

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllrs; Ms B Brown, B Fishwick, G Lowe, B Martin, E Mutter, N Tudge.

Dist. Cllr A Warburton, County Cllr P Tuthill, G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies; Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair. Cllr A G Cooper, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

Visitors; Two parishioners, Mr K White - Piper Homes.

In the absence of Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair Cllr B Martin took the Chair.

The Chapel Meadow Development

The latest detailed plans of application 6/00827/REM Chapel Meadow - were reviewed with the builder Mr K White. (see later)

Playing Field Goal Posts

The provision of small goal posts - 12' x 6' was discussed. (see later)

Reports:

There were verbal reports from: County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, Cllr B Fishwick Village Hall representative, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) Cllr G Lowe, Parish Footpaths Warden.

The formal meeting commenced at 20:54.

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies from Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair and Cllr A G Cooper were accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 26th January 2017

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

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Approve payment - J Garness - Lengthsman's Acct. £2670.00+vat - Agreed
- b) Approve payment - Andrew's Gardening Services - Alfrick Pound Clearance. £200.00 - Agreed
- c) Cancel cheque 000693 R Thomas £120.32. Pay - Whatley Weston Fox £120.32 - Agreed
The clerk explained that Mr Thomas had died before presenting cheque 00693, the cheque would be cancelled and one of a similar amount would be paid to Whatley Weston Fox - his executors.
- d) Pay R Lambert - VAS maintenance £25.00 & £42.50 - Agreed

5.

Planning Matters

Consider a response to application - Chapel Meadow- 16/00827/REM

Members had reviewed the design and layout extensively during the informal session earlier. Major issues were still the large block of the four flats fronting the roadway and dominating the view from the War Memorial to the open countryside to the south (the council objects to this) and the strategy for controlling rainwater run-off was not sufficiently well specified. (A tighter specification should be set out)

As one third of the councillors were absent the clerk was instructed to request an extension of the consultation period up to 24th March 2017 which will enable the council to make a formal response at its monthly meeting the evening before.

Failing this the clerk was instructed to make a delegated response on the due date of 6th March 2017.

Note - this was refused on 27th February 2017

6.

Litter Bins

Consider the proposals of the committee on the location and specification of such bin(s).

On a proposal by the Chair this was postponed to the next meeting.

7.

Bus shelter at Alfrick Pound

Discuss condition.

On a proposal by the Chair this was postponed to the next meeting.

8.

Lengthsman

Clerk to report. This council has carried out the WCC-delegated Lengthsman Operation since 2004. The scheme terms and conditions have remained the same but as mechanised equipment has become available we have taken advantage of this to do more heavy work particularly removing alluvial deposits from roadways and ditches in critical areas.

With new regulations on the disposal of roadside deposits (now specified as hazardous waste.) it is necessary to remove these - using an authorised operator - to a controlled waste disposal point.

This now costs us a considerable sum, this year £1000. (One load from Lulsley and four from Old Storridge)

Decide schedule for quotations for 2017-18.

For the next financial year there are a number of prospective applicants who could meet the requirements of the lengthsman's schedule (excluding the waste removal aspect) so it is proposed that councillors consider the possibility of reverting to the original approach. This means that debris cleared from drains would be left on adjacent verges and larger deposits of debris would be dealt with by asking WCC Highways to remove it. (with some delay particularly at busy times). - This was agreed - The clerk was asked to obtain quotations for this work on this basis.

9.

Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meetings

i) War Memorial, A response from the War Memorials Trust had just been received. The Trust proposed that the Memorial should be cleaned before considering re-cutting the inscriptions. As the application to cover this work would take a substantial time and the cost £420.00 within the council's budget it was agreed to go ahead at the council's expense with the cleaning phase.

ii) Playing Field matters, Cllr B Brown had offered to organize the removal of scrap equipment but whilst thanking her for this offer it was agreed that the clerk should arrange this with a certified scrap metal dealer.

iii) Redundant BT Telephone Box. Two parishioners had offered to take on the redundant Telephone Kiosk. The council recalled their previous disinterest and agreed there was no cause to change this policy.

b) Correspondence received.

A parishioner had suggested the purchase of Small Playing Field Goal Posts - 12' x 6' (see above) and it was agreed to go ahead with the support of County Cllr P Tuthill's discretionary fund.

Suggestions as to the future of the Jubilee Plantation - These would be added to the proposals that Cllr A Crockford was considering.

c) Items drawn to the council's attention.

The planning application 16/00624/HOU - Construction of treehouse to accommodate home office. Hill Orchard, Lulsley. which had been rejected by the council and MHDC was being appealed by the applicant. There was no need for a further intervention by the council.

A response to the WCC Local Transport Plan had been circulated to members and he would forward this to WCC.

10.

Items for the next meeting.

Items 6, 7 above.

11.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick Agreed.

The meeting closed at 10:05pm

Minutes confirmed

23rd March 2017