

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:30hrs on Thursday 26th November 2020.

Under the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, the meeting was held electronically using ZOOM software.

Councillors and members of the public were advised of access arrangements in advance.

Present: Chair: Cllr B Martin

Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, R Ashton, T Clarke, A G Cooper, G Lowe, G G Messervy-Whiting, E Mutter.

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

Apologies; Cllr A Crockford

Visitors: none

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None

Reports: County & District Councillors et al.

County Cllr, P Tuthill reported on the activities of the Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS, the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, the progress on the Southern Link Road and answered questions on WCC activities.

District Cllrs Ms S Rouse and P Whatley reported on the activities of the MHDC during the epidemic emergency noting the delay on work for the next stage of the SWDP, progress in renovating the Splash Pool and the financial situation.

The Tree Warden had circulated his report; attached see appendix -a.

There were verbal reports from; Footpaths Warden, Community Shop and Knightwick Surgery Patient Participation Group.

The formal meeting commenced at 20.08

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence;

The apology for absence from Cllr A Crockford was accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest:

Cllr R Ashton noted an interest in agenda item 4 (e as his wife was the chair of the governors of Suckley School.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd October 2020 (circulated in advance)

The minutes which had been circulated in advance were agreed as true record

4.

Financial Matters;

a) Note the following payments made under the 'Delegated Actions' procedure since the last meeting.

18/11/20, R Wilks, Lengthsman, Oct. £158.40 inc vat – Noted

18/11/20, R J Unwin, Trees Survey. £300.00 inc vat – Noted

b) Establish a committee to consider the budget and precept for 2021-22 to report at the next meeting.

It was agreed that Cllrs Ashton, Cooper, Martin, and Mutter would meet via ZOOM (facilitated by the clerk)

c) Note the Financial Statement of the year to end November. (circulated in advance)

The clerk drew members' attention to various items of expenditure and the year-end forecast. - Noted

d) Consider making a donation to Cobalt Health medical charity – request circulated 9/11/20.

After a discussion it was agreed that this related to more wider aspects than covered by the council and did not justify a donation.

e) Assist with the purchase of a laptop for Suckley School at a cost of £535.00

After a discussion it was agreed that this was a worthwhile local initiative and the council would make a donation of £535.00 to Suckley School

f) The council's bank balance is £33,810.91 at 26/11/2020 - Noted

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

a) Respond to; Application Number 20/01695/HP, New Barn 1A Swan Orchard, Alfrick.

Proposal; Ground floor extension, internal alterations and first floor extension –

It was agreed to support this application

b) Respond to; Application Number – 20/01451/LB, Lulsley Court, Lulsley

Proposal; Construction of terrace to rear with steps and dwarf wall

It was agreed to support this application

- c) Review status – Clay Green Farm development. There was no new information on this development.
- d) Cllr Ms C Bradley to report on the Alfrick Pound and Jubilee Spinney projects.
Cllr Bradley had circulated a report in advance of the meeting see appendix -b. This was noted and it was agreed that work should continue within the limits allowed by the current emergency.
- e) Wildlife and Biodiversity; Contributions.
Cllr Bradley had circulated a report in advance of the meeting see appendix -c. This was noted and it was agreed to continue with this at the January meeting when Cllr Bradley would provide more locally focused proposals.

6.

Committee on New Public Facilities.

The Committee Chair, Cllr A Cooper to report on the latest situation. see appendix -d.

Key points were;

The alternative site for the MUGA at the NE corner of the playing field was agreed.

From this the following have to be resolved.

- i) Cost of MUGA 35m x 17m on this site to be obtained from Grimshaw. AC
- ii) Reduced size of the football pitch to be agreed – AC will discuss with L&B FC
(The pitch would still be above the minimum requirement of 90m x 45m.)
- iii) The Cricket Nets to be relocated – possibly to the SE corner of the field. GMB
- iv) Site of the MUGA to be re-surveyed by Grimshaw, cost to be confirmed. AC
- v) The administration of the facility requires further thought.
- vi) Further public consultation may be needed to meet MHDC sect 106 committee requirements.
- vii) Information on the change of location could be circulated with the council's Winter Newsletter.
- viii) The 'Skateboarding Area' to be reduced in size to allow a rearrangement of the football pitch.
AC & GMB to meet contractors

7.

Consider the development and adoption of a Parish Emergency Document (circulated in advance)

Cllr Messervy-Whiting set out the background to the proposed document which was based on the format proposed for smaller authorities. It was agreed to finalise the details with a view to agreeing the final document at the next meeting.

8.

Highways and Footpaths. Clerk to report.

The clerk described the changes agreed with Suckley Parish Council on locations for the jointly-operated VAS road speed meter. Suckley would have four locations but two would be reduced to one week each to maintain the joint six-weeks usage. He noted that Cllr Ashton's latest analysis of speeds showed a worrying disregard of legal limits and together with Cllr Ashton he would produce a detailed time/occurrence report to be sent to the local police office.

9.

Clerk's Report -

He drew members' attention to the report of the Tree and Forestry Consultant. On the Jubilee Plantation he proposed that together with the Tree Warden and MHDC officers a proposal to implement the recommendations of removing four trees to allow others to flourish would be considered. (Tree Preservation Orders apply). On the Playing Field he would share the consultants findings with the Village Hall Committee as some of the trees were on Village Hall land. Quotations for the remaining work would be obtained and reported to the January meeting. For reference the full report is attached see appendix -d.

10.

Items for the next meeting.

Set Budget & Precept for 2021-2, Winter Newsletter contents etc. see 5(e, 7, above)

11.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday 28th January 2021 at 19:30 hrs. on ZOOM - Agreed

The meeting closed at 21:35 hrs.

Minutes confirmed.....