

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th February 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley,

Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, G Lowe, P Tebbit,
D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies; Cllr R Jackson, C Smith (County Councillor)

Visitors: Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), Two parishioners.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; (see appendix -a)

The formal meeting began at 7.45pm.

1. Members' Apologies for absence

The apology for absence from Cllr R Jackson, was accepted.

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, Village Hall Representative.

See appendix -b

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2011

These had been circulated in advance , they were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters;

None

6. Planning Matters;

None

7. Consider the future of Village Facilities and possibilities for support or intervention.

Cllrs S Glazzard and P Tebbit had met the owners of Alfrick Stores and Post Office and circulated a confidential report on the prospects for the sale of the business. They elaborated on their report and the council had a substantial and wide-ranging discussion on possible ways in which the change of ownership could be assisted and prospective purchasers supported in taking over the business. The clerk advised on the limits in the powers of Parish Council as to what could be done financially in this matter.

It was agreed that it was necessary to explain the council's position to parishioners and it was decided that a public meeting would be called on Saturday 12th March. In advance of this Cllrs Glazzard and Tebbit would prepare a questionnaire to be circulated. The clerk was asked to arrange these matters as soon as possible.

8. Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meeting:

The clerk reported that all accounts approved at the January meeting had been paid but he was still waiting for the cheque from Abbey National Savings acct. for the Old Storrige Charity to arrive.

b) Correspondence & Publications Received

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items of correspondence.

- MHDC Footpath Order – Broad Dingle etc
- WCC Proposals for reducing Bus Services
- WCC Roadworks on A44 Bridge at Knightwick
- WCC Waste Core Strategy – Development
- WCC Additional Budget Consultations

9. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Consider the future of Village Facilities etc.

10. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

15/03/2011 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman.....