

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 24th June 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, D. Cllr Ms S Rouse, D. Cllr P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Apologies – C.Cllr Ms K Hanks

Visitors: two parishioners.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

Residents reported on the continuing efforts with WCC to obtain a Road Closure Notice on Sandy Lane.

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

Community Shop, Knightwick Surgery Patient Participation Group

District Cllrs Ms S Rouse and P Whatley reported on the activities of the MHDC noting the progress of regeneration planning and the financial situation.

There were a verbal reports from the Tree Warden's the Community Shop and Knightwick Surgery Patient Participation Group.

The formal meeting commenced at 20:15

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

All members were present.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

None

3.

Confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 27th May 2021 (circulated in advance)

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

4.

Financial Matters;

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

17/06/21 R Wilks - Lengthsman £216.00 inc vat. - Noted

17/06/21 MCB Landscapes – Playing Field Maintenance. £180.00 inc vat.- Noted

b) Note - the council's bank balance is £29998.61 at 17/06/21 - Noted

c) Confirm the Council's Annual Report 2020-21 (circulated in advance) - Confirmed

d) Consider the purchase of an additional VAS road speed unit at a cost of £3150 +vat with support from the Local Policing and Community Ambassador's Fund, Safer Roads – Cllr R Ashton.

It was agreed that, in principle, an additional VAS road speed indicator would be useful in reducing vehicles speeding on local highways and Cllr Ashton and the clerk should proceed to a formal agreement on costs for approval at the next meeting.

e) Add the capital item 'Portable Cricket Pitch' replacement value £2750 to the council's assets. - Agreed

f) Add the capital item 'Portable Cricket Practice Nets' replacement value £750 to the council's assets. - Agreed

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

a) Review status – Clay Green Farm development.

It was noted that clearance of the site had begun and that Cllrs Martin and Crockford would act as the first point of contact for the council as development continued. The clerk would advise the developer accordingly.

b) Cllr Ms C Bradley to report on Alfrick Pound and Jubilee Spinney and environmental issues.

There was little of note to report as the bird-nesting season runs to the end of July.

6.

Committee on New Public Facilities

Cllr R Ashton to report. Full report see appendix -a

1. Play area – Cllr Ashton still formulating equipment with two suppliers – estimated £50k max

2. Nature corner – Important this has educational value – general view is there is enough 'rough' countryside around without need for more.

3. Drainage - the clerk is dealing with this as a matter of playing field maintenance
4. Cricket – New kit has arrived and in use. Not a s106 matter.
5. Show stand – Need for help in organising and staffing it on the day.
6. Skateboard area - Not a s106 matter at present.
7. Old pavilion base, - Not a s106 matter at present.
8. Scrap removal - the clerk is dealing with this as a matter of playing field maintenance

7.

Confirm the Council's Summer Newsletter (circulated in advance)

With additions resulting from this meeting this was agreed. Distribution would be in the first week of July.

8.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Correspondence received. All circulated via email.
- b) Actions from the previous meeting. Bus-stop seat, agreed that a Stop/Shelter would be preferred – the clerk to circulate a selection of designs and costs. (This could be considered a S106 project.)
- c) War Memorial cleaning – progress report. Prior to an application for Listed building Consent a local consultation was required and this would be via the Summer Newsletter.
- d) Playing Field improvements etc. The first item would be the removal of scrap items and the old cricket net supports. Costs would be obtained for a new storage container possibly on the playing field under the council's control.

9.

Items for the next meeting

Full plan for the council's stand at the Horticultural Show on 4th September. Clerk to circulate an action list.

Item 4 d) above continuing.

Item 6 above continuing.

10.

Confirm the date of the next meeting: July 22nd 2021 proposed.

Agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:20 hrs.

Minutes confirmed.....

222/07/2019

We had an informal meeting on zoom on Tuesday because some of the Committee were unable to attend in person at the Village Hall, however future meetings will need to be face to face.

Prior to the meeting an initial plan for the play area from Kompan was circulated by email to members giving an idea of how the proposal would look, this was favourably received but with queries on the cost which was unavailable at the time.

I reported that we were still waiting for quotes from both Kompan and Creative Play, I have been in discussion with Kompan, and a verbal estimate was for less than £50k once discounts and surfacing were taken into consideration. (They have had computer problems that have prevented them from producing an official quote). Creative Play have missed their own deadline of 18th June but have promised to provide us with a quote in the next few weeks, both companies have been asked for a presentation pack in time for the next meeting.

We discussed the Wildlife corner and after some questions on whether we needed to provide this as part of the facilities on the field, we thought that there would be added value if it could be used to promote and inform the public on all things ecological relevant to the Parish.

We need to prepare for our presentation to the public at the village show and for the same to be displayed at the village hall on 18th September for those that cannot make the show. Any proposals for the field that need to be included in our application for S106 funding need to be with me by 13th July, in time for the next meeting on the 20th July.

Please can we have volunteers to organise and man the stand at both events, offers of equipment to use will also be welcome.

The deadline for our S106 application is 13th October to be decided on 27th October.

Drainage is no longer an S106 issue and will be dealt with as part of the annual field maintenance plan.

The cricket nets and pitch have now been received and are not included in S106.

Plans to remove the skateboard base, the old pavilion base, and the scrap metal, including the old nets, are to be dealt with by the council.

R Ashton 24/6/21