

Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Thursday 12th Sept 2024. Alfrick Village Hall at 19:00hrs

Present: Cllr N. Catlow, Chair, Cllr T. Clarke, Ir G. Lowe, Cllr R. Ashton, Cllr S V Glazzard, Cllr G. Messervy-Whiting, Cllr B. Prodger, Cllr P J Hayward, Cllr P Whately. R. Timney (Clerk)

Public Question Time and reports prior to the formal meeting.

County and District Cllrs, Footpaths and Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop, Knightwick Patient Group. Questions were asked about parking in Clay Green and the footpath behind the bus stop in Alfrick. Clerk to follow up with Housing Association.

Cllr Hanks submitted a request for a meeting with a mobile provider seeking a new mast site to improve coverage in the village. Cllrs agreed to meet the contractor.

The steps at the tennis court/road have been cleaned up and hand rails installed by the village hall committee.

Cllr Whatley confirmed £350 for cricket club nets. He briefed the Parish Council on emerging national planning changes.

The Council were pleased to hear the Autumn Show had gone well despite poor weather.

1. **Members' Apologies** Dist Cllr S. Rouse, County Cllr K. Hanks. Cllr R Head. No new declarations of interest

2. **Confirmation of the minutes** of the meetings held on 18th July 2024 **Approved**

3. Financial Matters;

Alfrick and Lulsley Finance Report - Income and Expenditure since July 18th 2024 to Sept 6th 2024

Payments for noting and approving.

Expenditure

Date	To whom	For what	Amount
22 July 2024	HMRC	PAYE	72.60
22 July 2024	R A Wilks	Lengthsman	216.00
22 July 2024	Coppice Creations	Planter / Bench	2030.00
22 July 2024	Coppice Creations	Additional bench	645.00
23 July 2024	Coppice Creations	Upper House Junction Bench	645.00
29 July 2024	Clerk	Salary	290.62
31 July 2024	Kompan Ltd	Play Area inspections	120.84
28 Aug 2024	Clerk	Salary	290.62
04 Sep 2024	Grimshaw Kinnear	Tennis Court construction	16,794.85
04 Sep 2024	PBS	Play area sign	66.00
20 Aug 2024	Lloyds service charge	Savings account charge	0.37

Income

Date	From	Amount
23 July 2024	WCC	240.00
23 July 2024	HMRC (vat)	2348.21
30 Aug 2024	M and G Charity income	44.08
30 Aug 2024	WCC/Cllr Hanks fund	500.00
9 Aug 2024	Lloyds Savings AC interest	7.91

Bank Balance Treasurers Account **£ 45,962.52**

Bank Balance Instant Access AC **£ 8009.82**

Total £ 53,972.34

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3. b) Cricket Club Rental of steel container boxes. £26 per six months .. last paid up to Oct 2022. £78 due invoice to be issued via the Chairman.
4. **Planning and Environmental Matters;**
a) A Briefing on new government planning policies was received.
b) To note approval of M/24/00862/HP - The Mill House, Bridges Stone, Alfrick.
c) To note no comment made on M/24/01016/HP, 4 St Marys Crescent, Alfrick
d) To note no comment made on M/24/01171/FUL. Knapp Farm, Bridges Stone, Alfrick,
5. **Alfrick Pound Bus Stop Repairs.** The PC is pleased to have secured the revamp thanks to the works of a local contractor.
6. **Tennis court** project. Cllr Ashton submitted a report. The dreaded weed is vanquished. The surfacing works are now complete. Markings and the curing of the surface is to follow. Surrounding works will be completed shortly.
The village hall is to be asked to contribute to the upgrading of the manhole at the rear of the tennis court to allow more parking and to allow a knee high fence to be erected to demark the parking area.
The contractor, Grimshaw Kinnear, is thanked for their efforts to clear the gate into the playing field prior to the autumn show.
7. **Highways/ Flooding/Footpaths**
Green Lanes disruption seems to be remaining subdued following police action and orders being put in place.
8. **Reduction of “skatepark.” Area** in playing field. The PC is seeking to carry out works to the carpark area of the tennis court using spoil from any removal of material from the “skatepark” area thanks to an idea from MCB. The PC will wait for further developments with this idea.
9. **Clerk's Report**
War Memorial base repairs will be inspected by a stone mason on 15th September and a report drawn up on options for repairs.

The Alfrick bus stop sign quotes came in and the option for an aluminium sign from Signs Central was approved.

The AGAR independent audit is completed and approved. The only note was that the Old Storridge Recreational Allotment Charity has its own bank account and that interest from the investments of its funds should not come to the PC with out it being treated as a grant. The Council, as trustee, will consider its options after the PC meeting in November. **Noted**
10. **Items for the next meeting**
Spinney signage and plaque
Leigh Scouts potential for works to maintain the Spinney.
11. **Confirm date of next meeting.** 14th November 2024. **Approved**

Meeting closed 20.42

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