

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday, Thursday 28th July 2022 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllr B Martin, Chair,
Cllrs: Ms B Proddger, R Ashton, N Catlow, T Clarke, G Messervy-Whiting.
C.Cllr Ms K Hanks, D. Cllr P Whatley, G M Brewin (Clerk).
Apologies: D. Cllr S Rouse, G Lowe, E Mutter.
Visitors: None.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None

Reports: County & District Councillors, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop, Knightwick Surgery Patient Participation Group
C.Cllr Ms K Hanks reported on the County Council plans for boundary reviews and the Bus Transformation project. Members expressed concern over the long awaited completion of the Worcester Southern Bypass extension. District Cllr P Whatley reported on the activities of the MHDC noting the second Boundary Review proposals and the need for a response to them and other local matters.

There were verbal reports on Footpaths, and the Knightwick Surgery Patient Participation Group

The formal meeting commenced at 20:06hrs

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies from Cllrs G Lowe, E Mutter were 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 Thursday 23rd June 2022 (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 Action' procedure since the last meeting.

17/06/2022 Printed Banners, Playing field equip. £20.00 inc vat Noted

27/06/2022 Mrs D Skyrme Expenses, (Old Storrige Charity) £44.13 Noted

08/07/2022 Glasdon Uk Limited, Playing field equip. £273.89 inc vat Noted

08/07/2022 R A Wilks, Parish Lengthsman exp. £186.00 inc vat Noted

b) Note Bank Acc at 28/07/22 - £26,367.37 Noted

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

None

6.

New Play Area and future S106 funded projects.

a) Cllr R Ashton to report on additions to the Play Area etc.

The Play Area project had been completed with the final inclusion of formal notices and installation of a refuse bin. Following discussion with MHDC a deed has been prepared to cover an additional £2579.22 for five benches to be installed. Once this payment had been received an order could be placed.

b) Clerk to propose plans for a New Tennis Court (in conjunction with Cllr Ashton) viz

Members expressed disappointment on the lack of a formal response from the Village Hall Committee following the informal discussion before the last meeting on 23/6/22.

The advice from MHDC Project Manager Mark Hammond had not been addressed. (see appendix a – minutes 23/6/22, viz

To be honest, this matter is a very simple one and doesn't need to be over complicated:-

- I believe the tennis club has a long term lease on the existing court. Accordingly, they will require the land area/location in the lease to be modified slightly to allow the club to accommodate a new court. Once this is in place the club will be able to apply for the S106 funds in order to deliver the project. The club will have to comply with MHDC's eligibility criteria.

- Alternatively, as freeholder, the village hall committee could apply for the funds and deliver the project.
- Fundamentally, there is no active role the parish council needs to take in this project. The only way the parish council would/should be involved, is if you were going to take on a lease or transfer of the land and you then lead on the project.

In short, my recommendation is to leave this project to the village hall and tennis club

It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee should be asked to consider the matter based on a recent quotation of £48k +vat. This was well within the project funds (£79k) and liability to vat should not be a consideration. Only after a formal response to this could the matter be taken further.

It was agreed that the following items on the agenda should not be considered.

- i) Long-term lease (99yrs) with Village Hall Committee or consider purchase.
- ii) Proposed layout of the area (draft circulated in advance)
- iii) Preferred contractor (previously preferred for defunct MUGA proposal.
- iv) Timetable for S106 Funding.

c) Agree on a method of management for the Play Area. *(no offers yet)*

As no offer of a 'Play Area Warden' had been received it was agreed that members would carry out the weekly visual inspections. (Three monthly formal inspections by Kompan have already been agreed) Cllr Ashton would make the inspection documentation available and the clerk would issue a rota for inspections.

7.

New Public Right of Way

Clerk to report on the situation. (Comments from Land Owner circulated in advance)

It was agreed that any change in status would be complicated and could not be justified considering the small usage of the access path to the Jubilee Plantation. The status quo ante should be retained. The clerk was asked to advise the landowner accordingly.

8.

Clerk's Report -

The clerk reported on details of an email he had received, and had circulated, concerning the council's stand at this year's Horticultural Show. The Chair agreed to resolve this with the Chair of the Horticultural Show Committee.

9.

Items for the next meeting

- a) Draft an agreement between the Show Committee and the Parish Council formalising the booking of the playing field for the show.
- b) Review any response on the Tennis Court project – see 6 9b above.

10.

a) Confirm the date of the next meeting: September 22nd 2022 – Agreed.

b) Consider proposal to start Council Meetings at 7pm rather than 7:30pm.

After a brief discussion the Chair proposed that meetings would start at 7pm from the September meeting and this was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:20 hrs.

Minutes confirmed.....

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