Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 12th October 2023 at 19:00hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllr N. Catlow, Chair

Cllr T. Clarke V. Chair, Cllr G. Lowe, Cllr R. A. Ashton, Cllr S V Glazzard, Cllr G. Messervy-Whiting, Cllr B.

Prodger, Cllr R. Head, Cllr P J Hayward

District Cllr P. Whatley,

R. Timney (Clerk)

Public questions and comments made prior to meeting.

Footpaths; Noted the path at Alfrick Court is being cleared in the coming weeks.

Tree Warden; Will do some work on the Spinney at the end of October.

Knightwick Surgery has new doctor and is doing well.

Cllr Whatley; Planning department staff shortages are being addressed in the coming weeks.

Cllr Hanks; Submitted a report stating that poor footpath along Clay Green will be sorted in Spring 2024.

Alfrick Village Hall – have very good reserves and is in good health. The tennis court project has progressed with leases and letters of understanding negotiated between the PC and the vh.

Community Shop. Donated £1000 for the bus stop project.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:28 hrs

- 4. Apologies for Absence. D Cllr S. Rouse. County Cllr K Hanks
- **2. Members' Declarations of Interest.** Cllr S V Glazzard declared a membership of The Trail Riders Federation on the green lanes matter.
- 3. Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held 20/07/23. (Circulated in advance) Approved
- 4. Financial Matters;
 - a) Confirm income and expenditure (circulated in advance) to 14th June 2023.

Approved

Clerk	28/09/2023	Salary SO (now altered)	£337.22
A and L VH	06/10/2023	Vh hire	£60
A and L VH	06/10/2023	Vh hire	£22

Note the following **income**.

Noted

MHDC	27/09/2023	Precept 2 nd payment	£6750
Clerk	29/09/2023	Repayment of PAYE	£67.40
		contribution.	

Current balance at bank £35,993.87

Payrole services to be carried out by PayEase at £10 per month with no set up charge. To be reviewed at the end of the financial year.

Confirm payment to be made to Green Waste Recycling Services Ltd for £2225.00 plus VAT for the Alfrick bus shelter base.

Approved

5. Planning and Environmental Matters;

M/23/01338/HP. Location: Chapel Cottage, Birchwood, Storridge, Worcestershire, WR13 5HA Description of Proposal: Single storey rear extension. **No objection**

M/23/01296/HP. Location: The Mill House, Bridges Stone, Alfrick, Worcester, WR6 5HR Description of Proposal: Removal of aluminium sun lounge and replacement with new single storey kitchen/garden room extension as approved under planning reference M/22/00812/HP - variation of condition 2.

No objection

6. Alfrick Bus Stop Update.

Cllr Clarke continuing to liaise with County Council on requirements for bus shelter. Bus shelter should be in place before Christmas.

7. Bus stop at Alfrick Pound Update

Cllr Catlow has established the work that needs doing and Cllr Clarke will seek quotes for carrying out the project which will include painting, replacing some roof tiles and general cleaning.

8. Tennis court project

Thanks to the continuing efforts of Cllr Ashton the application for funding is in place with MHDC. Lease, land ownership and building matters are secured.

9. Green lanes

Cllr Glazzard raised issues relating to the use of local green lanes being used for anti social behaviour. Cllrs will look into where there are continuing problems and what might be done about it.

10. Future of the skatepark

Cllrs discussed reducing the extent of the tarmac area in the playing field to ease the use of a full sized football pitch and cricket usage. Quotes will be sought and a decision made about further action will be considered at a subsequent meeting.

11. Clerk's Report - Correspondence received and Actions from the previous meeting.

The Tree Warden will be asked to look at trees along Workhouse Bank and report back about the condition of trees in the hedge and whether they might be a hazard to traffic. Depending on the report further action may be taken.

Correspondence was exchanged about the Spinney, the goal post repairs, insurance matters relating to the use of the playing field and salt bins for the winter.

- 12. Old Storridge Recreational Charity. Motion to change contact details to new clerk. Approved
- 13. Items for the next meeting.
 - Review of the Local Plan
 - Green Lane consideration of feedback
 - A play area sign
 - The frequency of Parish Council meetings.
 - The winter parish newsletter.
 - To establish a budget committee for next year's budget.
- 14. Confirm the date of the next meeting. Proposed 9th November 2023