

The Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, R Jackson, G Lowe, P Tebbit, D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies;

Mrs S Tolley, C Smith (County Councillor),

Visitors: Dr D Bradley - Parish Tree Warden

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. Members' Apologies for absence

The apology for absence from Cllr Mrs S Tolley was accepted.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest.

There were declarations of interest in agenda item no.7 by A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, R Jackson, who have personal interests, as their properties are adjacent to sites listed in the swjcs discussion documents.

3. Reports; County & District Councillors, Parish Footpaths' Warden, Parish Tree Warden.

See appendix -b

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th February 2010 circulated in advance.

These were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters;

a) Approve payment; P Denley, Jubilee Ptn. £150 - Agreed

b) Note clerk's delegated payment; R Thomas – Parish Lengthsman Jan-Feb £572+vat - £672.10 - Noted

6. Planning Matters;

a) Note clerk's response; 10/00155/LBC, 10/00156/HOU, Garage – Hayley Cottage, Alfrick

'No comment' returned.

7. South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy - swjcs - review situation.

Councillors had attended the consultation and presentation at Leigh & Bransford Village Hall on Tuesday, 2nd March. Subsequently Cllr P Tebbit had produced a discussion document, circulated in advance, and this was the subject of a detailed debate. In general the main points of the document were agreed.

Further it was agreed that Cllr Tebbit would make some small alterations and send the revised document to the clerk for circulation to members before a final acceptance would be confirmed. The clerk would then be sent to the Head of MHDC Development with a copy of the Council's Parish Design Statement.

The clerk would produce a summary for inclusion in the Spring Newsletter – (Agenda item, April meeting)

8. As Trustees of the Old Storridge Allotments Charity review the policy on donations from the fund.

It was agreed that the most suitable uses of this fund would be where 'matching funds' were available from governmental or charitable organisations.

The clerk was asked to investigate various possibilities such as the renovation of the Tennis Court and improvements to the Playing Field.

9. Consider response to WCC Parish Paths Office – Paths Work 2010-11

Following a discussion and report from the Parish Paths Warden Cll G Lowe it was agreed that as most of the work offered by WCC Countryside would be based on volunteer groups whose availability could not be guaranteed and as there were few substantial items requiring attention the council would not participate in the scheme in the coming year but look to funding individual items of work from the council's funds.

The clerk would advise the WCC Countryside Officer accordingly.

10. Clerk's Report -

a) Report and actions from the previous meeting,

i.) The Cricket Club and Playing Field use.

The clerk reported that he had talked to Peter Randall of the Swan Alfrick Cricket Club - they are not closing down - but intend to play elsewhere if the Playing Field remains as wet as it has done for the past three years. The PC will then have to mow the field to keep it in good order for casual use at some expense. He suggested that the council reconsiders re-cutting the ditches to keep the field dry. *He was asked to obtain a professional survey of the field so that the council could consider a long-term approach to its maintenance*

ii.) Hedge at Chapel Meadow.

The clerk was asked to write to Elgar Housing expressing the council's appreciation of the recent work of replanting this hedge.

iii.) As the Village Hall is out of use he suggested that as there was no other suitable location for a Parish Meeting in May that this be deferred to September when the hall would again be available. Agreed

b) Correspondence;

He drew members' attention to the following:

HSBC Current Acc. £5000

Lloyds Bank Current Acc. £4435.33

WCC Greenspace Team Introduction

MHDC Annual Request – Rough Sleepers' Return

11. Items for the next meeting.

a) South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy – agree summary for the Newsletter. (see Item 7 above)

b) Approve the Spring Newsletter

c) Approve the accounts for 2009-10 in advance of submission to the auditor.

12. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

April 13th 2010 at 19.30 in the Village Hall, Knightwick. (*Note one week in advance of the usual 3rd Tuesday*)

The meeting closed at 9:50pm

e. H. Williams

Chairman 13/4/2010

