

## **Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 19:30hrs on Thursday 25th February 2021**

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 Crockford, 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).

Visitors: Nine parishioners.

#### **Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;**

Several parishioners raised the continuing matter of the un-maintained public road Sandy Lane. Although the status and maintenance of this roadway is a matter for the county council, this council will continue to support the residents in that locality whenever it can do so appropriately.

Other parishioners raised the possibility of the structure of the council-owned playing field being permanently altered by the installation of the proposed Multi-Use-Games-Area. This would prevent the playing of Cricket by intruding into the outfield/boundary. Some fifty residents have supported a formal letter from the reformed Cricket Club to the council on this and councillors were urged by the parishioners present to consider this in their decisions in the formal session.

#### **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 progress in renovating the Splash Pool and the financial situation.

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

#### **The formal meeting commenced at 20:20hrs**

1.

##### **Declaration of a vacancy on the council**

The Chair advised that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr A G Cooper. The council noted his resignation and asked the clerk to put in process the co-option of a replacement.

Members asked the clerk to write to Mr Cooper expressing their thanks to him for his substantial contribution to the life of the village.

The council now wishes to co-opt a parishioner to fill the vacancy left by Cllr Coopers's resignation.

It is hoped that a candidate for co-option will come forward by the next meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Those interested in joining the council are asked to contact the clerk to the council for details.

##### **Members' Apologies for absence;**

All members present.

2.

##### **Members' Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr E Mutter declared an interest in agenda 6,3 as he is a member of the Cricket Club.

3.

**Confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021** (circulated in advance)

**Confirm the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Both sets of minutes had been circulated in advance and were agreed as true records.

4.

##### **Financial Matters;**

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

J Clift - £400.00 (in/out payments ref Lulsley Charities)

G M Brewin - £160.00 (in/out payments ref Lulsley Charities)

b) The council's bank balance is £30,206 at 20/02/21

All noted

5.

**Planning and Environmental Matters; - None**

6.

**Continue the agenda of the extraordinary meeting on 11/2/21 suspended at 21:32 hrs**

3. Approve the construction of a Multi-Purpose-Games-Area and associated access pathway on the Playing Field at a cost of £56,032+vat. The funding ex-vat being from the council's Section 106 allocation held by Malvern Hills District Council. (proposed by the NPFiA committee) (Details and correspondence circulated in advance)  
There was a considerable, wide and lively discussion on this matter and concern expressed that the council had come so far without the support of cricket players amongst others.  
**A proposal from the Chair that this should not be approved was supported unanimously.**
4. Allocate responsibility for day-to-day monitoring of the project.  
**No longer relevant.**
5. Allocate responsibility for establishing the Management Committee and its terms of reference for the facility once installed.  
**No longer relevant.**

7.

**Committee on New Public Facilities and Community Engagement.**

The Chair to comment on the latest situation.

Referring to the previous item the Chair reviewed the situation saying that the NPFiA committee must review the whole New Facilities scene and needed an enhanced membership to do this. He proposed Cllr R Ashton (already a member) to take over from ex Cllr A Cooper as Chair of the committee and this was agreed.

In addition Ms C Bradley, G G Messervy-Whiting and E Mutter agreed to join the committee.

The clerk was asked to ensure that the NPFiA committee met as a matter of urgency.

8.

**Highways and Footpaths.** Clerk to report.

The clerk reviewed recent activity and said the Highways expenditure (WCC Lengthman) was within budget for the year.

9.

**Clerk's Report -**

- a) Correspondence received: All circulated in advance.
- b) Actions from the previous meeting: All completed

10.

**Items for the next meeting.**

- a) Co-option to fill the outstanding vacancy on the council.
- b) NPFiA committee to report.

11.

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

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 19:30 hrs. on ZOOM - confirmed.

The meeting closed at 21:25 hrs.

Minutes confirmed.....