

# Minutes of meeting of the Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Alfrick Village Hall at 19:00hrs

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

**Public Question Time and reports prior to the formal meeting.**

1. **Members' Apologies and Declarations of Interests** **None notified.**

2. **Confirmation of the minutes** of the meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 **Approved**

3. **Financial Matters;**

**a) Income and Expenditure since 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025**

### **Expenditure**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>To whom</b>      | <b>For what</b>        | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 3/1/2025    | HMRC                | PAYE                   | 72.60         |
| 3/1/2025    | A and L VH          | Room hire              | 86.50         |
| 3/1/2025    | A and L VH          | Room Hire              | 60.00         |
| 28/1/2025   | RT                  | Clerk salary           | 290.62        |
| 29/1/2025   | RT (Bradforads Ltd) | Planter fill materials | 551.93        |
| 7/2/2025    | R A Wilks           | LM Oct / Nov           | 504.00        |
| 7/2/2025    | HMRC                | PAYE                   | 72.80         |
| 7/2/2025    | Carolyn Baker       | Payroll to Oct         | 37.50         |
| 7/2/2025    | Tim Clingan         | Planter filling        | 115.00        |
| 7/2/2025    | A and L VH          | Room Hire              | 56.00         |
| 13/2/2025   | Carolyn Baker       | Payroll to Jan         | 37.50         |
| 28/2/2025   | RT                  | Clerk salary           | 290.62        |

### **Income**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>From whom</b>     | <b>For what</b>         | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 21/1/2025   | Mr and Mrs Martin    | Bench donation          | 537.50        |
| 4/2/2025    | WCC                  | LM                      | 510.00        |
| 9/1/2025    | Lloyds               | Savings interest        | 6.83          |
| 9/2/2025    | Lloyds               | Savings interest        | 7.05          |
|             |                      |                         |               |
| 28/2/2025   | M and G Charity Dist | Charity Dividend        | 30.10         |
| 3/3/2025    | M and G funds        | Return of charity funds | 3293.63       |

### **Bank balances 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Treasurers account **£ 15,951.72**

Instant access account **£ 8,050.50 ....** (excluding estimated £7.05 to be added on 9 March)

**Approved**

### **Payments for approval**

b) 2024 – 2025 Clerks expenses @ £16 per month as per budget - £192 total.

**Approved**

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#### 4. Planning and Environmental Matters;

- a) to note approval of M/24/01495/HP - Hill Orchard, Lulsley, WR6 5QP **NOTED**
- b) to note appeal rejected APP/J1860/W/24/3348480: 13 Clay Green, WR6 5HJ **NOTED**
- c) to note rejection of M/23/00454/CU - Forge Cottage, Alfrick Pound, WR6 5HA **NOTED**
- d) to note approval of side extension - 3 Upper Houses, Alfrick, WR6 5ES **NOTED**
- e) To receive a report about a new woodland planned for Alfrick Pound.

A number of residents attended to hear the presentation by Prime PLC about their plans for a carbon offset woodland in Alfrick Pound. Residents were concerned about the inclusion of conifers in the woodland and that the conifers were to be planted in a single block. Prime's woodland consultants explained that the mix would be similar to that in the area and that block planting enabled the easier harvesting of the softwood crop – which they said was important to fund the environmental management of the site in the coming years.

Prime will be modifying their plans and will be adding details like bat and owl boxes and badger gates around the site and enabling public access through the woodland. They will liaise further with the local group about the plans. **NOTED**

- f) Report on removal of trees at Millham Lane for use as builders yard. Councillors heard that the details of the proposal were unclear but that following MHDC planning officer advice it is thought that planning permission would be required for any change of use of the land. However, removing the trees was not against regulations. **NOTED**

#### 5. Highways and flooding

- a) To discuss local flooding in recent weeks. **Cllrs noted that repairs to stop flooding on the Alfrick/Knightwick Road would be delayed until the area had dried out.**

b) To note the approval of the new footpath route AK-536 behind the Spinney. Councillors noted that the Spinney is a local asset, established for the people of Alfrick. The Parish Council does not own the access footpath leading to the Spinney – the path is owned by and is the responsibility of the house to the right of the path. The owner must ensure the path is passable and does not restrict access of the public to the Spinney. As such the **Council resolved to write a letter to the owner to ask that the sign erected by the owner be removed as it deters use of the path.**

#### 6. Reduction of “skatepark.” Area in playing field – awarding of contract to MCB **Approved pending section 106 funding approval.**

#### 7. Clerk's Report - Correspondence received and Actions from the previous meeting.

- a) Visit by MHDC tree specialist to the Spinney and playing field area. The trees in the Spinney are healthy and the undergrowth is a valuable wildlife resource. Management could include encouraging saplings but to maintain control at the boundaries. Other trees around the playing field were examined and were in reasonable shape.
- b) Filling of the large planter. Clerk to approach Laylocks for advice.
- c) Platform Housing contact made about Clay Green footpath pothole and the repair has been marked with bright paint.
- d) Cricket ground pitch management – PC to seek costings for weed and feed and grass management.
- e) The PC were asked for their nomination to the village hall committee.  
Cllr S Glazzard **approved**

8. **Consideration of awarding Lengthsman contract.** Cllrs resolved to continue with Rob Wilkes but to encourage others to undertake lengthman training with the County Council.
9. **Consideration of paying for the mowing of the Lulsley Churchyard.** Cllrs heard that the that the PCC were seeking support to mow the grass in the Lulsley Churchyard. Although no official approach has been made by the PCC the Chairman will write to them.
10. **Items for the next meeting –**  
Lengthsman's duties throughout the year.
11. **Confirm date of next meeting.** The next meeting will be the annual meeting of the Parish Council.  
To be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**17/2023-24**