

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, R Ashton, N Catlow, T Clarke, A Crockford, G Messervy-Whiting, E Mutter,

C. Cllr Ms K Hanks, D. Cllr Ms S Rouse, D. Cllr P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Apologies – Cllr G Lowe,

Visitors: None

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

Reports: County & District Councillors, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall,

Community Shop, Knightwick Surgery Patient Participation Group

County Cllr Ms K Hanks reported on WCC matters – see appendix -a for the formal report,

District Cllrs Ms S Rouse and P Whatley reported on the activities of the MHDC noting the progress of regeneration planning and the financial situation.

There were verbal reports from the Tree Warden – see appendix -a for the formal report, the Community Shop – see appendix -a for the formal report, and Knightwick Surgery Patient Participation Group.

The formal meeting commenced at 20:15

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr G Lowe was accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 24th June 2021 (circulated in advance)

There was an objection to agenda 6. 2 as this contained comments rather than fact. It was agreed that the clerk would revise this and re-submit the revised minutes to the next meeting.

4.

Financial Matters;

a) Note the following payment made under the 'Delegated Actions' procedure since the last meeting.

24/06/21 J Clift - Lulsley Charities £100.00 (Fund Transfer) - Noted

b) Note - the council's bank balance is £30,000.35 at 30/06/21 - Noted

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

a) Respond to: Application Number, 21/00808/HP, Forge Cottage Alfrick Pound Alfrick Worcester WR6 5HA Proposal, Waney edge timber cladding to existing outbuilding.

It was agreed to support this application.

b) Review status – Clay Green Farm development. Cllrs A Crockford and B Martin

Cllr Crockford reported that lorries parking in Folly Lane whilst waiting for access to the site were causing serious congestion and blocking residents driveways. It was agreed that the clerk would draft a formal letter to the developer - Cotswold Oak Ltd - requesting a quick resolution of this problem.

c) Cllr Ms C Bradley to report on Alfrick Pound and Jubilee Spinney and environmental issues.

In the middle of the nesting season there is no activity at present.

6.

Committee on New Public Facilities

Cllr R Ashton reported on the latest meeting of the committee viz; There had been a wide-ranging discussion and detailed review of the Chair's final proposal for a Children's Activities Area. It was finally agreed that:

The proposal met the requirements of being; original, covered an age range 4-11 years, fitted into the space available and was within the limit of the S106 funds available.

It was agreed that the committee should now hand this over to the Council Meeting on 22nd July as a proposal for the Council to promote at its consultation events on 4th and 11th September.

Some small adjustments to the layout could be accommodated if notified to the Chair prior to the meeting on 22/7.

Councillors were given printed copies of the committee's proposals. See appendix -b

In a formal response to Cllr Ashton's report the Chair thanked him and the committee for the efforts made to achieve a satisfactory conclusion to a difficult problem. He proposed that the council accept the committee's report in full. This was agreed unanimously. The Chair also proposed that with this report the work of the committee was now completed and it would be disbanded. The full council would take on the implementation of the report and any other smaller items that might be subsequently identified as within the S106 funding limit. This was agreed unanimously.

7.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Correspondence received. He noted that some local residents, in asking for the council's help in reducing vehicle speeds through the parish, thought they were in Alfrick but were in fact in Suckley. He noted that if an opportunity arose to revise parish boundaries these anomalies should be corrected.
- b) Actions from the previous meeting.
 - i) War Memorial cleaning – progress report. Following the consultation in the Summer Newsletter he would start the procedure to gain approval under the Listed Structures requirements
 - ii) Playing Field improvements etc. He was continuing to resolve the removal of scrap metal from the field.
 - iii) Council Presentations – Annual Show, Village Hall. These were in hand – details would be sent to councillors in the next few days.
 - iv) New VAS unit. Confirmation of this from WCC Highways is awaited.

8.

Items for the next meeting

Continuation of 6 above.

9.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: September 23rd 2021 agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:29 hrs.

Minutes confirmed.....

23/09/2019

appendix -a

County Councillor Karen Hanks
Report to Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Council 22.07.2021:

Economy:

Worcestershire County Council are keen to promote the Government Apprenticeship Scheme.

Please feel free to contact me should you require help with accessing these incentives.

