

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 30th June 2016 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

### **Present:**

Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair.

Cllrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, A J Crockford, B Martin, G Lowe, E Mutter,

G M Brewin (Clerk), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), Dist. Cllr Ms S Rouse, Dist. Cllr A Warburton,

**Apologies;** Cllr B Fishwick, County Cllr P Tuthill,

**Visitors;** Mrs B Brown and Mr N Tudge - candidates for co-option to the council.

At 7:30 the Chair announced that the formal meeting would start immediately to enable the first three agenda items to be completed prior to the informal thirty minutes allocated for questions to the council and verbal reports.

### **1.**

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

The apology from Cllr B Fishwick was accepted

### **2.**

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

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

### **3.**

#### **Co-opt a councillor to fill the vacancy declared at the last meeting.**

The clerk reported that he had received three offers for co-option to the council but one had decided later not to attend. The two remaining candidates gave brief personal statements to the council. Subsequently council members voted by 5 to 3 in favour of Mr N Tudge.

Cllr N Tudge signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the council. The Chair thanked the unsuccessful candidate.

At 7:50 the Chair announced the suspension of the formal meeting to implement the informal thirty minutes allocated for questions to the council and verbal reports.

#### **Public Questions prior to the formal meeting;**

None

#### **Reports:**

There were verbal reports from:

Dist Cllr Ms S Rouse, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, Cllr G Lowe, Parish Paths Warden, Cllr B Martin, Community Shop Representative, Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

The formal meeting recommenced at 8:22pm

## **AGENDA**

### **4.**

#### **Confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 26th May 2016**

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

### **5.**

#### **Financial Matters;**

- a) Approve payment, AR Thomas, Playing Field Maintenance - £120.32 inc vat. - Approved
- b) Approve payment, Clerk's Expenses, April - June, £225.70 - Approved
- c) Approve payment, L Cotterill - Internal audit fee, £60.00 inc vat - Approved

### **6.**

#### **Planning Matters**

- a) Note delegated response - 16/00553/HOU - Ball Cottage, Lulsley  
*'This council supports this Planning Application.'*  
Noted
- b) Chapel Meadow - Reserved Matters Application - Respond to Planning Application 16/00827/REM  
The Chair had circulated a draft response and it was agreed to use this as the formal response with some additions. se appendix -a

7.

**Working with Leigh and Bransford Parish Council on a Joint Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllrs Cooper and Fishwick had attended a very useful seminar conducted by WCC staff. The documentation on disk would be copied for members by the clerk.

It was agreed that much depended on the outcome of the appeal against the refusal to allow the development on Clay Green Farm and no further actions would be undertaken until the result of the appeal was known.

8.

**A Children's Play Area - Consider installing a Play Area.**

This was raised as a result of an appeal by two young people for a play area with a petition of some 55 names attached. Although they had been invited to attend the informal question time at the beginning of the meeting they had not come. It was agreed that the matter would be postponed to the next meeting. In the meanwhile the clerk was asked to contact them again with indications of what could be achieved given suitable funding.

9.

**Annual Risk Assessment. - Review**

This had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The assessment was considered adequate, agreed by the meeting and signed by the chair. see appendix - b

10.

**Jubilee Plantation - Consider future - Thinning, Boundary Fence, etc.**

The state of the plantation was discussed in some detail. It was agreed to obtain quotations for the work approved by the planning application recently approved and Cllr A Crockford would discuss future improvements with the Tree Warden Dr D Bradley with a view to developing a long-term plan for the area.

The chair read a letter from Mr R A Crook whose property adjoins the plantation. The council considered much covered matters outside the council's control. The clerk was asked to respond to Mr Crook and circulate copies of the original letter and the council's response.

11.

**Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meeting
- i) War Memorial, Only one quotation for renovation had been received so far. When at least one more was received he would investigate the possibility of a grant towards the work.
- ii) Donation in memory of Kip Williams, This would be made as soon as the Memorial Seat was ordered.
- iii) Litter Bins, The requirement for covered bins made the cost of these substantial. It was agreed to delay any further action and also remove the derelict bin currently opposite the 'old' village shop.
- iv) Dog fouling, Biodegradable paint sprays were distributed to members who would mark out offending droppings.
- v) Playing Field Pavillion. After a wide-ranging discussion it was agreed that the pavilion was of little value and the clerk should pursue its removal on the best economic terms.
- b) Correspondence received. This had been circulated via email.
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention. None

12.

**Items for the next meeting.**

Joint Neighbourhood Plan.

A Children's Play Area

Jubilee Plantation

War Memorial

Playing Field Pavillion

13.

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

Thursday 28th July 2016 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick - Agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:40