

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

### **Present:**

Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair.

Cllrs Mrs D Jammal, Mrs C Williams, P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, G Lowe, B Martin, G M Brewin (Clerk),

**Apologies** Cllr A J Crockford, Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Three parishioners

### **Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;**

The proposed development at Chippawa, Alfrick Pound, (see agenda item 5,b) was raised as was possible future developments at Clay Green Farm and Chapel Meadow.

Prior to the formal meeting the Chair Cllr Miss L Randall, made a presentation to Cllr Mrs C Williams on the occasion of her last meeting of the Parish Council after over twenty years as councillor for Lulsley, vice chair and chair of the council.

### **Reports:**

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

## **AGENDA**

### **1.**

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

The apology from Cllr A J Crockford 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 17th March 2015**

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

### **4.**

#### **Financial Matters;**

a) Pay Worcestershire CALC subscription -£283.81 + £50.23 vat - £334.04 - Approved

b) Note un-audited accounts for 2014-5 - see appendix -a.

The clerk explained that there was a small deficit on the year as the trustees of the Old Storridge Charity had been unable to release the sum of £506.50 promised as half the cost of the picnic tables now on the playing field. He reported that he was in discussion with Santander Bank who operated the charity's account and he expected the sum to be released shortly

### **5.**

#### **Planning and Environmental Matters; -**

a) Clerk to report on correspondence on Appln. 15/00247/OUT - bungalow and garage. Chippawa, Alfrick Pound. The clerk reported on correspondence with Mr Duncan Rudge the head of development at MHDC.

This had been circulated in advance to councillors who expressed their concern that the response to the council's points was inadequate.

The chair proposed a response to M Rudge which was agreed unanimously. See appendix -b.

### **6.**

#### **Community Planning Advisory Group**

a) Cllr A Cooper proposed that no more work should be done on community or neighbourhood planning until after the election of a new council on May 7th. This was agreed.

7.

**Clerk's Report -**

a) Actions from the previous meeting;

The vas speed meter had been repositioned near the Fox and Hounds at Lulsley but had been facing the wrong way. This was to be corrected before readings this could be taken and presented to the local police.

The telephone kiosk in the Village Centre could not be used as the location for the defibrillator proposed by the Village Hall committee as the phone was still in use. However the cleanliness and general utility of the phone kiosk was considered to be deplorably bad and the clerk was asked to take this matter with BT to ensure that a better presentation and cleanliness.

He had purchased three cans of the bio-degradable paint spray and these were issued to councillors who would use them to highlight problems of dog fouling around the village.

b) Correspondence received.

These had been either covered in agenda items above or circulated to members for information

c) Items drawn to the council's attention.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th May 19:30 in the Village Hall.

It is a legal requirement that the Chairman of the Council calls this meeting which is open to all electors, and is separate from the Parish Council. It does however give councillors and residents an opportunity to discuss matters informally and he asked members to support the Chair in this matter.

Members who were standing for re-election were given 'Candidates Expenses Returns' forms to complete.

This was required even if there were no expenses to be declared.

8.

**Items for the next meeting.**

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council; much of the agenda is prescribed, primarily the election of the Chairman for the succeeding year, and representatives on various bodies.

It is not usual to include Reports in the agenda,

Following the election Members will be required to complete Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

The NALC has proposed new 'Standing Orders' and 'Financial Regulations' for Parish Councils. These will be circulated in advance for approval at this meeting.

9.

**Confirm the date of the next meeting;**

19/05/2015 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick proposed.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

*Minutes confirmed .....*

*19/05/2015*

**Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council**

**Receipts and Payments for yr. 2014-15**

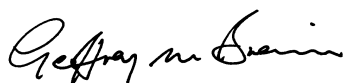
<b>Account</b>	<b>2014-15 Receipts</b>	<b>2013-14 Receipts</b>
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00
MHDC Precept	10174.57	10680.00
MHDC Council Tax Support Grant	505.43	
Parish Lengthsman Income from WCC	2160.00	2173.00
Sundry Income	1140.00	200.00
VAT Refund	1087.81	1415.57
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>15067.81</b>	<b>14468.57</b>

<b>Account</b>	<b>2014-15 Payments</b>	<b>2013-14 Payments</b>
Audit	150.00	150.00
Clerk Expenses	1680.76	1042.28
Clerk Salary	3722.76	3722.76
Donations	0.00	0.00
Education	5.00	0.00
Election Fees	0.00	0.00
Footpaths	0.00	250.00
Insurance	469.98	456.29
Jubilee Plantation	0.00	375.00
Meeting Expenses	426.80	38.24
Other Expenses	1516.62	280.15
Parish Lengthsman	3025.00	2843.00
Parish Tree Warden	0.00	45.50
Playing Field Maintenance	2249.50	1220.00
Subscriptions	258.33	270.29
VAT	1270.45	1087.81
War Memorial Mtce	360.00	898.75
Youth Projects	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>15135.20</b>	<b>12680.07</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-67.39</b>	<b>1788.50</b>
<b><u>Balance brought fwd</u></b>	<b>10804.12</b>	<b>9015.62</b>
<b><u>Balance at Yr-End</u></b>	<b>10736.73</b>	<b>10804.12</b>

**Outstanding Cheques at Yr-end** **0.00**

**Outstanding Invoices at Yr-end** **0.00**

**Bank account at Yr-end** **10736.73**



02/04/15

*Application No: 15/00247/OUT  
Chippawa, Alfrick Pound*

*Dear Duncan*

*Thank you for your response to my email of 13/04/2015. The Parish Council considered your reply at its meeting on 21st April but does not believe that you have addressed the central issues surrounding this application. This Council has therefore set out precise points that require resolution, as follows:*

*There is no information available on the criteria for accepting an application into the planning system ie, to allow it to reach "valid" status. The fact that you have seen similar applications accepted in the past does not constitute a validation process. This council would like to see a copy of the procedure for validating outline applications. This should be a written document, approved by the quality manager, which members of the planning department are required to follow.*

*The application is for a development in an AONB which has to meet very precise conditions for approval, not simply 'can the land support the proposed development'. To accept this proposal without considering this issue in detail will result in unnecessary work for both the planning department and this council.*

*This council reiterates that the proposal as currently presented is only sufficient for initial, informal discussion and should be deleted from further consideration until the proposer can submit evidence to show why this application should be allowed in an AONB.*

*Best regards*

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