

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 18th January
2024 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, Cllr R. Head.

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

Public questions and comments made prior to meeting.

Cllr Whatley; Neighbourhood Plans will become more important but the requirement for more housing will persist. Boundary Review had proposed more rural areas to be joined to Malvern Link in a new County Council seat – the consultation period still open.

Cllr Hanks; Sent apologies and a report via e mail.

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

Bill Cunliffe sent his apologies and a note about damage to grass around the war memorial.

Tree Warden, Simon Warr, confirmed that the fallen tree in the Spinney would be cleared shortly and that he would, with the help of the Chair, help organize working parties to tidy the Spinney in the spring.

Rob Wilkes. Lengthsman. Reported on matters around the village.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:17 hrs

4. Apologies for Absence.

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 09/11/23. (Circulated in advance) Approved

4. Financial Matters

Noted the following **payments** made under the delegated actions procedure;

Clerk	28 nov 2023		£269.82
HMRC	11 dec 2023		67.40
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RJC Landscaping	5 Jan 2024	Bus stop structure	£7020
Carolyn B	11 Jan 2024	Payroll service	£50
Kompan	11 Jan 2024	Playground inspection	120.84

Note the following **income**.

M and G charity	15 Dec 2023	Account dividend	£60.20
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Current balance at bank £ 25,328.13

To report budget meeting and settle precept request.

Proposal for precept request of £14,175 for 2024/25 from £13,500 2023/24

APPROVED

5. Planning and Environmental Matters

a) Review of local village plan.

Cllr Glazzard has started the review of the 2015 document and proposed that the PC look at the potential for creating a formal Neighbourhood Plan.

b) Planning Applications for comment

a. **M/23/01690/CLE**. Location: Bowton Cottage, Millham Lane, Alfrick, Worcester, WR6 5HS
Description of Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of a Single Residential Principal Dwelling House with parking, garden and amenity land. **NO OBJECTION**

b. **M/23/01593/HP**. Location: Upper Norgrove, Yarrington Road, Alfrick, Worcester, WR6 5EX
Description of Proposal: Extension to existing garage and provision of roof lights **NO OBJECTION**

6. Alfrick and Alfrick Pound Bus Stops Update.

Alfrick bus shelter is completed. 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.

The PC will look to install a mirror at the bus stop to allow people in the bus stop to see if a bus is approaching.

The Clerk to approach the Community Shop to thank them for their support and to ask them for a design for an A3 sign for the bus stop.

Alfrick Pound bus shelter - Councillors are still seeking quotes for the maintenance works to the bus shelter and expect works to start in the Spring.

7. Tennis court project

Details of the lease are being finalized by solicitors. The PC have been told that it will be completed shortly but too much delay will present some risks to pricing and project timings.

8. Highways and Flooding

Cllrs want to encourage everyone to report blocked gulleys and highways issues on the County Council's Highways online reporting portal. <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/tell-us-about-road-highway-or-travel-route-issue>

Green lanes. Cllr Glazzard updated cllrs about meeting with PC Stanley at Sandy Lane about this issue. The PC advised to approach the matter as one of Anti Social Behaviour rather than a traffic matter and recommended contact with the Community Safety Team in Malvern. Cllr Glazzard will progress and report back.

9. Future of the skatepark – prices being sought for removing a 10m strip of the current hard standing that is too close to the football pitch area.

10. Clerk's Report

Report of blocked footpath at Alfrick Pound – passed to footpath warden and updated by the local resident. The blockages have been removed and reduced.

Request for attention to the play area to make it more usable in wet weather and with a suggestion for a zebra crossing at the shop. Chair to reply to enquiry.

Article for The Sphere about the Alfrick Bus Stop by Bill Cunliffe and a request for grass around the war memorial to be repaired. The Lengthsman will carry out repairs.

11. Spinney Working Party and Litter Task Force.

a) **The Spinney.** The Tree Warden will work with the Chair to arrange a working party in the spring but before the nesting season starts.

b) **Litter Task Force.** Councillors are asked to keep litter issues under observation.

12. Items for the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan discussion.

Skatepark contract

Posted Newsletter

AONB contribution.

Bus stop sign and mirror.

13. Confirm the date of the next meeting. 21st March 2024.

Meeting closed at 20.31