

# The Parish of Alfrick and Lulsley

## Annual Report of the Parish Council

2018-9

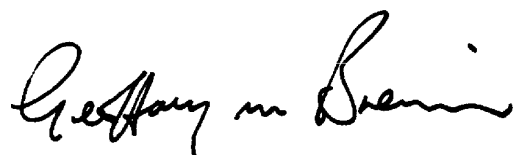
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Government's requirements for smaller councils

Details required by the Government.

Approved by the Council at its meeting on 23/05/2019

Responsible Financial Officer



Chair



## ***The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014***

*The Act sets out a new audit framework for local public authorities which are currently covered by the Audit Commission regime. Under this new framework, smaller authorities with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000, including parish councils, will be exempt from routine external audit. Instead, these parish councils will be subject to the new transparency requirements laid out in the Code.*

*This Code will act as an audit substitute, enabling local electors to access the information they need about the authority's accounts and governance in order to hold the authority to account. It is issued to meet the government's desire to place more power into citizens' hands to increase democratic accountability.*

### ***Public data that parish councils should publish***

***All items of expenditure*** Annual publication no later than 1 July.

*Publish details of each individual item of expenditure.*

*Copies of cash books, vouchers and receipts, etc. do not need to be published but should remain available for inspection.*

***End of year accounts*** Annual publication no later than 1 July.

*Publish signed statement of accounts according to the format included in the Annual Return audit form. It should be accompanied by:*

- a) a copy of the bank reconciliation for the relevant financial year;*
- b) an explanation of any significant variances (e.g. more than 10-15 percent) in the statement of accounts for the relevant year and previous year; and*
- c) an explanation of any differences between 'balances carried forward' and 'total cash and short term investments', if applicable.*

***Annual governance statement*** Annual publication no later than 1 July.

*Publish signed annual governance statement according to the format included in the Annual Return audit form. Explain any negative responses to governance statements, including how any weaknesses will be addressed.*

***Internal audit report*** Annual publication no later than 1 July.

*Publish internal audit report according to the format included in the Annual Return audit form. It should be signed by the person who carried out the internal audit.*

*Explain any negative response to the internal controls objectives, including how any weaknesses will be addressed.*

*Explain any 'not covered' responses to internal controls objectives.*

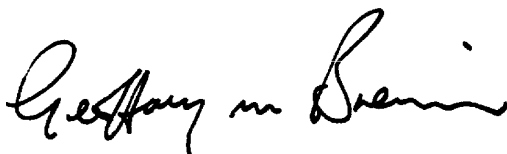
*Publish any additional internal audit report, where available.*

***Location of public land and building assets*** Annual publication no later than 1 July.

*Publish details of all public land and building assets – either in the authority's full asset and liabilities register or as an edited version. Information should include:*

- a) description (what it is, including size/acreage);*
- b) location (address or description of location);*
- c) owner / custodian, e.g. the authority manages the land or asset on behalf of a local charity;*

***This council meets all these obligations.***



***Clerk to the Council 1/5/2019***

## ALFRICK & LULSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

### REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 21 MAY 2019.

I am Brian Martin and it has been my pleasure to chair the Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council for the past year. I wish to thank my fellow councillors for their support during the year and also to our clerk who has diligently dealt with administration matters.

The Council has discharged its local duties always with the intention of securing the continued preservation of the amenities we enjoy. We have been very well supported by our local District Councillors, Sarah Rouse and Anthony Warburton and by our County Councillor Paul Tuthill.

During the year the Parish Council administered the limited funds available from the Parish precept. This enabled support to the village hall and its car park as well as the village shop. This combination can now truly be considered to be the village hub.

Planning matters have again this year exercised our attention where the endeavour has been to maintain the character and beauty of the neighbourhood. Careful attention was paid to the development at Chapel Meadow in order to ensure the continuation of the wildlife habitats contained within the site including the protected great crested newts. One development, at Clay Green Farm, is still the subject of considerable debate relating to its currently unacceptable features.

