

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, R Ashton, N Catlow, T Clarke, A Crockford, G Lowe, G Messervy-Whiting, E Mutter, C. Cllr Ms K Hanks, D. Cllr Ms S Rouse, D. Cllr P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk),

Visitors: two parishioners.

Prior to the council meeting the Annual Parish Meeting was held – see separate report.

The formal meeting commenced at 20:05 hrs.

Agenda - The meeting was opened by the current chairman; Cllr B Martin

1.

To accept nominations and appoint a Chairman

By unanimous agreement Cllr B Martin was nominated.

Cllr Martin accepted, signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and took the chair.

In taking the Chair he expressed his thanks for the support of councillors over the past year.

2.

To accept nominations and appoint a Vice-Chairman

Cllr N Catlow was nominated and agreed unanimously.

3.

Members' Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

4.

Members' Declarations of Interest

Cllr N Mutter declared an interest as a member of Alfrick Cricket Club in item 9.

5.

Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held 22/04/21. (Circulated in advance)

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.

6.

Appoint councillors to committees and representatives to external organisations;

a) Village Hall Committee: Cllrs T Clarke and G Messervy-Whiting would share the role of attending Village Hall committee meetings. Agreed.

b) Community Shop Committee: D Bradley Agreed.

c) Two representatives to WCALC Area Meeting: Cllrs A Crockford, B Martin) Agreed.

d) Alfrick Trustee of the Suckley Charities: Cllr E Mutter Agreed.

e) Appoint members of the New Public Facilities in Alfrick (S106) Committee and confirm the terms of reference.

Cllr R Ashton – Chair, Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, N Catlow, T Clarke, B Martin, G Messervy-Whiting, E Mutter,

Co-opted members to be confirmed at the first meeting of the committee.

To identify and recommend projects linked to and funded by the MHDC section106 funding of c£70k. Agreed.

7.

Financial Matters

a) Confirm Clerk's salary and hours of work for 2020-21; (NALC - SCP27 - £13.51/hr) 312hrs/yr, = £351.26/month. Agreed.

b) Approve payment - Costs incurred in further consultations with Grimshaw Group subsequent to the commitment to proceed with the MUGA and prior to the cancellation of the project - £606.90 +vat. Agreed

c) Approve payment - Annual council insurance, Came & Co - £594.31 (5% discount for yr. 3 of 3yrs. Agreement.) Agreed.

d) Approve payment – MCB Landscapes, Playing field mowing (x2) £150+vat Agreed.

8.

Confirm the adoption the General Power of Competence

This Council declares that it meets the criteria set by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011 (s8) in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. viz:

- i. At least two-thirds of total number of councillors must have been elected
- ii. The Clerk holds CiLCA 2012 or other relevant qualification.

And therefore confirms the adoption of the General Power of Competence as set out in the above act.

Confirmed.

9.

Sports Facilities on the Council Playing Field.

The council has over the years provided a 'cricket practice facility' in the form of cricket nets with an appropriate playing surface and has been advised that these are in need of substantial repair and are dangerous to use. The estimated cost to bring this facility back to full use is c£4000

The committee of the Alfrick and Lulsley Cricket Club suggest that a portable playing surface mat and demountable nets would be a preferable option and would also release the corner of the field for a Children's Play Area.

Alfrick and Lulsley Cricket Club is prepared to store this proposed equipment and make it available on request to other cricketers.

It is proposed that the council purchases a portable playing surface mat and demountable nets at a cost of £3,344 ex vat. There was a substantial discussion over the proposal and the role of the Playing Field in the community.

On the proposal of the Chair this was agreed unanimously.

10.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

Two new street names for the new development of 22 properties on Land at Clay Green Farm.

After a discussion *Hayley View Way and Dingle Close* were agreed. The Clerk would advise MHDC accordingly.

11.

Clerk's Report

a) Items from the last meeting.

The Leigh and Bransford Badgers Football Club had not renewed their annual donation (£300) and there was a continuing discussion as to their future use of the field.

b) Outstanding matters requiring the council's notice. (Tennis Club, War Memorial)

The Tennis Club Committee had suggested that the council consider some financial support for court improvements. (ref: minute 4 f – 22/04/2021) and he was expecting a draft proposal for the next meeting.

The War Memorial is listed Grade II and an application for the proposed work of renovation and cleaning has been submitted to MHDC.

c) He was in the process of selecting a wayside seat for the Village Green Bus-stop and would confirm this at the next meeting.

d) There was the possibility of part-funding for an additional VAS Speed Camera and would confirm this at the next meeting.

12.

Items for the next meeting

Ref to items 11. a and b above.

13.

Confirm the date of the next meeting; Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7.30pm, Alfrick Village Hall.

Confirmed.

The meeting closed at 21:07 hrs.

Minutes confirmed.....

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