To support businesses with their Covid recovery, from April 2021, employers will be eligible to receive a new £3,000 incentive payment for hiring a new apprentice before 30th September 2021, regardless of the apprentice's age. This is in addition to the training being paid for.

Additional to Government support there are local upskilling grants.

Malvern Hills	Upskilling Grants <250 are available for apprenticeships, internships and other certified training up to £2,000 per trainee. Maximum of 2 people upskilled per year. Christine.Butler @malvern hills.gov.uk	Open to all	L2/3 £1,000 L4+ £1,500 additional £100 for low carbon businesses	Any age
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Worcestershire County Council Services:

Worcestershire Libraries and Archives and Archaeology Services will begin to reintroduce their full range of services from next week, following the Government's announcement about lifting Covid-19 restrictions.

From Monday 19 July, all limits on customer numbers and 'dwell times' in libraries will be removed.

Customers will no longer need to pre-book library computers, study spaces, archive search room spaces, archive self-service access or Historic Environment Records appointments.

These services will be available on demand and library PC booking will remain an option for customers who wish to guarantee availability.

COVID Testing at Libraries:

The COVID-19 testing booths in Malvern Library have been removed.

More residents are choosing to take rapid flow tests at home or in one of our participating pharmacies or opticians.

The number of home testing kits collected from libraries far outweighs the number of those being tested in libraries. This shows that testing at home is now far more popular.

The last tests will be available at the library on Friday 30 July, but the library will still be used as a collection point for home test kits.

For those who prefer to be supervised, while taking their test, several pharmacies are offering supervised onsite tests in the local area.

To find the nearest pharmacy and to book a test, residents can use the [Central Health booking link](#).

Education update:

Worcestershire County Council is delighted to receive a government grant for £1.5 million to provide free school meals and activities and support families over the summer holidays.

This funding will enable Ready, Steady, Worcestershire to launch an exciting range of summer activities, with meals, for disadvantaged children across the county.

Ready, Steady, Worcestershire is a Council service which provides information about food, activities and support available to families and children during the school holidays. This help is available to families with children from nursery and primary ages, through to older children and teenagers.

In November 2020, the Government announced that the Holiday, Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which has provided healthy food and enriching activities to children since 2018, will be expanded across the whole of England this year to children in every local authority.

The booking system for the holiday programme will be going live early next month.

Worcestershire County Council is providing welfare support services with Here2Help being on hand to help any resident who requires extra support.

Anyone in need of help can contact Here2Help via its webpage or telephone on **01905 768053**.

There is funding available for holiday clubs- so please let me know any advice is required on how to apply.

School children will no longer be required to remain in bubbles from July 19.

This means that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision or in schools from the autumn term.

Highways:

I have received complaints of speeding along Stocks Road, Alfrick Pound. Keen to work with parish council ideas re. the best way to address this.

Councillor Karen Hanks

22.07.2021

Community Shop report to Alfrick & Lulsley PC meeting 22nd July 2021

AGM is to be held on Wednesday 6th October

The committee has built up a fixed asset register enabling it to develop a reserve policy to cover essential costs. As a result the committee is in discussions with the show committee as to how to distribute surplus funds to the local community, a long held intention.

The shop is seeing a regular, predictable increase in its bank balance month on month.

New advertising flyers are ready to be delivered by hand.

Since 19th July a few changes have been made because of Covid relaxation.

- Customers are requested to wear a face mask, use hand sanitiser and respect 1 m social distancing.
- The maximum of 3 customers at a time has been removed.
- Volunteers are expected to wear face covering and the Perspex screens will remain.
- The one-way system through the shop will remain.

Alfrick & Lulsley Tree Warden report to Parish Council 22nd July 2021

The year is passing and it will soon be possible to carry out tree and hedge work. Carol & I plan to commence working parties on 26th September to work on the spinney, pound and playing field. Announcements will be made in the September Sphere. At this time we have planning permission to fell trees in the spinney, is there a date for this work? Following the arboriculturists visit, it is fairly urgent that work be carried out on the large ash by the containers. This is on Village Hall land. Have they been informed?

I viewed the trees at Clay Green which have TPOs. One oak in particular is a fine specimen and I hope that Councillors Martin and Crockford will be able to ensure their protection during building work.

As tree warden, I plan to be on the PC stand on 4th September .

