

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 17th February 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley

Messrs; P Brown, B Fishwick, R Jackson, G Lowe, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor),

A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies:

S V Glazzard, Cllr D Hughes (District Councillor),

Visitors: Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting:

appendix -a - None

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence from members.

The apology from Cllr S V Glazzard was accepted.

The chairman stated that Cllr Dr B Roscoe had spoken to her and resigned from the council. A vacancy for a councillor was declared and the clerk would initiate the procedure to fill the vacancy on the following day.

2. Members' declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

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

Reports; County and District Councillors, Parish Paths Warden, Parish Tree Warden, Village Hall Committee Member; See appendix - b

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2009 circulated in advance.

These were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters:

Confirm payment - D Bradley, Tree Warden's expenses - £10.54 Agreed.

6. Planning Matters; Consider responses to;

- a) 09/00045/FUL Remove disused masonry from bridge abutment, Station House, Lulsley - No objection, it was suggested that the revised surfaces are planted with environmentally appropriate vegetation. As this work is likely to cause a road closure the time to complete this should be kept to a minimum.
- b) 08/01960/FUL Revision - Mousehole Farm - 'No Comment'
- c) 09/00119/FUL Access to Stables opposite Upper House, Alfrick - after a discussion the following as agreed; 'The application seeks retrospective consent for the construction of an access track to a proposed stable block which was granted permission under Application Number 07/00602. That permission was subject to a number of conditions no. 9 of which requires that, prior to the use of the approved development, the existing vehicular access on to the Upper House crossroads shall be permanently closed. The current application makes no reference to an intent to close this access and, indeed, the works already carried out appear to have further facilitated the ability for vehicles to use this entrance. The road safety issues cited in support of the original condition remain relevant and any consent granted to this new application should include the same condition requiring closure of this gateway. The ramp to the gateway to be closed should be replanted such that the surface returns to the original condition the intention being that debris, gravel etc will not be washed into the crossroads during heavy rain as at present.'
- d) 09/00110/FUL Conservatory at 2 Old Police Station, Stocks Lane, Alfrick, - 'No Comment'

7. Sphere Taxi Project; Cllr C Williams

Cllr Mrs C Williams reported that the management committee met on 22nd January and agreed that the project would end in April when the existing funding ran out.

8. Consider the implications of LGA 2000-The Power of the Promotion of Economic, Social or Environmental

Well Being; (For clerk's notes see appendix -c)

After a discussion it was agreed that these proposed powers were unlikely to be of use to small parish councils but might be considered in the future if joint inter-parish projects were proposed.

9. Freedom of Information Publication Scheme - confirm notice - circulated in advance

(For notice see appendix -d)

This was agreed. The clerk would post these on the council's notice boards and websites. It was agreed that the charge for providing paper copies of information for the time being would range between a minimum of £2 and a maximum of £5 at the clerk's discretion.

10. Clerk's Report and Correspondence Received; circulated in advance -

The clerk reported that letters relating to items from the January meeting viz; 9.Report; The MHDC consultation on 'Affordable Housing' and 12. Playing Field drainage, had been sent.

He reported on the security of the council's bank account raised under item 14 in the minutes of the last meeting; The Financial Services Authority had advised that as a local government authority a parish council would not be covered by the FSA's £50,000 cover for private accounts in the event of a bank liquidation or nationalisation. (For the FSA's advice see appendix -e)

After a discussion the following was agreed unanimously;

'That the clerk be instructed to open an additional account at HSBC in the name of the parish council and to transfer £5000 into it as soon as possible.' (Signatories to be Cllrs P Brown and G Lowe as for the Lloyds account)

The clerk drew the members' attention to the following

From	Subject
WCC	Website Training
WCC	Footpaths Funding
MHDC	Re-Confirmation of TPO Ravenhill Wood
MH AONB	Agenda, Minutes etc
WCC	Closure - Stocks Lane

He would be attending the website training event on 23rd February; progress was being made in establishing the parish council's input to the WCC Parishes website but there were some changes that needed to be made to ease the loading of documents and he would be pursuing these at that meeting.

The diversion via Blackhouse Lane when the closure of Stocks Lane was implemented was considered unsuitable and he would write to the WCC Highways Department suggesting a change of route.

11. Items for the next meeting.

Clerk to report on bank account security

Parish Design Statement; final draft.

12. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - Tuesday 17th March 2009

The meeting ended at 9.07pm

Chairman