

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 18th February 2014 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Miss 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), D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies:

Cllrs D Lee.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None

Reports:

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

Cllr P Tuthill reported on matters to reduce expenditure by the County Council, staff reductions and reduced subsidies. He noted also the progress on the Worcester to Oxford railway improvement project.

Cllr A Warburton reported on the Development Control and five-year land supply problems at MHDC.

Cllr D Hughes reported on the progress of the Development of 14 New Dwellings - Chapel Meadow, Alfrick.

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

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr D Lee was accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2014 circulated in advance.

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

4.

Financial Matters;

a) Approve payment – Clerk's expenses Oct – Dec 2013, £212.83 – Approved.

b) Consider work to be subject to Competitive Tender 2014-15:

i) Playing Field Maintenance

The Clerk was asked to arrange for quotations for the next financial year to be available at the next meeting based on regular grass cutting monthly from April to September, additional cutting on specific request including cuttings picked up prior to the Annual Show, and yearly hedges and ditches maintenance.

ii) War Memorial Maintenance

The Clerk was asked to arrange for the War Memorial grass-cutting and planting to be rationalised to one contractor.

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

a) Cllr Miss L Randall to report on MHDC Northern Area Development Management Committee 5th Feb.

In reporting on the meeting Cllr Randall noted that the NADMC has required a further report before the project could proceed acknowledged and emphasized the support given by the District Councillors in preparing the council's presentation.

b) Further action ref Chapel Meadow Development.

It was agreed that none was required pending a response from the developer.

c) Consider a response to MHDC Draft Local List Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation.

It was agreed to support this.

d) Parish Design Statement -revised 2013. Consider revisions. (Cllr B Fishwick)

The revisions prepared by Cllr Fishwick were accepted. The Clerk was asked to print ten copies for use by the Neighbourhood Forum Advisory Group.

6.

Neighbourhood Forum Advisory Group

Cllr A Cooper reported on a meeting with MHDC officers and the preparation of the grant application form which was about 80% complete, and also the time-consuming details required. The Clerk advised on the Martley, Knightwick and Doddenham operation and would send details of the Consultation meeting to be held at Martley. (*Open Day – Saturday March 15th Martley Memorial Hall 11.00 – 3.00pm*)

7.

South Worcestershire Citizens Advice Bureau 'Community Champions' Project

SWCAB Representative Paula Kingston described the South Worcestershire Citizens Advice Bureau new initiative to develop community links by establishing 'Community Champions'? As part of a county-wide two year lottery-funded project, South Worcestershire CAB is aiming to increase access to advice services within rural communities. Councillors felt this was a very useful initiative and agreed to give as much publicity and support as possible. The Clerk was asked to work with the SWCAB on publicity via the council's newsletter and the Sphere magazine.

8.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meeting:
As the Skate board Project was not proceeding (ref meeting 21/01/14) it would be necessary to refund the two donations received supporting this. A cheque payable to Worcestershire County Council for £750 was issued and given to Cllr P Tuthill. This would be noted formally at the March meeting. Cllr Miss L Randall would discuss their donation with the 'Show' committee and ascertain the best method of refunding it.
- b) Correspondence Received
All significant items had been covered in the formal agenda.
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention.
The Clerk proposed that additional work could be done by the lengthsman before the end of the financial year. It was suggested that as well as drain clearance, Hill Road Lulsley and Old Storridge could be cleared of mud and alluvial debris. The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

9.

Items for the next meeting.

Ref 4. b) I, ii.), 6, 8 a) & c), above.

10.

Confirm the date of the next meeting; - 18/03/2014 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick. Confirmed

The meeting closed at 9:41pm.

Minutes Confirmed

.....Chairman 18/03/2014