

**Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2023 at 19:00hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

**Present:** Cllr N. Catlow, Chair

Cllr T. Clarke V. Chair, Cllr G. Lowe, Cllr R. A. Ashton, Cllr S V Glazzard, Cllr G. Messervy-Whiting, Cllr B. Prodger, Cllr P J Hayward

District Cllr P. Whatley, R. Timney (Clerk)

**Public questions and comments made prior to meeting.**

**Cllr Whatley;** Planning department staff shortages continue, local blocked gulleys have been reported.

**Cllr Hanks;** A “call when you need it” bus services being launched in Worcestershire and significant budget difficulties at the County Council. Footpaths in Clay green to be repaired before April 2024.

**Alfrick Village Hall.** Leases and letters of understanding between the PC and the vh will be signed shortly.

**Community Shop.** Donated £1000 for the bus stop project.

**Sue Cunliffe** made a short presentation about the Himalayan Balsam in local streams. An invasive non indigenous plant that a local group wants to remove.

**Bill Cunliffe** attended to talk about the bus stop project and works done to tidy and place plants around it.

**Tree Warden,** Simon Warr, submitted apologies.

**The formal meeting commenced at 19:27 hrs**

**4. Apologies for Absence.** Cllr R. Head,

**2. Members’ Declarations of Interest.** Cllr S V Glazzard declared a membership of The Trail Riders Federation on the green lanes matter.

**3. Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held 12/10/23. (Circulated in advance) Approved**

**4. Financial Matters**

**a) Confirm income and expenditure (circulated in advance) to 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2023.**

**Approved**

Clerk	30/10/2023	Salary SO	£269.82
Kompan	24/10/2023	Play area inspection	£120.84
HMRC	20/10/2023	PAYE for Q2	£67.40
Greenwaste Recycling	20/10/2023	Alfrick Bus stop base	£2670

Note the following **income**.

**Noted**

MHDC	19/10/2023	Cllr Rouse bus stop support	£100
MHDC	13/10/2023	Cllr Whatley bus stop support	£100

**Current balance at bank £ 33,065.81**

A budget committee was established to meet on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Approved**

**5. Planning and Environmental Matters**

**Review of local village plan.**

The five principals were thoughts good but that more consideration should be put on sustainability, resources and local conditions. Cllr Glazzard to draft a revision of the 2015 document.

**Noted the following planning decisions at MHDC.**

M/23/01161/FUL - 13 Clay Green Alfrick Worcester WR6 5HJ – application refused

M/22/01034/OUT - Swan Cottage Alfrick Worcester WR6 5HY – application approved

M/23/00893/FUL Land at (OS 7448 5213)Alfrick Pound Alfrick – application withdrawn

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## **6. Alfrick and Alfrick Pound Bus Stops Update.**

**Alfrick bus shelter** should be in place before Christmas. The council is grateful to Cllrs Rouse, Whatley and Hanks for their financial contributions to this project and to the Community Shop for its £1000 contribution.

**Alfrick Pound bus shelter** maintenance works out for tender with local providers.

## **7. Frequency of Parish Council meetings**

Cllrs agreed to meet every two months – excluding August and December with additional meetings as required.

## **8. Tennis court project**

Section 106 funding application was successful – providing nearly £81k towards the tennis court project.

Councillors agreed to action the project with all speed.

## **9. Highways and Flooding**

- a) Cllrs agreed to provide a village shop and website notice about reporting flooding issues on the County Council's online reporting portal.
- b) Green lanes discussion to go to next meeting allowing more time for public contributions.

## **10. Future of the skatepark – prices being sought for consideration of next step.**

## **11. Clerk's Report**

**Goalpost repairs** are not possible as the model is discontinued. Cllrs will seek new goal posts using funding from the Old StorrIDGE Recreation Fund.

**Website costs** may need to be included in next year's budget as the County Council provision might be withdrawn. Early indications look like a cost of £270 to establish plus £10 per month for e mails and administration.

## **12. Play area sign and site monitoring**

- a) **A new sign**, with up to date contact details will be considered by cllrs at a later meeting.
- b) **Monitoring** of the play area equipment via an online app to be coordinated by the Clerk and circulated to participating councillors.

## **13. Items for the next meeting.**

Skatepark, Alfrick Pound Bus stop, tennis court update, budget setting for 2024/25, AONB contribution.

## **14. Confirm the date of the next meeting.** Budget meeting 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024, PC meeting 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024.