

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th April 2014 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair,

Mrs C Williams,

Messrs: A G Cooper, G Lowe, B Martin, P Tuthill, (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk)

D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

Apologies:

Cllrs Mrs D Jammal, Messrs P Brown, B Fishwick, D Lee,

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

Miss C Turley and family discussed the need for a Children's Play Area on the Playing Field. Councillors were sympathetic towards this request but funding is a problem and would need to be worked on to make this viable.

Cllr D Hughes together with two directors of Greenlight Developments reported on the application to develop his land at Clay Green Farm

Acting as a member of the public Cllr B Fishwick reported on correspondence with the Minister for Communities and Local Government. (Cllr Fishwick tendered his apologies and left before the start of formal proceedings.)

Reports:

Cllr P Tuthill reported on matters to reduce expenditure by the County Council, staff reductions etc. 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.

The formal meeting commenced at 8:30pm

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies from Cllrs P Brown, B Fishwick, D Jammal and D Lee were accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

Cllrs A Cooper and B Fishwick declared interests in the Chapel Meadow Development.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2014 circulated in advance.

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

4.

Financial Matters;

a) Approve the Council's accounts 2013-4 circulated in advance. These were agreed – see appendix a

b) Approve the Council's Annual Report 2013-4 circulated in advance.

The clerk explained the governments new requirements for councils with less than £25000 expenditure per year.

It was agreed to accept this format for the Council's Annual Report 2013-4 and the governance documents were signed.

c) Confirm arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 13th May 2014

It was agreed as in previous years the council would meet the costs of refreshments at this meeting.

d) Formally note repayment of £250.00 cheque 000616 to A&L Horticultural Show Committee following cancellation of the Skateboard installation. - Noted

e) Approve payment – Clerk's expenses Jan – March 2014 - £470.35 - Approved

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

a) Note and if necessary respond to email from Cllr D Hughes – already circulated ref - Land at Clay Green Farm
It was agreed that a consultation and presentation could be made regarding this development at the Annual Parish

Meeting and the clerk could provide addresses to receive information about this prior to the meeting.

- b) Consider any further action ref Chapel Meadow Development.

It was agreed that no further actions were required at the present time.

6.

Neighbourhood Forum Advisory Group

Cllr A Cooper reported that Mr P Leopold of Lulsley had joined the group which would meet next on April 28th. There was a need for an informative website relating to the Village and Neighbourhood Forum which could not be met by the current local website. It was agreed that the council would support such a project and Cllr Cooper was asked to investigate various possibilities for this.

7.

Consider ideas for a Children's Play area or Picnic Facilities – ref open discussion above.

Councillors would consider the various suggestions made during the open session (see above). The clerk was asked to obtain costs for a picnic area on the Playing Field.

8.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meeting:

He had concluded an agreement with Mr R Thomas regarding the maintenance of the Playing Field.

The matter of the planting at the War Memorial had not yet been resolved.

- b) Correspondence Received

All relevant correspondence had been circulated to members by email on receipt.

- c) Items drawn to the council's attention.

He advised that he had drawn the attention of the contractors working on the hedge at Upper House Crossroads to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 requirements and had also advised the West Mercia Police as required under this act.

9.

Items for the next meeting.

5 a, b, 6, 7, above

10.

Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

The Next Meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Council on 20/05/2014 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 10:05pm

Minutes Confirmed

.....Chairman 20/05/2014