

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held at 19:30hrs on Thursday 11th February 2021. Under the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, the meeting was held electronically using ZOOM software. Councillors and members of the public were advised of access arrangements in advance.

Present: Chair: Cllr B Martin

Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, R Ashton, T Clarke, G Lowe, A Crockford, G G Messervy-Whiting, E Mutter.

Dist. Cllr P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk).

Visitors: Three parishioners.

The meeting had been called by the Chair to resolve the details of the council's application for section 106 funding from MHDC for the installation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the council's playing field.

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence - None

2. **Members' Declarations of Interest** - None

3.

Approve the construction of a Multi-Purpose-Games-Area and associated access pathway on the Playing Field at a cost of £56,032+vat. The funding ex-vat being from the council's Section 106 allocation held by Malvern Hills District Council.

Cllr R Ashton had circulated a detailed costing for the various aspects of the project – see appendix - a

Opening the discussion the Chair asked for contributions from the attending parishioners.

These can be summarised as a need to retain cricket facilities – nets and field (if possible) and retaining a reasonable-sized football pitch. There was also some questioning of the general need for a MUGA and as to how well residents had been informed of the proposals.

Councillors discussed the possibility of achieving these ends by re-siting the cricket nets and removing the old skateboard hard-standing – at additional cost.

It was noted that the installation of the MUGA in the proposed location would prevent the playing field being used for cricket.

Discussion moved to how the need for the MUGA facilities; tennis, basketball and five-a-side football, to be 'free and open to all at all times (S106 requirements)' could be achieved. Matters such as reservation by organised groups in advance versus 'first come first served' arrangements were raised.

The need to have operational systems in place before expenditure was committed was raised as was a more defined input from organised groups (tennis and cricket).

At 21:30 hrs the clerk advised the Chair that under Standing Order 3 (v) the meeting was out of time.

In the absence of a proposal the Chair adjourned the meeting to a later time pending the collection of further information as raised in discussion.

The remaining agenda items were left on the table. Viz; 4. Allocate responsibility for day-to-day monitoring of the project. 5. Allocate responsibility for establishing a Playing Field Management Committee and its terms of reference for the facility once installed.

The meeting closed at 21:32hrs

Minutes confirmed.....