

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 19th June 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs C Williams

Cllrs; Miss L Randall, Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, B Martin, G Lowe, P Tebbit, G M Brewin (Clerk), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

Apologies; Cllr S V Glazzard, Cllr C Smith (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor),

Visitors – Mr T Duffy, Painscastle, Folly Road.

Public Questions prior to the formal meeting see appendix a;

The formal meeting began at 7.50pm

AGENDA

1. Members' Apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr S Glazzard was accepted

2. Members' Declarations of Interest.

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

3. Reports; County & District Cllrs, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop.

see appendix b

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2012

These had been circulated in advance. They were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters; Approve the following payments:

- a) L Cotterill – Internal Audit 2011-12 - £60 inc vat - Approved
- b) WCALC - Clerk's Training – Localism £30.00 - Approved
- c) Cllr P Tebbit – Travelling exp. - £14.50 - Approved
- d) Lengthsman's acct – £638.40 inc vat - Approved

6. Planning Matters; Note the following Delegated Response;

a) Application no. 12/00674/HOU - Log House and Biomass boiler – Lower Norgrove.

'As this is similar to one the council supported earlier which the council endorsed it has no further comment to make.'

Noted

7. Confirm the council's annual risk assessment of 15th May 2012

This had been circulated in advance. It were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman. See appendix – c

8. New Code of Conduct

This council resolves:

- a) To adopt the Worcestershire model code of conduct with effect from 1st July, and to delegate to the clerk the ability to amend the document as needed when a final version is made available.
- b) To delegate to the clerk the ability to make any changes needed to standing orders to allow the council to comply with procedural changes resulting from adopting the new code.
- c) That council members will register interests with the district council as soon as the regulations specifying them are published.

Agreed unanimously.

9. Informal Planning Group;

Report on the Public Meeting on 30th May, the development of a neighbourhood plan and establishment of a formal committee of the council to process this.

It was agreed to proceed to the formal establishment of a committee to process and produce a Neighbourhood Plan. There was a need to find five parishioners to join the five councillors currently involved and the clerk would draw up draft letters of invitation to those who had shown an interest in this.

10. Heating Oil Syndicate;

Cllr P Tebbit reported that he had attended a meeting at MHDC with representatives from neighbouring parishes and, based on the information he had gathered, would be contacting those who had expressed an interest in a purchasing syndicate with a view to establishing a working group who would take up the project.

11. Broadband Facilities in the Parish

The clerk reported that he had studied the details of the schemes for funding support by WCC these were inappropriate for a small parish and he could not recommend taking up these proposals. He would continue to press WCC to either, propose financial help to individuals, as some local authorities are doing, or put pressure on the provider (BT) to improve the performance of the line from the Leigh Sinton exchange.

12. Clerk's Report - a) Actions from the previous meeting: b) Correspondence Received

a) The clerk reported that he had attended a briefing session on the Localism Act given by WCALC and he would be preparing the additional item (sect 7) of the Clerk's Portfolio to enable the council to acquire the 'General Power of Competence' under the Localism Act.

He was working to establish the registration of the council under the PAYE scheme but was being hampered by the slowness of the bureaucracy involved.

b) The clerk drew members' attention to the information being provided by WCALC on the new Code of Conduct for members and the rules for declaring pecuniary interests. He would keep members informed as the final details emerged.

13. Items for the next meeting.

Approve Summer Newsletter
Membership of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee
Oil syndicate – Update
Broadband – Update

14. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

17/07/2012 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman...

17/7/2012