

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 25th October 2018 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs: Ms L Lowton, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, G Lowe, E Mutter, Dist. Cllrs Ms S Rouse, A Warburton, C. Cllr P Tuthill, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies; Cllrs Ms B Brown, A Crockford, N Tudge,

Visitors: One parishioner

Matters of concern prior to the formal meeting. There was a discussion on an informal web-based discussion group being circulated in the parish. Cllr Ms L Lowton will monitor and report at the next meeting.

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

C. Cllr P Tuthill reported on events at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital and the Worcester Southern Bypass.

Dist. Cllrs Ms S Rouse and A Warburton reported on the restructuring at MHDC, on the process of updating the SWDP and the procedure for identifying new housing sites.

Cllr G Lowe, Footpaths' Warden reported that he had checked the footpath 608(C) that runs through Brook Cottage grounds, and contrary to an anonymous report, it was open.

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) reported on the establishment of a Pollinators Group which would be developing proposals for improving wildflower habitats. around the parish. He had received an offer of help in maintaining the 'Pound' and was asked to ensure that there would be insurance - from WCC - and a safety assessment before any work was done.

Cllr B Fishwick reported on progress on resurfacing the Village hall car park which would be done once the work on the Playing Field access path was complete. (see agenda 4 (b))

Cllr B Martin as vice-chair of the Community Shop Committee noted that the current chair Alan Soper would be standing down and the committee was looking for a replacement.

The formal meeting commenced at 20.40 hrs

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies from Cllrs Ms B Brown, A Crockford 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 on Thursday 27th September 2018

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record and they were signed by the Chair. The minutes of the meeting on 28/6/2018 were signed also. (Ref 26/7/2018 agenda - 3)

4.

Financial Matters;

a) Approve payment: Lengthsman - July - Sept - £417.60 inc vat - Agreed.

b) Agree - resurfacing of Playing Field entrance - £2250.00 +vat

Cllr B Fishwick on behalf of the Village Hall committee confirmed that the Village Hall would meet the outstanding cost following donations from the Horticultural Show committee (£500) and the District Cllrs' Discretionary Fund (£100)

The clerk was instructed to commission the work from G Sterry for £2250 + vat.

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

a) Review status - Clay Green Farm development;

Cllr A Crockford would represent the council at the November meeting of the MHDC Northern Area Planning Committee

b) Chapel Meadow development;

Cllr A Cooper reported that it was expected that the outside structure of all the houses would be complete by the end of the year.

- c) The forthcoming briefing session for Town and Parish Councils on the review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan – Issues and Options Briefing, is due to take place on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at County Hall. Cllr Ms L Lowton would attend.

6.

Highways and Footpaths

- a) Review status - Sandy Lane. Clerk to report
There had been no response to the council's requests for help in obtaining historical data on Sandy Lane. The matter would have to be left with the residents group seeking a change of use.
- b) Speed limit marking outstanding.
A WCC Highways engineer had reviewed the sites where the enhanced markings had been requested. The narrow width of the road precluded the additional signage being installed.
- c) Highway Litter-Picking. Clerk to report
There had been no response to the council's requests for help in setting up this activity. It would be reviewed in the Spring of next year.

7.

Jubilee Plantation

Discuss what is to be done.

In the absence of Cllr A Crockford this would be postponed until the November meeting.

8.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meetings - all completed.
- b) Correspondence received. All circulated to members.
- c) Items to be drawn to the council's attention - Already covered in preceding items

9.

Items for the next meeting.

- a) The clerk advised that the usual procedure at the November meeting was to establish a committee of the council to review finance and future projects with a view to proposing a precept and budget for the following year at the January meeting. To assist this he would circulate details of this year's income and expenditure together with suggestions for future projects, in advance of the meeting.
- b) The clerk reminded members that their term of office concluded in May next year and members should consider if they intended to stand for re-election.

10.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

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

The meeting closed at 21:11 hrs

Minutes confirmed.....

22/11/2018