

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 17th July 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),

Apologies; Cllr C Smith (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

Visitors – None

Public Questions prior to the formal meeting see appendix a;

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm

Resignation of Cllr S Glazzard

The chairman advised the meeting that she had received a letter of resignation from Cllr S V Glazzard stating that 'I am not willing to list details of those assets and investments I hold which may, or rather more likely, may not give rise to a conflict of interest at some point in the future. With it becoming a criminal offence not to declare a DPI and substantial fines for non compliance I have little choice but to resign from the Parish Council.'

The clerk was asked to convey to Mr Glazzard the councils' regrets at his resignation and its appreciation for the contributions he had made.

The clerk was asked to issue the necessary 'Declaration of a Vacancy' and put in hand the process to fill the vacancy.

1. Members' Apologies for absence

All members were present.

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 19th June 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) Clerk's expenses April - June 2012; £205.04 - agreed

The clerk noted that;

£200 had been received from Leigh & Bransford Football club as a contribution towards the maintenance of the Playing Field.

The bank acct at 15th June was £13200

New invoices had been received for War Memorial planting - £111.60 and Lengthsman – £1050.00.

He asked for the council's approval to pay these as 'delegated actions' and formally note them at the next meeting.

Agreed

6. Planning Matters;

None

7. New Code of Conduct.

This council resolves:

a) To adopt the Worcestershire model code of conduct with effect from 1st July. (Circulated in advance)

b) To accept the revised Standing Orders to comply with procedural changes resulting from adopting the new code. (Circulated in advance)

c) That council members will register interests with the district council. (Registration form circulated in advance)

Resolved unanimously

For full details see appendices -c, d, e.

8. Parish Council Newsletter

a) Consider the proposal by Cllr B Fishwick

The council agreed that the inclusion of a Newsletter in the Sphere Magazine could be an effective way of distribution, which together with the email/web-page version and a supply at the Community Shop would ensure all residents were kept informed of the council's activities.

The clerk was asked to proceed with the Summer Newsletter in this form subject to the agreement of the Sphere Committee.

b) Confirm Content of Newsletter -

The following items would be incorporated;

Broadband, Oil Group, Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group, Status of website, Co-option to fill vacancy, Lengthsman's activities in recent bad weather.

9. Informal Planning Group;

It was agreed that this would remain an informal advisory group. The clerk was asked to proceed with invitations to participate as before with the intention for a first meeting of the expanded group in September.

10. Heating Oil Syndicate;

Cllr P Tebbit reported that a paper on the options available was being circulated to all who had expressed interest in this. The clerk was asked to send copies to councillors.

See appendix -f

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

a) Broadband – he had registered council's interest, there was a need for all to respond to the consultation by WCC on this.

b) Correspondence – key points were read to the council. There seemed little chance of the government relenting on the matter of a criminal offence of non-declaration.

c) Latest WCALC Updates – he drew members' attention to the consultation on a new audit procedure

d) Bench at Upper House cross-Roads – Mr L Stoddart had volunteered to renovate this with the council's agreement. (It was noted that ownership was unknown). It was agreed to support Mr Stoddart on the cost of this.

e) Lengthsman's work, drains and the situation at the Folly Road – Green Street junction were reported.

f) 'Power of Competence' – this was in hand.

The clerk drew members' attention to the latest editions of 'Clerks and Councils Direct 'and the 'NALC Journal'.

12. Items for the next meeting.

a) Extra funding for the Lengthsman due to exceptionally heavy rain.

b) Improvements to Sandy Lane at the Bridges Stone end.

c) Consider making 'Good Citizens' awards.

d) Continue the tradition of a Christmas Tree outside the Village Shop.

e) Formal confirmation that the website www.alfrickandlulsley.org is not a formal parish council website.

13. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

18th September 2012 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman.....

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