

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 27th June 2019 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, R Ashton, T Clarke, G Lowe, E Mutter, Dist. Cllrs Ms S Rouse & P Whatley, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies; Cllrs Ms B Brown, A G Cooper, A Crockford, B Martin, C. Cllr P Tuthill,

Visitors: one parishioner.

At 19:30 hrs, in the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair of the council the meeting opened formally to elect a Chair for the meeting. By common agreement Cllr G Lowe was elected to this.

At 19.40 hrs the Chair suspended the formal meeting to allow for informal reports and questions to be taken.

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

Cllr S Rouse reported on the MHDC activities and the future for local bus services..

Cllr P Whatley reported on the progress of 'Fibre-Broadband' installation and the funding possibilities for remote locations.

Cllr G Lowe as Footpaths' Warden noted that footpaths and rights-of-way matters were still being processed by the reduced team at WCC.

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) noted the possibility for additional hedgerow planting around the Playing Field.

The formal meeting recommenced at 20.10 hrs

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies from Cllrs, Ms B Brown, A G Cooper, A Crockford and B Martin were accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Ashton declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 (a. as the applicant.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the annual meeting held on 23rd May 2019 (circulated in advance)

It was noted that Cllr Ms C Bradley had been omitted from item 6. *Appoint councillors to committees and representatives to external organisations; a) Designate consultees on Planning Matters.*

The clerk was asked to correct the minutes and present them for confirmation at the next meeting.

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Approve the Clerks expenses April - June - £270.85 - Approved
- b) Approve the Lengthsman's Invoice April - June - £475.20 - Approved
- c) Approve payment - J Clarke, W/Memorial Spring planting - £72.00 - Approved
- d) Note the Clerk's statement on the closure of the 2018-9 accounts.
This had now been completed in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the results published on the council's website.
The documents would be available for viewing from 2/7/19 to 10/8/19 on application to the clerk.
This was noted.
- e) Clerk to report on the opening of a new Bank Account.
The new internet-based bank account was expected to be ready within the next few days.
It was agreed to add Cllr E Mutter in addition to Cllrs Cooper and Lowe as signatories to the account.

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

Prior to discussing item a) Cllr R Ashton left the room.

- a) Respond to request for a comment on: Application Number 19/00205/HP Rosevine, Lulsley, Knightwick Worcester WR6 5QP
Proposed single storey rear extension to form dining room together with proposed bedroom above existing garage
The council agreed to support this application.

Cllr R Ashton rejoined the meeting.

- b) Respond to request for a comment on: Application Number 19/00807/CLE Annexe At Wheatley Cottage, Folly Road, Alfrick. Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing use for use of building (The Stables) - subject of detailed planning permission 12/00153/FUL dated 30.4.2012 as a single dwelling house in breach of condition 4 thereof continuously for a period in excess of 4 years
The council agreed it had no comment to make on this application.
- c) Review status - Clay Green Farm development and Chapel Meadow development.
There was no information on the Clay Green Farm development
There was a discussion on the process of obtaining the 'Section 106' funds for local developments and Cllr S Rouse offered to provide documentation on this procedure.
- d) Cllr C Bradley reported on the Natural Networks and WWF meeting.
An application for funding (45% matching funding) under the Natural Networks Project had been made and a review of possible sites was made on 20th June with representatives of the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. The sites being considered are;
The Council's Playing Field (wildflower meadow), The Jubilee Spinney (improved access etc)
Alfrick Pound (renovation of old stone walls and removal of encroaching trees and shrubs) and 'Village' Pond opposite the Old Swan (renovation). A response from WWT is awaited.

6.

Highways and Footpaths

Speeding through the village and future of VAS Speed meter. Clerk to report.

The clerk reported that the member of Suckley Parish Council who had previously process the data from the speed camera was no longer available to do this and he was expecting a proposal from Suckley PC as to future operations from their next meeting.

From the latest data he advised the council that on 21/4/19 at 18:05hrs when the camera was opposite the Old Swan, Alfrick one vehicle registered 70.0 mph. Otherwise speeds recorded showed averages of around 35 mph in daytime with early morning and late evening averages rising to around 40mph.

it was agreed to publicise this in the forthcoming Summer Newsletter and the Sphere magazine.

7.

Jubilee Spinney

The clerk reported that the owner of the adjacent land was amenable to the council installing a gate in the fence to enable vehicular access to maintain the Spinney. A quotation for £1200 to re-fence and install a gate had been received and this would be presented at the next meeting.

8.

Playing Field.

The Clerk was in discussion with the Leigh and Branford Football Club on their plans for the next season and would report further at the next meeting.

9.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meetings - all completed
- b) Correspondence received. All circulated to members
- c) Items to be drawn to the council's attention -
 - i. The council's half-yearly Newsletter is due for publication. he proposed to circulate the draft of this in time for approval at the next meeting.
 - ii. The council's Annual Report as required by The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 is available on the council's website.
 - iii. Following the dissolution of the Mrs Dunn's Charity 20322, General benefit of the poor in Alfrick, Lulsley & Suckley by rotation by its trustees, the council as trustee for the Old Storridge Charity had received funds which bring the total account for the Old Storridge Charity to £2,000.

10.

Items for the next meeting.

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11.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday 25th July 2019 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick. Agreed.

The meeting closed at 20:48 hrs.

Minutes confirmed 23/05/2019