

## Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 25th April 2019 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

**Present:** Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs: Ms B Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, E Mutter, Dist. Cllrs Ms S Rouse & A Warburton, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk),

**Apologies;** , G Lowe, C. Cllr P Tuthill,

**Visitors:** one parishioner.

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

Dist. Cllr A Warburton noted that this would be his last meeting as a District Councillor for the Alfrick and Leigh Ward and he wished the council well for the future.

In response the Chair Cllr B Martin thanked Cllr Warburton for his good wishes and the very substantial contribution he had made in his twelve years as a District Councillor. The parish owed a great debt to his careful guidance particularly on its approach to difficult planning matters. The meeting gave its whole-hearted agreement with these sentiments and wished Cllr Warburton a happy retirement!

Cllr S Rouse reported on the MHDC activities.

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) noted that the boundary walls of the 'Pound' needed repair and the clerk was asked to discuss this with him and obtain an estimate of likely costs. A plaque noting the establishment of the Jubilee Spinney which had been lost has been found in a past chair's garage and was given to Dr Bradley to be re-installed.

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 G Lowe was 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 28th March 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 the Council's Accounts 2018-9 - Circulated in advance. Approved. (See appendix-a)
- b) Approve the formal Annual Governance Statement 2018-9 - Circulated in advance. Approved. (See appendix-b)
- c) Approve the formal Annual Statement of Accounts 2018-9 - Circulated in advance. Approved. (See appendix-c)
- d) Approve payment - Council's Membership Fee - WCALC 2018-9 - £446.85 inc vat. Approved
- e) Approve payment - Council's Insurance, Came & Co 2018-9 - Not available - transfer to the next meeting
- f) Approve payment - Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall - for 2018-9 - Not available - transfer to the next meeting.
- g) The clerk drew the council's attention to two cheques lost in the bank computer system.  
These were; no. 780 for £130 payable to Andrew's Gardening Services and no. 784 for £124 payable to the Village Shop. It was agreed to issue two new cheques to replace these.  
The clerk suggested that the council could open a new internet-based account so that payments can be made directly and avoid such problems in the future. It was agreed to consider this at the annual meeting of the parish council.

##### **5.**

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

Review status -

Clay Green Farm development - Still waiting on the 'Written Appeal' against refusal by MHDC.

Chapel Meadow development. - The re-assignment of 'affordable properties' is still being considered by MHDC.

6.

**Highways and Footpaths**

Speeding through the village. Clerk to report.

An invitation to join a 'Community Speed Watch' will be published in the next Sphere magazine. Free 30 mph labels for wheelie bins are available from the Village Shop.

7.

**Jubilee Plantation**

Review situation. The possibility of an access gate from the adjoining meadow is still being evaluated.

8.

**Playing Field.**

Clerk to report. Discussions are in hand with various users of the field and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

9.

**Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meetings - clerk to report. All complete.
- b) Correspondence received. The clerk drew members' attention to the receipt of £26.94 Community infrastructure Levy in respect of the development on Folly Road. He was asked to discuss with MHDC how this may be used.
- c) Items to be drawn to the council's attention - Last meeting of the Council and procedures for the newly elected councillors from 7th May 2019. Councillors were given Election Expenses and Declaration of Interests Forms for completion and return at the next meeting.

10.

**Items for the next meeting.**

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Council and first meeting of the new Council.

Also see - 4(g, 7, 8, above.

11.

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

Thursday 23rd May 2019 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick confirmed.

In closing the meeting the Chair Cllr B Martin noted that Cllr Fishwick was retiring from the council. His experience, particularly in making detailed assessments on such items as the Parish Design Statement and controversial planning matters together with being the council's representative on the Village Hall Committee has been a substantial contribution to the council's activities over the past twelve years. The council wished him an enjoyable retirement.

The meeting closed at 20:48 hrs.

Minutes confirmed ..... 23/05/2019