

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Chair; Cllr B Martin

Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, R Ashton, T Clarke, A G Cooper, A Crockford, G Lowe,

C. Cllr P Tuthill, Dist. Cllr Ms S Rouse, Dist. Cllr P Whatley, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies; Cllr Ms B Brown. E Mutter,

Visitors: One

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

County Cllr P Tuthill reported on the Worcestershire Hospital Trust - now back in 'Special Measures', and the need to improve information on road drains and flooding problems.

Dist Cllrs Ms S Rouse and P Whatley reported on progress on flooding within the District Council's area, and the District council's budget proposals.

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) combined his report with that of Cllr Ms C Bradley - item 5 (b - adding that the hedge planting on the Playing Field would be on 21/3/2020. It was agreed to cover the cost of refreshments for the volunteers at the Village Shop/Cafe.

Cllr B Martin as vice-chair of the Village Shop Committee reported on the Shop and Cafe's activities.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:30 hrs

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies for absence from Cllrs Ms B Brown, and E Mutter 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 23/01/2020

The minutes had been circulated in advance, were agreed as true record and signed by the Chair.

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Note payment, Lengthsman, January £302.40. - Noted
- b) Note; the 'old' Bank Account at Lloyds Bank is now closed. - Noted

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

- a) Review status - Clay Green Farm development. There was no news on this.
- b) Cllr Ms C Bradley to report on the Alfrick Pound and Jubilee Spinney projects and environmental issues;
Jubilee Spinney

Access paths are now mostly covered in mulch/wood chippings provided by Nick Denley. This has helped a lot with soaking up the lying water but more applications are needed. Digging up brambles, saplings and unwanted scrub is going well so the space now looks well cleared. We have started creating/designing a path around the edges, to be covered in mulch and planting snowdrops but this really needs to be done when they have died down. We have had promises of more snowdrops, small native-like daffodils and primroses.

Next jobs: ivy to be cut at pollard height or at a minimum of head height on the tall trees. More bramble root, ash sapling clearance, more spreading of mulch.

There is an increasing number of enthusiastic working party volunteers to whom many thanks.

It was agreed to go ahead with the previously discussed and agreed fence and gate into the adjacent field..

Alfrick Pound.

Good progress has been made clearing unwanted scrub and digging up dogwood roots; the snowdrops are free from scrub and are flowering. More working parties are needed for more clearance and digging. Notices on the Pound itself have resulted in some Alfrick Pound residents joining in.

There was a good number of volunteers for last working party and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

We are much encouraged by more people volunteering to help with both these working parties and they are now seeing the results of the work.

- c) Note a delegated response of 'No Comment' returned on;
Application; 20/00102/HP; Ravens Cottage Lulsley Knightwick Worcester WR6 5QT
Proposal; Full height bay window and installation of a further window. - Noted.
- d) Consider a response to; Application; 20/00203/HP Millham Lodge, Millham Lane, Alfrick, WR6 5HS
Proposal; Replacement of decking and walkway
It was agreed that a response of 'No Comment' be returned.

6.

Committee on New Public Facilities.

The Committee Chair, Cllr A Cooper reported on the formal meeting on 26/02/20;

A discussion on the costs, locations and timings of projects resolved into a view that a preference was for a Multi-Games Area (MUGA) containing a LTA approved-size tennis court. A discussion on its best site is still taking place. A Childrens' Play Area would then take over the existing Tennis Court space.

As Chair he advised that he viewed the MUGA and Play Area projects as possible for completion over the Autumn - Winter of 2020/1.

7.

The Council to accept the new 'MHDC Code of conduct 2020'

Circulated in advance - the clerk described the changes from the existing code - accepted 2012 and advised members that the changes expanded on the existing code and did not introduce a more onerous code.

It was agreed to accept the Code of Conduct as circulated and this would be made available on the council's website.

8.

Celebrating VE Day 75th anniversary

Friday 8th May 2020, has been designated by the Government as a Bank Holiday, with licensing hours extended to enable as many towns, parishes, district, community and other councils, along with individuals, voluntary organisations, the holiday and hospitality industry including pubs, clubs, restaurants and hotels etc, to join in the VE Day 75 celebrations, over the VE Day weekend of the 8th – 10th May 2020,

It was agreed to include this item in the Newsletter - ref 11 (c below - and ask for residents' suggestions.

9.

Highways and Footpaths War Memorial surrounds.

The Clerk reported that WCC Highways engineer had visited the site and concluded that the overrunning of the boundary curbstones was not sufficient to justify their costs but it could be considered if the parish would meet these. As a result a detailed quotation for this work had been requested. .

10.

Playing Field. Clerk to report. - The weather has delayed progress on the clearing of ditches.

11.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meeting. All completed
- b) Correspondence received. A request to hold a private event on the Playing Field was discussed and rejected.
- c) Approve the Winter/Spring Newsletter - final information to be circulated after the meeting. - Agreed

12.

Items for the next meeting.

See agenda items 6, 8, above.

13.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday 26th March 2020 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick Agreed

The meeting closed at 21:17 hrs.

Minutes confirmed 26/3/2020