

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair.

Cllrs Mrs D Jammal, Mrs C Williams,

Cllrs: P Brown, A G Cooper, A J Crockford, B Fishwick, G Lowe, B Martin, P Tuthill, (County Councillor),
A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies: D Hughes (District Councillor) D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

Reports:

Cllr P Tuthill reported on WCC Budget for 2015-6, Fire Service productivity changes and progress on the 'Energy from Waste' Power Station at Hartlebury.

Cllr A Warburton reported on the developing process of MHDC co-operation with Wychavon District Council and the new joint chief executive.

Cllr D Hughes - in sending his apologies - sent the following report:

SWDP - Inspector has published the detailed timetable for EIP II(a) Examination Hearings SWDP 1-7, concentrating on how the plan was compiled, housing & employment numbers & urban extension sites. This continues through to early March at Sixways Stadium.

Commencing April 2015 at the Sixways Stadium next stage considering development management.

Commencing 12 May 2015 at the Worcester University Arena in Hylton Road next stage focussing on proposed sites in the main towns and villages in south Worcestershire.

Full details are available on the SWDP website.

Parish Profiles -The latest 2014 parish profiles have been published on the MHDC website.

Joint Chief Executive - The initial transition period is completed and the new CEO arrangement is now fully operational. Early signs are that already benefits of best practice and staff resilience will be realised to the benefit of both Councils.

Recruitment drive for Councillors - With the fast approaching elections MHDC has tried a new approach to attracting candidates, by supplementing the usual published material with a supporting video. All political groups were invited to participate but unfortunately the opposition groups declined. The video can be seen on the MHDC website and has generated some interest.

In sending his apologies Dr D Bradley Tree Warden reported:

1. I have been successful in getting 100 free hedging plants from the Woodland Trust. I'll use them to replace those that have died around the Village Hall. Planting will be in March.
2. I guarantee to get some feedback from Fortis about the tatty evergreen trees by the war memorial by the next meeting.

There were verbal reports from Cllr G Lowe, Parish Paths Warden, Cllr B Martin Community Shop Representative,
and Cllr B Fishwick - Village Hall Representative.

The formal meeting commenced at 8:40pm

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

Members' Declarations of Interest

Cllrs A J Crockford and B Martin declared their membership of the Alfrick and Lulsley Residents Association Ltd

3.

Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2014

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

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Set a Budget and Precept for 2015-16.
On behalf of the Budget Advisory Group Cllr A Cooper gave the meeting a review of expected expenditure for the next financial year and indicated that the Parish Precept could be maintained at the current level of £10680.
- b) Approve payment; Robert West Consultants; Review of Folly Road/C2065 Junction, £504.00 inc vat - Agreed

- c) Note – Clerk's Delegated Payment – B Salter, War Memorial Maintenance, £146.00 - Noted

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

- a) Note the Clerk's Delegated Response to: 14/01706/HOU Badgers Sett, Alfrick
'This council has 'No Comment ' on this application.' - Noted
- b) Review progress on current planning issues.
Cllr L Randall had previously circulated the documents - Comparisons between the Clay Green Farm application and Appeal APP/J1860/A/12/2187684 and a copy of the Appeal APP/J1860/A/12/2187684. After a discussion it was agreed to include these in the pack to be sent to members of the MHDC Planning Committee prior to the meeting reviewing the Clay Green Farm application. The clerk was asked to send copies immediately to Mr D Rudge at MHDC.

6.

Community Planning Advisory Group

Cllr A Cooper – Progress Report.

Cllr Cooper reported that work was virtually complete on the updated Parish Plan and Design Statement but he was disappointed that the planning authority did not see these as significant documents despite previous positive comments.

7.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meeting: These had been completed.
Defibrillator Project: Awaiting response from Village Hall and 'Show' Committees
Location and management of the VAS: it has been impossible to find an additional location meeting the WCC Highways criteria and the current two locations would remain.
- b) Correspondence Received: had been circulated to members when relevant
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention: the current edition of Clerks and Councils Direct contained a legal summary of Neighbourhood Plans which he recommended to members.

8.

Items for the next meeting.

Items 5 (b and 6 above).

9.

Confirm the date of the next meeting; 17/02/2015 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Agreed

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

Minutes confirmed17/2/2015