

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs Ms B Brown, A G Cooper, A Crockford, B Fishwick, G Lowe, E Mutter, G M Brewin (Clerk),
Dist. Cllr S Rouse, Dist. Cllr A Warburton,

Apologies; Cllrs; Ms L Randall, N Tudge, C. Cllr P Tuthill, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

Visitors; One parishioner also Mr M Hutchings of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; The visiting parishioner was briefed on the current situation regarding developments at Clay Green Farm.

Mr M Hutchings of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) briefed the council on a Housing Needs Survey which his organisation would be running in Lulsley, Broadwas, Knightwick and Doddenham as a result of a commission given to GRCC by a developer considering building houses in Broadwas.

He was asked to keep the clerk informed of the details of the survey and the outcome when it is published.

Reports: County and District Councillors, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop, etc. There were verbal reports from: Dist. Cllr S Rouse, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, Cllr B Fishwick, Village Hall representative and Cllr B Martin, Village Shop representative.

The formal meeting commenced at 20:24hrs

AGENDA.

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies from Cllrs Ms L Randall, 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 25th January 2018 (circulated in advance)

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 Training Event £10.00 inc vat. - agreed
- b) Approve payment – Mr R Wilks, - Lengthsman, Jan, £201.60 inc vat. - agreed
- c) Approve payment – Kingfisher Direct - via Clerk - Replacement Litter Bin £175.15 - agreed
- d) Note - Transfer of funds from the Alfrick Eleemosynary Charities of £1685.85
The clerk explained that as the Alfrick Eleemosynary Charities did not have a cheque account this was a convenient way to enable the distribution of its funds.
- e) On behalf of the Alfrick Eleemosynary Charities pay The Alfrick & Lulsley Community Shop £1000.00 - agreed
- f) On behalf of the Alfrick Eleemosynary Charities pay The Alfrick Thursday Club £685.85 - agreed

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

- a) Consider a response to the approval of : 17/01892/HP: New vehicular access to dwelling .The Chase, Alfrick, Worcester, WR6 5HY
Although this application has been approved councillors were doubtful that the correct dimensions had been applied to the visibility requirements and the District Councillors were asked to check on this with the Planning office.
- b) Review status of developments at -
 - i) Clay Green Farm, No detailed layout of the site has been approved, several proposals have been rejected.
 - ii) Chapel Meadow, Some work has started on access to the site.
 - iii) Folly Road, No information available at present.

6.

Review the SmartWater Project

The Clerk reported that 60 residents had signed up via email and 12 by phone call and letter from a total of 307 properties in the parishes..

It was agreed that this response fell so far short of the requirements of SmartWater that the project should be stopped. The clerk was asked to contact all who had expressed an interest in the project and advise them of the council's decision.

7.

Clarification of documentation for BlackRock Investment Management / Old Storrige Charity

The Council as Trustee of this charity to confirm the Clerk to the Council as Correspondent and Signatory.

The clerk explained this was to enable the fund managers for this charity to conform to the Government's money-laundering regulations.

The following resolution was agreed unanimously.

'As the Corporate Trustee of the Old Storrige Recreational Allotment Charity, reg. no. 503840 this council confirms that the designated correspondent and signatory is ; Geoffrey M Brewin, Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer.'

An extract from the minutes of this meeting relating to this was verified by;

Brian W Martin, Chair of the Council

Andrew Cooper, Vice-Chair of the Council

Geoffrey M Brewin, Clerk and RFO

and would be sent to BlackRock Investment Management.

8.

Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meetings, these had all been completed.

b) Correspondence received.

A new Land Drainage Enforcement Officer had been appointed by MHDC (Mr J Adams) The clerk was asked to advise him of the various run-off and flooding problems within the parish.

c) Items drawn to the council's attention.

i) As the accounts for 2017-8 will not need an external audit in April (As the council's income/expenditure is less than £25,000) he had checked with our internal examiner Ms L Cotterill FCA who had confirmed that the accounts package as delivered to her for previous years met her requirements.

ii) In response to receiving the VAS radar results the local police have suggested attending the various 'hot-spots' at peak times. The clerk was asked to progress this with them.

9.

Items for the next meeting.

Repair/renewal of parking area surrounding the Village Hall/Community Shop/Parish Council Playing Field.

10.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday, 22nd March 2018, at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick Agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:15 hrs

Minutes confirmed.....

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