

## **The Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick.**

### **Present:**

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley

Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, R Jackson, G Lowe, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

### **Apologies;**

D Hughes (District Councillor),

### **Visitors:**

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

**Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None**

**The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.**

### **1. Members' Apologies for absence**

All members were present.

### **2. Members' Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

### **3. Reports; County & District Councillors, Parish Footpaths' Warden, Parish Tree Warden.**

See appendix -b

### **4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October circulated in advance.**

These were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

### **5. Financial Matters;**

a) Approve payment - Clearance, Alfrick Pound, £40+vat - £46.60 -Agreed

b) Report by the Financial Advisory Group for the Council Budget 2009-10.

Cllr P Tebbit gave the conclusions of the Group;

i In the current economic climate the increase in the Precept should be kept within limits expected of Local Authorities and fixed at £9180

ii In line with the new national agreement on salaries and conditions of employment for local government staff the clerk's salary would rise to £3700.

iii Expenditure on the Playing Field should be limited to £1700

iv Expenditure on the Jubilee Plantation should be limited to £300

v This would result in a budgeted income of £11780 and an expenditure of £11632; a surplus of £148

The Group's proposals were accepted and the clerk was asked to revise the budget for formal acceptance at the January meeting.

c) Consider the application for Discretionary Rural Rate Relief from Business Rates - The Village Shop, Alfrick and the following resolution; 'In pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the council agrees that this business is of benefit to the local community and it would be reasonable to grant the relief, and agrees to make a financial contribution of £121.25 so that the full 50% Discretionary Relief may be awarded.'

This was agreed unanimously

## **6. Planning Matters:**

Note clerk's delegated response; 09/01339/HOU, Conservatory, 7 Orchard Lea, Alfrick, 'No Comment' - Noted

## **7. Clerk's Report -**

a) Actions from the previous meeting,

i. As there had been no adverse comments on his proposals at the last meeting ref the Council web-site and Storage of monthly correspondence files he would implement the proposals made then.

ii. He had attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parishes Conference at County Hall the previous evening and advised members of points of interest particularly the work of WCC in attracting grants for various activities in the county. He would advise those interested of these details separately.

b) Correspondence & Publications Received

He drew members' attention to the following items:

i. MHDC Response re Letting Policy -

Having read the various items of correspondence on this matter he would write to MHDC expressing disappointment at the manner in which agreed procedures had been ignored.

ii. Valuation Office Valuation - Cricket Pavilion

iii. R A Crook Jubilee Ptn and TPO

He read Mr Crook's letter and his subsequent reply drawing Mr Crook's attention to the difficulties the council had experienced when the site next to the Jubilee Plantation had been developed.

iv. WCC Consultation Baxter College, The Chantry High School et al

v. WCC Adult Learning Services

He would put this information on the Notice Boards and the council's website.

vi. Festival Housing Support at Home

He would put this information on the Notice Boards and the council's website.

vii. Clerks & Councils Newsletter - Nov

viii. Community first Newsletter - Autumn 2009

ix. WCC Newsletter - Children's Partnership

x. MHDC News from the Hills - Autumn 2009

xi. MHDC TPO Revision Jubilee Ptn

xii. WCC Warmer Worcestershire

Following comments he had received he would ask WCC to add a disclaimer to the information setting out the problems relating to the accuracy of the information with respect to individual properties.

## **8. Items for the next meeting.**

Precept and Budget proposals.

## **9. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -**

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 19.30 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman ..... *e. H. Williams* 19/1/2010