Derek Bradley



Indicative layout proposal



The green lines show the safety space required to comply with Play standards BS EN 1177





Robinia Multi Play unit



FRONT VIEW

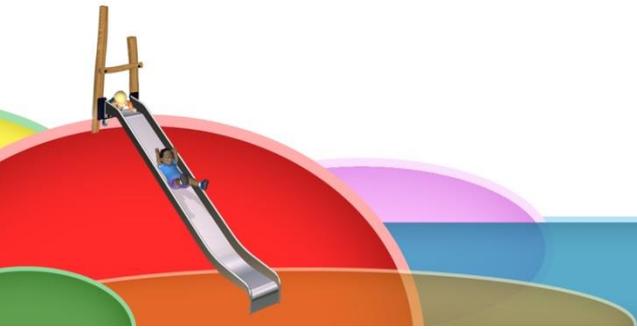


BACK VIEW





Example illustration of the Robinia Multi Play unit





Robinia (hardwood) Agility Trail
with natural grass mounding

Balance beam



Stilts



Step Posts x6



Rope Crossing



Example mounding with trail items



Spinner Bowl



Robinia Basket Seat
Group Swing



Grass Mat Surfacing for
natural appearance



Sales - Quote

Mr. Richard Ashton
Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council
Whistlewood House
Lulsley, WORCESTER
WR6 5QT

Quote No. SQ262673-2
Sell-to Contact No. C0008487
Quote Date 05-07-2021
Expiration Date 04-08-2021

Salesperson Rob Heard
E-Mail robhea@kompan.com
Phone No. 07896 466612

Project Name EN26675 New Play Area

No.	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Amount
EQUIPMENT					
NRO906-1101	Robinia Bird's Nest Swing c/w 100cm dia. Nest in Natural Hardwood	1	Pieces	2,350.00	2,350.00
					
	Installation	1	Pieces	786.00	786.00
NRO802-0601	Robinia Single Balance Beam in Natural Hardwood	1	Pieces	320.00	320.00
					
	Installation	1	Pieces	247.00	247.00
NRO811-1001	Robinia Rope Bridge in Natural Hardwood	1	Pieces	780.00	780.00
					
	Installation	1	Pieces	363.00	363.00
NRO806-0601	Robinia Stilts in Natural Hardwood	1	Pieces	730.00	730.00
					
	Installation	1	Pieces	445.00	445.00
NRO209-0601	Robinia Sitting Pole in Natural Hardwood	6	Pieces	50.00	300.00
					
	Installation	6	Pieces	103.00	618.00

No.	Description	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Unit Price	Amount
ELE400024-3717LG	Spinner Bowl in Lime Green, inground	1	Pieces	650.00	650.00
					
	Installation	1	Pieces	350.00	350.00
NRO-897786	Bespoke Robinia Unit in Coloured Hardwood	1	Pieces	28,180.00	28,180.00
					
	Installation	1	Pieces	5,821.92	5,821.92
SURFACING					
	Supply & Install EcoSmart Single Layer Grass Mat All existing grass to be fully established and well maintained to give a critical fall height.	56	Squ. Metre	28.77	1,611.12
	Supply & Install SmartPlay Grass Mat with Shockpad	78	Squ. Metre	72.60	5,662.80
GROUNDWORKS / REMOVALS					
	Excavate 50mm Incl. DSP	78	Squ. Metre	7.34	572.52
	Removal of existing carpet surfacing	25	Squ. Metre	19.75	493.75
	Removal of concrete 9x2.7m	25	Squ. Metre	19.05	476.25
	Removal of cricket net 12 x 3.4m wide with 8 posts	1	Pieces	96.60	772.80
SITE PRELIMS					
	Includes; Heras Fencing @ 92lm, Skip, Storage, Site Welfare and Off Loading Equipment	1	Pieces	3,872.91	3,872.91
OTHER					
	Freight	1	Pieces	3,664.10	3,664.10
	Inspection RPII Post Installation It is good practice and a requirement of most insurers that a newly constructed play area is inspected & assessed by a qualified independent safety inspector (from Register of Play Inspectors International). We will arrange this for you and pass on the report for your file.	1	Pieces	421.43	421.43
Subtotal					59,488.60
Project Discount Amount					-9,545.00
Total GBP Excl. VAT					49,943.60
20% VAT					9,988.72
Total GBP Incl. VAT					59,932.32

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