

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th November 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley,

Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, G Lowe, P Tebbit, G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies; S V Glazzard, R Jackson, C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor).

Visitors: Dr D Bradley Parish Tree Warden.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; (see appendix -a) None

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies for absence from Cllrs: S V Glazzard , R Jackson, were accepted.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest.

Cllr B Fishwick declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (b

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

See appendix -a

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st September.

There was an error in agenda item 1 The clerk would correct this and submit the revised minutes to the next meeting.

5. Financial Matters;

a) Confirm the Council Budget 2010-11 prior to formal confirmation of the Precept at the January meeting.

This was agreed – see appendix -b

b) Consider supporting the Village Hall Committee – Copy letter circulated in advance.

Members were advised that the Village Hall Committee could receive a grant of £14,445 towards further improvements to the hall if it made an additional contribution of £2,000 within the next month. (Work must be completed before the end of January and paid for in advance.)

The council considered that this opportunity should not be missed and agreed that in pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, it would be reasonable to grant up to £2000 to enable this work to start.

A cheque for £2000 was agreed immediately with the final amount to be resolved when other contributions had been received.

6. Planning Matters;

Planning Matters; Consider responses to the following:

- a) 10/01363/LBC Revision – Barn Conversion, Charlton House, Lulsley. 'No Comment' agreed.
- b) 10/01349/CPU Application - Lawful Devt. Ravenhall Farm. Lulsley. 'No Comment' agreed.

7. Consider the future of Village Facilities and possibilities for support or intervention.

After a wide-ranging discussion on ways to improve local facilities the clerk was asked to contact other communities where local action had been successful and report to the January meeting.

8. Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from previous meetings:

War Memorial;

He was still seeking competitive quotations for the replacement of the defective paving with similar materials

Responses to questions in the Autumn Newsletter;

Broadband;

He had received some ten enquiries regarding improved broadband facilities, this did not seem enough to justify a high-speed land-line when mobile phone links were available but he would check on likely costs and report at the next meeting.

Local Emergency Help;

Two parishioners had indicated an interest in having an emergency help facility in the parish. He would contact them to see what could be done.

b) Correspondence & Publications Received

He drew members' attention to the following:

WCC	Lengthsman budget - £3413
WCC	Waste Core Strategy
SWDP	Progress on SWDP
WCC	Countryside Training Courses
WCC	Prioritising Footpath Maintenance
Lloyds TSB	Current Acct £6984.02

He had also received requests for help over the use of the land opposite Upper House where stables were being constructed. He would contact MHDC Development Control asking for the council to be reassured that activities at this site were consistent with the developments allowed following a number of applications and appeals.

9. Items for the next meeting.

a) Formal approval of the 2011-12 Precept.

b) Clerk's report on Village Facilities elsewhere.

c) Approve the Council's Winter Newsletter – to be circulated in advance.

11. Confirm the date of the next Meeting,

18/01/2011 at 19:30 in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

C. H. Williams

Chairman.....

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