

## **Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

### **Present:**

Cllr Ms L Randall, Chair,

Mrs D Jammal, Mrs C Williams

Messrs: P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, G Lowe, B Martin, Cllr P Tuthill, (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

### **Apologies:**

Cllr D Lee, Cllr D Hughes (District Councillor),

**Visitors:** Alan J Soper - Chairman, Chris Liddell Secretary, Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop Ltd.

## **AGENDA**

### **1.**

#### **Members' Apologies for absence**

The apology from Cllr D Lee was accepted.

### **2.**

#### **Members' Declarations of Interest**

There were Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items from Cllrs A Cooper, B Fishwick, D Jamal - all with regard to the Developments at Chapel Meadow.

### **3.**

#### **Reports:**

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

Cllr P Tuthill (County Cllr.), briefed the council on the current situation at Worcs. County Council particularly the programme of expenditure reduction and also on the discretionary funds he had at his disposal for local projects.

Cllr A Warburton (District Cllr.) gave an overview of the cost-reduction operations at MHDC, the current proposals to reduce the number of subsidised Bus Services and the reorganisation of Fire and Rescue Services.

There were verbal reports from Cllr G Lowe, Parish Paths Warden, Dr D Bradley, Parish Tree Warden and Cllr B Fishwick, Village Hall representative.

Cllr B Martin, Community Shop representative, together with Alan J Soper - Chairman, Chris Liddell Secretary, Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop Ltd. presented the draft proposals for a permanent shop attached to the Village Hall.

In discussing these proposals it was generally agreed that a wider consultation with the whole parish was desirable and would be arranged in the New Year.

### **4.**

#### **Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 circulated in advance.**

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **5.**

#### **Financial Matters;**

a) Approve payment – A R Thomas Playing Field Maintenance June-Sept - £640.00+vat - £768.00

In agreeing to this payment it was noted that the costs of using this contractor had increased significantly in recent months and the clerk was asked to investigate and obtain quotations from other contractors for the next financial year.

b) Install Bird-Boxes in Jubilee Ptn, – T Smart, - £175.00

Not agreed.

c) Appoint an Advisory Group to recommend next year's precept.

Cllrs L Randall, P Brown and A Cooper would do this.

d) Skateboard Facilities – Decide on project and expenditure

In the absence of Cllr D Lee who was working on the details of this installation it was agreed in principle to go ahead, funded as follows: Alfrick and Lulsley Show Committee Donation, £250, Parish Council Youth Fund £500, Cllr P Tuthill Discretionary Fund £750, total £1500.

**6.**

**Planning and Environmental Matters;**

- a) Application No 13/01157/OUT - Development of 14 New Dwellings - Chapel Meadow, Alfrick  
Cllr Miss L Randall reported on discussions with MHDC Planning Officers and indicated that the key issue as far as Planning Approval was concerned was the need for an Hydrological Survey of the site to be made and this would need to be done before any further consideration of the application could be undertaken.
- b) Respond to 13/01390/FUL - Alfrick And Lulsley Community Shop, Clay Green, Renewal of Planning Permission 11/01164/FUL to allow the stationing of a portable cabin for the continued use as a village shop and post office.  
It was agreed to support this application.
- c) Respond to 13/01361/FUL - Lane End, Green Street , Lulsley, Replacement dwelling and garage.  
It was agreed to support this application.

**7.**

**Community Planning Advisory Group**

Cllr A Cooper reported on progress following the acceptance of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area by MHDC. Much of the detail to form the 'Plan' was available in the Parish Plan 2006 and Parish Design Statement 2011. There was a need to update these and the 'Group' would be conducting a door-to-door survey to collect responses. The next meeting of the group would be at 10am Dec 12<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall.

**8.**

**Approve Autumn Newsletter – Circulated in advance.**

The Draft was agreed subject to circulation of final details regarding the consultation on the New Community Shop.

**9.**

**Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meeting: Completed
  - b) Correspondence Received: Note – Bus services consultation
  - c) Items drawn to the council's attention:
  - d) Consider funding for Lengthsman to hire Drain-Clearing Equipment
- Members were asked to collect information on road drains that needed 'jetting' in order to identify a workload for a one-day visit from the Jetting Team.

**10.**

**Items for the next meeting.**

5 (c, 5 (d, 7, 9 (d, above.

**11.**

**Confirm the date of the next meeting; - 21/01/2014 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

*Minutes confirmed*

.....Chairman 21/01/2014