

## **The Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

### **Present:**

**Chairman** – Cllr Mrs C Williams

Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, G Lowe, B Martin, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

**Apologies;** L Randall, A Warburton (District Councillor), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

**Visitors** – Mr J Robinson

**Public Questions prior to the formal meeting see appendix a; - none**

**The formal meeting began at 7.30pm**

**1. Members' Apologies for absence.**

The apology from Cllr Miss L Randall was accepted.

**2. Members' Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest in the items on the agenda.

**3. Reports; County & District Cllrs, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop.**

see appendix b;

**4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011.**

These had been circulated in advance, they were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

**5. Financial Matters;**

a) Approve payment; Tree Warden's expenses - £20.14 - Agreed

b) Approve payment; Clerk's expenses – July-Sept £21.61. - Agreed

c) Review the Half-yr Financial Statement and appoint the Informal Finance Group to consider the Budget for 2012-13.

The clerk had circulated a document for discussion in advance of the meeting. (see appendix -c)

This showed that for two years the council will have overspent: (2010-11, £284, forecast 2011-12, £334; total £618).

In addition there was the need to increase the Reserve Fund and possibly support the Community Shop at least for its first year.

It was agreed that an informal working group of; P Brown, S V Glazzard, L Randall, P Tebbit (convenor), would meet to discuss the financial situation and propose a budget for 2012-13 for discussion at the November meeting.

d) Consider ongoing support for the Community Shop.

It was agreed in principle that the council should continue to support the Community Shop Project and that this would be part of the remit of the informal working group.

**6 Planning Matters;**

a) Consider Planning Application – Creation of Parking Area etc, Linden Lea, Old Storridge, Alfrick, ref 11/01310/HOU

It was agreed to recommend approval of the application.

**7. Informal Housing Group – Response to South Worcestershire Development Plan Consultation**

The Informal Housing Group had circulated a proposed response to the swdp consultation in advance of the meeting (see appendix -d) and there was a substantial discussion on the future development of the parish and surrounding area.

It was agreed to accept the proposed response and the clerk was asked to send to the swdp office together with a copy of the Revised Parish Design Statement - (see item 8, Minutes of Meeting 13-9-2011).

**8. Locations of Speed Camera – Cllr P Tebbit to report.**

The council had proposed two sites; On the approach to Alfrick by the Old Swan (Gr E37525 N25300) and approaching the Fox and Hounds from the south in Lulsley (GR E37390 N25445). He had discussed these locations on-site with the WCC Highways engineer and subject to some small changes these were agreed. WCC was in the process of deciding on which VAS Meters to use and would advise the council as soon as a decision was made.

**9. Approve Autumn Newsletter – circulated in advance**

Subject to an addition of information on government grants for renewable-source heating systems, this was agreed.

**10. Clerk's Report - a) Actions from the previous meeting: b) Correspondence Received**

The clerk reported that all actions from the previous meeting had been completed. He was waiting for a definite date when the renovation of the War Memorial would be done.

Most items of correspondence now were in email format and these were circulated when relevant. He was working on a system to enable these to be catalogued easily for reference.

The new Parish Council web pages on the [alfrickandlulsley.org](http://alfrickandlulsley.org) website were now running and the old 'site would be discontinued in the New Year.

**11. Items for the next meeting.**

- a) Report from the Informal Finance Group
- b) Report from the Informal Planning Group
- c) Distribution of Newsletters
- d) Speed Cameras - status

**12. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - 17/01/2012 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

**The meeting closed at 21:17 hrs.**

**Chairman.....**