The Parish Council continues to administer the upkeep and provision of the playing field, the Jubilee Copse/Spinney, the War Memorial and the Pound at Alfrick Pound.. In line with national sentiment efforts are now being made to create at the Playing Field and at other locations in the village, to protect areas of natural vegetation to promote wildlife habitats including pollinators. Some local landowners are interested in supporting this initiative which is being led by our newly elected Councillor Carol Bradley, who has a pollinators group formed.

The subject of vehicle speeds through the village is a matter raised often by residents, and resulting from a meeting with the police we are investigating the setting up of a Community Speed Watch team which would require six people to form the group. Meanwhile we have a stock of 30MPH stickers available FOC in the shop.

Our village is mostly tidy but a Parish Litter pick was organised on 23rd March which was considered to be good fun and very effective.

The council expects to receive Section 106 Planning funding arising from the Chapel Meadow development and is considering options for its disbursement. Currently a small children's playground is featuring strongly.

B W Martin  
08 05 2019.

Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council

Asset Register

Ref No.	Description	Location	Original Date	Asset Value	Replacement Value £	Deeds etc/ Location	Comments
1	War Memorial - Alfrick Green	WR6 SHW	1919	19000	19000	Not Known	As advised by Wells Masonry 3 April 2006
2	Playing Field	WR6 SHJ	1953	3		With Clerk	Aprox. 8500 sq.m Valued at £1/acre for accounting purposes
3	Jubilee Plantation - Knightwick Road	WR6 SHX	1980	1		WW&F	Aprox 200 sq.m Valued at £1/acre for accounting purposes
4	Bus Shelter - Alfrick Pound	WR6 SEZ	1953	2700	2700	Not Known	
5	Land at Clay Green - Old Bus Shelter	WR6 SHW	1962	1		With Clerk	2m x 3m - No value but could be a 'ransom strip' at a future date:
6	Public Address System		2001	200	200	With Clerk	Purchased 2001 - £170
7	Notice Board - Lulsley	WR6 5QT	2003	300	300	In Situ	Purchased 2004 - £260
8	Notice Board - Bridges Stone	WR6 5HR	2003	300	300	In Situ	Purchased 2004 - £260
9	Notice Board - Alfrick Village Shop	WR6 5HJ	2000	300	300	In Situ	Purchased 2013 - £300
10	100 paid-up £10 Shares - Alfrick and Lulsley Community Shop		2011	1	1	With Clerk	Cannot be traded - Nominal or long-term value only
					22806		

\* WW&F - Whatley Weston and Fox - Solicitors, The Tything, Worcester

Revised 27/04/06 War Memorial replacement value increased to £19000

Confirmed-

e. H. Williams

Chairman

*Geffrey M. Evans*

Clerk & RFO

**Details of Council Members, Appointment to external bodies, and Officers.**

**The Council was elected on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

**(All tel. Nos. + 01886)**

Chair: Brian W Martin            833180        Elected                            Alfrick Ward  
Represents the Council   -   Alfrick and Lulsley Community Shop Management Committee

Vice Chair: Andrew Cooper    833903        Elected                            Alfrick Ward

Nigel Tudge                        822284        Co-opted                            Lulsley Ward

Anthony J Crockford            833594        Elected                            Alfrick Ward

Brian J Fishwick                 832617        Elected                            Alfrick Ward  
Represents the Council   -   Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall Management Committee

Barbra Brown                     832902        Co-opted                            Alfrick Ward

Garth Lowe                        833362        Elected                            Alfrick Ward  
Parish Footpaths Warden

Edward G Mutter                 822238        Elected                            Lulsley Ward

Louise J Randall                 884667        Elected                            Alfrick Ward

**Clerk to the Council**

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**Not a member of the council but supported by it:**

Parish Tree Warden - Derek Bradley, 884372