

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

**Present:** Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs; Ms B Brown, Ms L Randall, A G Cooper, A Crockford, B Fishwick, G Lowe, G M Brewin (Clerk),  
C. Cllr P Tuthill,

**Apologies;** Cllrs E Mutter, N Tudge, Dist. Cllr S Rouse, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

**Visitors;** None

**Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;** No matters were raised.

**Reports:** County and District Councillors, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop.

There were verbal reports from: County Cllr P Tuthill, Cllr B Fishwick Village Hall representative, Cllr B Martin, Village Shop representative and Cllr G Lowe, Parish Footpaths Warden.

**The formal meeting commenced at 19:42hrs**

### **AGENDA.**

**1.**

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

The apologies from Cllrs E Mutter and N Tudge, were accepted.

**2.**

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

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

**3.**

#### **Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

These had been circulated in advance. It was agreed that the minutes were a true record and were signed by the chair.

**4.**

#### **Financial Matters;**

- a) Approve payment – Clerk's expenses July – September, £13.21 - Approved
- b) Approve payment – Mr D Berry - Bus Shelter Repair, £327.11 - Approved
- c) Approve payment – Mr J Clarke, - War Memorial Planting, £36.00 - Approved
- d) Approve payment – MCB Landscapes, Playing Field Maintenance, £180.00 - Approved
- e) Approve payment – Mr R Wilks, - Lengthsman, 3 month's £518.40 - Approved

**5.**

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

- a) Review status - Clay Green Farm  
Cllrs L Randall and B Martin reported on their informal discussions with the planning officer concerned and the site developer. The council agreed that they should continue to represent the council's views in informal discussions with the developers.
- b) Review status - Chapel Meadow development.  
Work has not yet started on this site.
- c) Review status - Folly Road development.  
Work has not yet started on this site.
- d) Review status - Wheatley House application  
This application was rejected at the last meeting of MHDC Northern Area Development Committee. Cllr Ms L Randall had attended this meeting as the council's representative to press for acceptance of this application. In a verbal report she indicated a considerable unhappiness in the manner in which the committee conducted its business and the council instructed the clerk in consultation with Cllr Randall to produce a formal complaint to be sent to the Chief Executive of MHDC over this matter.

**6.**

#### **Review the SmartWater Project and Winter Newsletter**

Clerk's proposals circulated in advance.

There was a substantial discussion over these.

The main concerns of councillors were a) the high total cost to the council and b) the take up by residents of the offer.

On the cost issue many considered that as the offer was free it would not be considered as a particularly valuable offer.

and that in order to be considered worthwhile some value should be put up on the SmartWater kit. Possibly a reduced price of say £5 rather than free, which would mean the council covered about half of the cost - the individual purchaser the other half.

On the take-up issue there was a feeling that the SmartWater concept was not well understood particularly by older members of the community and those living in smaller properties. (The recent thefts that have been highlighted were high-value items such as lawnmowers, chainsaws etc usually located in larger properties with large gardens.) The general view was that it would be necessary to explain it in better detail before any offer could be made to residents. Councillors considered that this could best be done by a better explanation going out in the newsletter and then an open meeting being called to see how many would attend and commit to a purchase at that meeting.

The proposed date for this meeting was Saturday, 24 November from 10:30 hrs onwards. The clerk was asked to produce new proposals taking into account the comments raised.

**7.**

**Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meetings. All these had been completed.
- b) Correspondence received. All relevant items had been circulated via email.
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention. None.

**8.**

**Items for the next meeting.**

Review the SmartWater Project and Winter Newsletter

**9.**

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

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick – Confirmed.

The meeting closed at 20:30 hrs

*Minutes confirmed.....*

*23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017*