

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Chair; Cllr B Martin

Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, R Ashton, T Clarke, A G Cooper, G Lowe, E Mutter,

Dist. Cllr Ms S Rouse, Dist. Cllr P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies; Cllr Ms B Brown, A Crockford, C. Cllr P Tuthill, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

Visitors: none

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

Cllr Ms S Rouse and Cllr P Whatley reported on the ongoing update of the SWDP, the District Council's new plans, the appointment of a new Head of Planning and difficulties in resolving access to fibre-broadband in the district.

In his absence Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) had sent a formal report which is attached.

The clerk read a brief report from Mr B Fishwick on Village Hall matters.

Cllr B Martin as vice-chair of the Village Shop Committee reported on the Shop and Cafe's activities over the Festive Season.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:58 hrs

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies for absence from Cllr Ms B Brown, and A Crockford were accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 24th October 2019

The minutes had been circulated in advance, were agreed as true record and signed by the Chair.

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Approve payment, Lengthsman, October, £244.80 - Agreed
- b) Approve payment, Clerk; expenses Oct - Dec, £177.84 - Agreed
- c) Approve payment, Tree Warden - Training Course - £206.25 - Agreed
- d) Approve payment, Cllr Ms C Bradley - Travel - £21.20 - Agreed
- e) Approve payment, MCB landscapes - Playing Field Maintenance £180.00 - Agreed
- f) Establish a formal committee to consider the budget and precept for 2020-21 to report at the next meeting. A committee chaired by Cllr A Cooper together with Cllrs B Martin and E Mutter was agreed.

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

- a) Review status - Clay Green Farm development and Chapel Meadow development.
There was some expectation that the appeal over the Clay Green Farm proposals would be concluded shortly. Cllr A Cooper reported that the Chapel Meadow development was now complete and there was no need for further council involvement. - This was agreed
- b) Cllr Ms C Bradley to report on the Parish Wildlife and Jubilee Spinney projects.
The working party had made a good start on the Spinney and there would be a further session on Saturday 7th December at 10 am. Wood chippings are available for the access path at no charge. It was agreed that the delivery of these must be wait until conditions allowed access through the field.

6.

Section 106 funding; Public Facilities in Alfrick committee.

The Chair of the committee Cllr A Cooper reported on the first formal meeting on 27th November.

The initial investigations into these projects had provided a very useful start and there would be an informal meeting on 15th January prior to a full meeting on 26th February and a progress report to the council the following day.

In addition to the main capital items there were a number of smaller projects that might fall within the council's remit and these would be put forward for consideration in the New Year.

The full minutes of the committee (PFiA committee) are available on the council's website or can be obtained from the clerk.

7.

Highways and Footpaths

The clerk said that the reported poor roadside footpaths along Folly Road and by St Mary's Crescent had been acknowledged but WCC Highways considered the Folly Road footpath acceptable..

Traffic damage to the War Memorial surrounds had been discussed on-site with WCC Highways staff and proposals were awaited.

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Playing Field.

The clerk reported that he was still waiting for a report on the condition of the cricket nets.

Following discussions with MCB Landscapes the clearing of the boundary ditches would cost £840.00 inc vat and this would include a short channel to take surface water from the adjacent field into the council's ditch and improve conditions at the small northern access gate.

This was agreed.

A request that a margin of 0.5 - 1.0 metres wide uncut grass be left along the boundary hedge was agreed.

9.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meetings. These had all been completed.
- b) Correspondence received. He had received a letter from the S Worcs CAB thanking the council for its support.
- c) Items to be drawn to the council's attention :
The Autumn Litter Pick event on Saturday 16th November was very successful with fourteen volunteers covering seven roads producing some twelve bags of debris.

10.

Items for the next meeting.

- a) Refer to: 5)a, b, 6, 7, above.
- b) The report of the committee to determine the budget and precept for 2020-21

11.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick - Agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:05 hrs.

Minutes confirmed 23/1/2020

Tree Warden's report to Parish Council meeting 28th November 2019

I attended a one day course on Basic Tree Survey & Inspection at Cirencester run by the Royal Agricultural University on Wednesday 30th October. It provides the knowledge to be able to identify a hazardous tree, determine the level of risk and decide on an appropriate course of action

We held a working party at the spinney on November 3rd. Nine people attended and we made considerable progress.

Another one is planned for Saturday 7th December at 10 am. A notice is in the December copy of The Sphere. Nick Denley can provide wood chippings for the narrow access path; there will be no charge.

Matt Cooper informed me that his father made the plaque that is to be displayed in the spinney. His mother believes she may have some records relating back to the time it was planted.

I suggest that a meeting with Martin Cooke be held to discuss the exact line of the hedge which is due to be planted in March.

Derek Bradley

Alfrick & Lulsley Tree Warden