

## Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

### **Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 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, E Mutter,

D.Cllr P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Apologies; Cllr G Messervy-Whiting, C.Cllr Ms K Hanks, D.Cllr Ms S Rouse.

Visitors: One

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

The matter of the status of Sandy lane was discussed. The clerk was asked to keep our County Councillor Ms K Hanks apprised of developments and local sentiments on this.

**Reports:** County & District Councillors, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop, Knightwick Surgery Patient Participation Group

District Cllr P Whatley reported on the activities of the MHDC noting the progress of regeneration planning, the financial situation and other local matters.

There were verbal reports from the Footpaths' Warden, the Tree Warden, the Community Shop and the Village Hall committee.

The formal meeting commenced at 20:08

## **AGENDA**

1.

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

The apology from Cllr G Messervy-Whiting was accepted.

2.

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

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

3.

**Confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 24th June 2021 (revised) (circulated in advance).**

**Confirm the minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd July 2021 (circulated in advance).**

These were agreed as true records and signed by the chair.

4.

#### **Financial Matters;**

- a) Approve payment – Clerk's expenses (6 mths), £522.47. Approved
- b) Approve payment – Alfrick Village Hall, 25% of Maintenance Costs of Defibrillator - £88.20 . Approved
- c) Approve payment – Replacement of derelict storage container on the Playing Field, - costs awaited.
- d) Note the following payment made under the 'Delegated Actions' procedure since the last meeting.  
13/08/21 - MCB Landscapes, Playing Field Maintenance, £270.00 inc vat Noted  
18/08/21 – Ocean Blue Graphics – Banner for Show Stand, £30.00 inc vat. Noted
- e) Note - the council's bank balance is £29,200.52 at 01/09/21 Noted

5.

#### **Planning and Environmental Matters;**

- a) Note the clerk's delegated response to: Application; 21/01566/HP, Location; Crews Hill House, Crews Hill Proposal; Conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation  
*'This council supports this application - although it is not within the parish boundary - it is part of the local landscape and the upgrading of existing storage to regular use will be an improvement to the local built environment.'*
- b) Consider a response to Application; 21/01577/CLE, Location; Hill Orchard Lulsley WR6 5QP Proposal; Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use of mower house in garden land.  
The clerk reported on the history of planning applications at this location.  
The following response was agreed.  
*'This council objects to the issuing of a certificate of lawfulness.*  
There is no definitive statement as to the size and location of this shed. The size is only indicated by a statement of the materials used. This is inadequate to allow a decision to be made.  
If the shed exists currently there should be a suitable photograph and plan showing its properties, size and location within the property.

It would seem that this may be another effort to obtain a certificate of lawfulness for a garden office for which an application for planning permission was rejected in 2016. The appeal against rejection was also rejected.'

- c) Consider a response to Application; 21/01606/OUT, Location: Swan Cottage, Alfrick, WR6 5HY  
Proposal: Outline planning application with some matters reserved for a proposed dwelling to land adjacent Swan Cottage  
After a discussion the following response was agreed.  
'This council has no objection to the application for outline approval in principle but reserves the right to object to any detailed proposal which would detract from the visual and amenity value of the open approach to the village where properties are set back from the roadway.'
- d) Clay Green Farm development. Cllrs A Crockford and B Martin to report.  
Requests by residents for Folly Road to be kept clear of parked vehicles had received a positive response from the developer. Cllrs Crockford and Martin would meet the developer's representative for further discussions shortly. The clerk would invite a member of the developer's management to the next meeting of the council.
- e) Cllr Ms C Bradley to report on Alfrick Pound and Jubilee Spinney and other environmental issues.  
Working Parties would resume shortly with the first being on the playing field on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September.  
It was requested that the borders of the field which had been uncut this season should now be trimmed.  
This was agreed and the clerk would advise the contractor accordingly

## 6.

### **New Public Facilities**

- a) The Chair and Cllr R Ashton to report on the public consultations on 4th and 11th September 2021.  
Cllr Martin said the consultation at the village show with a council stand had been very successful but the later event in the village hall had received minimal support.  
Cllr R Ashton introduced the revised play area plan setting out the additions and changes made following the discussions at the village show and subsequently with a group of local mothers of young children.  
*See appendix -a*
- b) The Council to confirm the details of the application for Section 106 Funds for the New Play Area project. (circulated in advance)  
After a wide-ranging discussion the Chair proposed that this project proposal be accepted and the council go forward with an application for section 106 funds of £60,403. This would be 90% of the whole playing field upgrade for which the council has committed £6,500 of council funds.  
This was agreed unanimously.

## 7.

### **Clerk's Report -**

- a) Correspondence received. He noted that some local horse-riders had requested the council's help in installing 'Go-Slow' signs. It was pointed out that this was initially a matter for WCC Highways. He would respond accordingly.
- b) Actions from the previous meeting.  
i) War Memorial cleaning – progress report.  
An application of Listed Building Approval has been made to MHDC. Once this has been received he would contact the preferred contractor for a firm proposal on costs etc.  
ii) Playing Field improvements etc.  
He was continuing to resolve the removal of scrap metal from the field.  
iii) New VAS unit and Bus Shelter. He proposed that the council consider firm proposals for these at the next meeting – Agreed.

## 8.

### **Items for the next meeting**

New VAS unit and Bus Shelter.

## 9.

**Confirm the date of the next meeting: October 28th 2021 agreed.**

The meeting closed at 21:26 hrs.

*Minutes confirmed.....*

*28/10/2019*



