

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 28th March 2019 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllr B Martin, Chair

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

Apologies; Cllr Ms B Brown, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden).

Visitors: one parishioner one visitor.

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

Cllr P Tuthill briefed the council on the WCC budget, developments at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital, the progress on the Worcester Southern Bypass and the management of the Fire Service.

Cllr S Rouse reported on the MHDC activities including plans to review community transport.

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) in his absence had sent a report on the Jubilee Plantation and the activities of the Pollinators Group and the WWT Natural Networks Programme.

Cllr G Lowe (Parish Paths Warden) reported on replacement of stiles by gates on local paths.

Cllr B Fishwick reported on the completion of the resurfacing the Village hall car park.

Cllr B Martin as vice-chair of the Community Shop Committee reported that the new new Cafe was making an increasing contribution to the shop's activities with special events including evening suppers.

The formal meeting commenced at 20.10 hrs

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr Ms B Brown was accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting on 28th February 2019 (circulated in advance)

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record and they were signed by the Chair.

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Approve payment: Lengthsman - February. - £144.00 inc vat - Approved
- b) Approve payment: Clerk's expenses, Jan - March 2019 - £299.38 - Approved
- d) Note delegated payment: Guy Sterry Ltd - Playing Field Parking - £3636.00 (ref minute 4 (e - 28/2/19.) - Noted
- e) Approve payment: Alfrick Community Shop - Litter Pickers' refreshments 23/3/19 - £124.00 - Approved

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

- a) Review status - Clay Green Farm development and Chapel Meadow development.
Cllr A Cooper reported that five properties were now inhabited and the site was expected to be completed in early May. Formal comments on affordable houses follow in item -d below.
- b) Respond to: Appl. Number 19/00186/RM, Address; Clay Green Farm Folly Road Alfrick WR6 5HN
Proposal; Approval of reserved matters, access, appearance, landscape, layout & scale for the erection of 19 dwellings, comprising 5 affordable houses and associated infrastructure following outline permission (14/00894/OUT).
There was considerable discussion and concern at this proposal as it conflicts with the previous proposal for this site which was still subject to appeal. It was agreed that;
 - a) The 'red line' showing the site boundary was incorrect and could cause confusion over the width of the access road in particular. The site boundary should be more carefully drawn to avoid including adjacent properties not included in the proposed development and to show the real size of the access road.
 - b) There had been no change to the access road layout which was the subject of the council's objections in previous proposals.
 - c) The deletion of two properties from the plan with no rearrangement of the remaining properties did nothing to answer the council's previous objections to the poor layout of the site in a rural environment.

- c) Respond to: Appl. Number 19/00075/FUL Address; The Knapp And Papermill Nature Reserve Bridges Stone Alfrick WR6 5HR Proposal; Relocation of a single solar panel unit from the current position adjacent to Papermill Cottage, into Papermill Meadow.
A return of 'No Comment' was agreed.
- d) Respond to: Appl. Number 19/00334/S106 Address; Land At (Os 7500 5293) Alfrick, Proposal; Application under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to modify the requirements relating to legal agreement dated 11 July 2014 associated with planning permission reference number 13/01157/OUT.
After a discussion it was agreed that the council had no objection to this proposal but noted that the correct formal procedures on affordable housing must be followed.

6.

Highways and Footpaths

- a) Highway Litter-Picking. The clerk reported that eight teams of two had covered eight locations collecting some fourteen bags of litter. Subsequently they enjoyed the council's hospitality over lunch at the Village Cafe.
- b) Speeding through the village. The clerk reported that together with the Cllr B Martin he had discussed this with the local police team and the possibility of establishing a 'Community Speed Watch' was raised. He would publish details in the Sphere magazine and report on any interest raised. It was agreed that the clerk would purchase 30 MPH Stickers for Wheelie Bins to be distributed free-of-charge through the Village Shop.

7.

Jubilee Plantation

The working party at the plantation was called off because of bad weather. We will now have to wait until September before we can arrange another one. There is a dead Red Cedar within the plantation which could be felled later in the year. Planning permission may be needed to fell a dead tree which has a TPO. There is interest in carrying out moth trapping during the summer at the plantation via the Worcestershire Biological Record Centre AONB project.

8.

Playing Field.

The revised mowing arrangements have been delayed until the Leigh Football Club have planned their fixtures as the pitch may be enlarged which would affect the proposed unmown areas.

9.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meetings - these had been completed.
- b) Correspondence received. The clerk reported that the council would receive £26.94 Community Infrastructure Levy from the small development on Folly Road.
- c) Items to be drawn to the council's attention - Council elections - 2nd May 2019 - Procedures.
Currently there are seven nominations for Alfrick and two for Lulsley. The closing date is 3rd April and unless there are additional nominations to the council the elections on 2nd May 2019 will be uncontested.

10.

Items for the next meeting.

Ongoing - Clay Green Farm developments.
Traffic speeds through village

11.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday 25th April 2019 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick. Agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:10 hrs.

Minutes confirmed 25/04/2019