

The Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 20th October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

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

Apologies;

Mrs S Tolley, R Jackson, 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

The apologies from Cllrs Mrs S Tolley and R Jackson were accepted.

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.

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4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th September circulated in advance.

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

5. Financial Matters;

a) Note Clerks delegated Payments;

A R Thomas, Playing Field - Hedge Cutting; invoice £135 +vat - £155.25 Noted.

A R Thomas, Playing Field - Culvert etc; invoice £882 +vat - £1014.30 Noted.

b) Approve the Tree Warden's expenses £65 - Approved

c) Consider Clerk's half-yr report circulated in advance and establish the Financial Advisory Group for the Council Budget 2009-10.

The clerk's half-yr report and preliminary proposals were considered. The following councillors were confirmed as members of the Financial Advisory Group; P Tebbit convenor, Mrs S Tolley, P Brown.

d) Consider financial support for the Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall Committee at the commencement of building work on the Village Hall

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 Parish Council approved unanimously the payment of £1000 towards the costs of refurbishing the Village Hall.

6. Planning Matters;

Note result - Appeal Ref: APP/J1860/A/09/2108298 Land at OS 7454 and 5284, Sandford, Alfrick, Worcestershire WR6 5ES - Refused. Noted.

7. Approve Autumn Newsletter - Circulated in advance.

Agreed subject to the addition of information on possible expenditure in 2010-11. The clerk would circulate a revised text for confirmation.

8. Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meeting,

Playing Field: He had discussed the use of the Playing Field by Leigh and Bransford Badgers Football Club, with Mr Peter Randall of the Swan Alfrick Cricket Club and he agreed that this could commence for an initial one-year period as the council proposed, from September 2010. Matches will be played mainly on Sundays between September and April with a kick-off around 2pm, and with occasional evening sessions. With the council's agreement he would write formally to the club confirming the arrangements previously circulated to members.

Agreed

Council web-site - as information about village activities was poorly updated (if at all) by the various contributors he proposed to remove these sections from the web-site.

Storage of monthly correspondence files - To continue to store these over an extended period was taking up considerable space and as they were referred to very infrequently he proposed to limit storage to a running two-year period. Important items would be scanned and retained as computer files.

b) Correspondence & Publications Received - circulated in advance

He drew members' attention to the following items:

- WCC Lengthsman's Funding increase of £1000 from Cllr C Smith's discretionary fund.
- getwithit IT Conference 4th Nov
- Elgar Housing Response re Warmer Worcs Report
- MHDC Affordable Housing questionnaire
- WCC Greenspaces Projects

9. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

November 17th 2009 at 19.30 in the Village Hall, Knightwick.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

Chairman