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Meetings of the Parish Council

The Council meets on the fourth Thursday in the month, except August and December, at 7.00pm in Alfrick Village Hall. Forthcoming meetings; 23 February, 23 March, 27 April, 11 May, (*note different date.*)
Members of the public may wish to raise matters of general concern from 7.00 - 7.30pm prior to the formal meeting.

The May 11th meeting will be the First Meeting of the newly elected Parish Council.

Prior to this the Annual Parish Meeting will be held.

Agenda

- 1. Welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council and the Annual Report of the Parish Council 2022-23**
 - 2. The Parish Council Accounts for 2022-3**
 - 3. Reports by County Councillor & District Councillors.**
 - 4. Charities: a) Reports from: Old Storridge Charity, Alfrick Educational Charity, Lulsley Charities, b) The Lulsley representative on Knightwick Charities**
 - 5. Any other business (at the Chair's discretion).**
- All Parishioners are entitled to attend, and contribute to this meeting.**

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A new member of the Parish Council

At the October meeting the council co-opted Tony Hinton to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Ned Mutter.

Resignation from the council

At the January meeting of the council Cllr A J Crockford announced his resignation. The Chair thanked him for his contributions over a long period and wished him well on behalf of the council.

The Chair Cllr B W Martin said that he would not be standing for election to the new council on May 4th.

Election of a new Parish Council

On May 4th a new Parish Council will be elected to serve for the next four years. There are nine places on the council (Seven for Alfrick and two for Lulsley) and it is important to fill these on that day to ensure the council's fully-elected status. Parish Councils are the part of local government closest to the people. They are elected units of local government whose activities are controlled by Acts of Parliament, serve the smallest areas and are responsible for the most local of matters. Very importantly, these councils can 'precept' - raising a sum collected with the council tax each year to improve facilities and services for local people. This council meets ten times a year (every month except August and December) usually on the fourth Thursday in the month in the evening.

If you are interested in standing for election to the Parish Council next May please contact the clerk to the council who can provide more information.

Financial Matters

The Parish Council has decided that the parish precept for 2023-4 will be as for the previous year, £13,500, approx £39.02/ property. (a reduction of £2.65 on average per property as a result of the new houses being completed.)

A New Village Tennis Court

Malvern Hills District Council has almost £80k available from a 'section 106' charge on the new housing development at Clay Green Farm for the construction of a new tennis court and associated facilities by the Village Hall. The Hall Committee consider that this would be best achieved by the Parish Council taking over the project and has instructed their solicitor to prepare a draft 99 year lease to the Parish Council of the whole area at the rear of the Village Hall. When this is available the Parish Council will propose a project to MHDC for approval. Once installed the court will replace the existing court with a new high-quality, low maintenance court completely free to the public. It is hoped that the grant will also cover some additional features such as an outdoor table –tennis table, adult exercise equipment, seating and improved car parking.

A New Bus Stop Shelter by the War Memorial.

The council owns a small plot of land by the bus stop, the site of a previous shelter which was burned down some years ago and it has decided to install a new shelter on the site.

The old foundations have been uncovered and will be repaired prior to the installation of the new shelter in the Spring.



Speeding through the Village

Our new radar unit has now been running for a year and still it is obvious that a small number of drivers, often resident locally we believe, continue to exceed the 30 mph limits by large margins. We have sent the information from our machine to the local police so that these miscreants may be apprehended! Our thanks to Cllr Richard Ashton who collects and analyses the data and looks after the equipment.

Improving mobile phone connectivity in the area.

The council is concerned that because there is supposed to be a mobile signal outdoors in the parish we will be overlooked in the move to enhance the service. To help us press for improvements, please send the clerk details of location (Post Code), signal strength and mobile provider so that a detailed response can be sent to OFCOM. Without detailed information some areas will be left 'in the dark'.

Please keep your dog under control

The council has received complaints that stray dogs are harassing sheep. Please keep your dog on a leash when you are out in the countryside walking your dogs through the fields. And please remember to close gates properly. Those who exercise their dogs on the Playing Field are reminded to clear up afterwards.

Resignation of the Clerk to the Council.

At the end of the January meeting the Clerk, Geoffrey Brewin told the council he was resigning after twenty-one years in post. He would complete the three month's notice required on the last day of April 2023. It is hoped that the council will have appointed a new clerk by then.

If you are interested in this, which is a part-time local government appointment, currently 6 hours/week, pay scale LC2 please contact the Chair of the Council, Brian Martin - b533martin@btinternet.com