. Apologies

- a. No apologies
- b. **Noted:** that the meeting was quorate

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Declaration made and signed by Cllr Adams as Vice-Chair

3. Declarations of Interests

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

4. Minutes

- a. **Approved:** the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13th May 2024
- b. **Approved:** the minutes of the Open Meeting held on 13th May 2024
- c. **Approved:** the minutes of the Closed Meeting held on 13th May 2024
- d. **Noted:** the updated action sheet. It was agreed that Item 1 from April 22 should remain on the list. Previous attempts to speak to Crest Nicholson about installing a lifebelt at the drainage pool on the Greenacres development have had no response and Cllr Whatton volunteered to try again
Action: Cllr Whatton
- e. It was proposed by the Clerk to introduce a new process for distributing paperwork to support the monthly meeting via OneDrive. Councillors supported in principle and it was agreed to trial this with the Chair initially

5. Public Participation

- a. **RESOLVED:** to suspend Standing Orders
 - a) **Public Participation:** None
 - b) **District Cllrs:** No update this month from District Councillors
 - c) **County Cllr Janet Eagland:**
 - Bus Stop:** a request to move the bus stop at the pharmacy was ongoing and CCllr Eagland would clarify with Highways where it should be positioned
 - Potholes:** CCllr Eagland advised of an £8 million investment into Staffordshire roads and requested again that she is informed of any damage/potholes that still require repair. It was also noted that repairs to metalwork have also taken place on the island at the NMA
 - Grants:** Cllr Eagland has recently issued grant funding to local football clubs in Alrewas and Fradley from her personal community fund pot
 - d) **Police Liaison:** no update
- b. **RESOLVED:** to reinstate Standing Orders

6. Planning

- a. **Considered:** Planning Applications from LDC
 - 24/00643/FUH** Recommend permit subject to clarification that listed status does not apply and approval of the Conservation Officer is not required
- b. **Noted:** planning decisions received since last meeting **ACTION: Clerk**

7. Financial matters

- a. **Approved:** the accounts for May 2024
- b. **Approved:** the Cheques for Payment list for June 2024
- c. **Noted:** the renewal of BT and EE contracts
- d. **Noted:** the annual subscription for NALC/SPCA
- e. **Noted:** the purchase of D-Day street signs from the Chair's Allowance
- f. **Noted:** new keys cut for the bollard on Dark Lane and the gate at Walkfield. Agreed that Cllr Lawler will keep a key for the gate

8. Parish Council grants:

- a. **Arts Festival: resolved** to accept the recommendation from the Communications Working Group to donate £200 for the provision of toilet facilities at the finale event
- b. **Cricket Club: resolved** after discussion to refuse a donation this year on the basis that the Parish Council has recently donated funds to provide a new nursery pitch
- c. There was discussion over whether the Parish Council should accept applications after the deadline and it was agreed that there should be an element of flexibility to allow for full use of the grant quota. However, it was agreed that the application process and deadline should be more widely publicised next year
ACTION: Clerk

9. Jubilee Garden:

- a. **Noted:** with reference to the decision made to install a permanent water supply, item 13b of the April minutes, additional funding is still required
- b. **Resolved:** not to provide additional funding. This decision has now been set aside
- c. **Resolved:** to accept a proposal from Cllr Adams to install a temporary supply of water in the form of a bowser, wholly funded by a grant from Cemex. It was agreed that there is a need for water for the trees in the early stages of growth and also when sowing wildflowers. Once established, it is hoped that the garden will become self-sustaining in line with the eco-friendly environment envisaged by the volunteers. It was agreed that the need for a water supply will be reviewed on an annual basis
ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Adams

10. Working Groups (Standing item – reports when required)

a. Communications

Drop-In: the meeting on 3rd June was attended by Cllrs Wilcox, Adams and Keane. It was felt to be a positive exchange of views/suggestions and Cllrs agreed that regular attendance should be continued.

Christmas Food Market: a verbal update from the Chair. The working group is in the process of obtaining quotes for lighting along Main Street and will bring to the next meeting

ACTION: Cllr Reilly

b. Environment and Development

Habitat Havens Project: The Clerk has contacted LDC to request a site meeting to discuss how this project may benefit the community. There should be an update for the next meeting

ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Adams

c. Quarry

A meeting is scheduled for 12 June at the Tarmac office. Fradley Councillors also attending

d. Traffic Management

A verbal update from Cllr Adams. The SIDS project is progressing with both sites identified and acceptable to Highways. Cllr Adams is working with Highways to inform residents

ACTION: Cllr Adams

e. Utilities

A verbal update from Cllr Lomas. The working group met and walked around the village to identify problems with drains. 15 appeared to be blocked, mainly along Church Road and Main Street and all have been reported

f. **Walkfield**

No update

11. Residents' comments/correspondence

Noted: that correspondence included

- a. Emails from residents about the water supply to the Jubilee Garden
- b. Email from a resident about the village green spaces
- c. Email of thanks from 1st Alrewas Scouts for grant
- d. Update from Cricket Club about proposed works on nets
- e. Response from Cricket Club about ROW, forwarded to Footpaths Officer
- f. Email from Cricket Club requesting use of Walkfield for parking on 8th August and 18th September. **RESOLVED:** to allow. Clerk to inform Cricket Club **ACTION: Clerk**
- g. Contact from resident via the website re maintenance of area of the churchyard near the bowling green. Clerk has emailed a response.
- h. Verbal contact from a resident about hemlock growing in the new Greenacres development and possibly spreading to adjacent fields. Cllr Adams offered to investigate. **ACTION: Cllr Adams**
- i. Verbal request from a resident to place an advertisement on the planters in front of the shops on Main Street. This was declined. The Clerk was asked to contact the gardener who maintains the planters to remove his sign **ACTION: Clerk**

12. Correspondence received since the last meeting

Noted: that correspondence included

- a. HS2 construction information including road closures
- b. Information from SCC on bus service changes and SCC newsletter
- c. Information from SCC on roadworks including the A38
- d. Information from SCC and LDC on business support
- e. SCC consultation on adult health and social care provision
- f. Updates from Staffordshire Libraries and Archives
- g. Information from SCC on funding opportunities
- h. Training information for Cllrs and Officers from SPCA and SLCC circulated
- i. Updates from the Rural Services Network and CPRE
- j. Letter of thanks from John Taylor High School for donation to presentation evening
- k. Letter of thanks from All Saints School for the grant awarded of £500
- l. Email of thanks from Alrewas Arts Festival for the grant awarded of £250

13. Update from the Civic Society

Verbal update from Cllr Reilly to notify that the Civic Society will be replacing the missing bin on the canalside

14. Parish Council Diary

- a. **Noted:** Past dates
Drop-In 3rd June, attended by Cllrs Wilcox, Adams and Keane
D-Day Commemoration at NMA 6th June, attended by Cllr Whatton
- b. **Noted:** Future dates
Meeting with Tarmac 12th June 2024
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

15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

- a. To note that the next meeting will be held on Monday 15th July 2024 at the Village Hall
- b. To note that the agenda deadline is **12 noon on Thursday 6th July 2024**

Donna Moss, Parish Clerk/RFO
12th June 2024