

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, S V Glazzard, G Lowe, P Tebbit, G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies; Mrs S Tolley, B Fishwick, R Jackson.

Visitors: None

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies for absence from Cllrs: Mrs S Tolley, R Jackson, B Fishwick, were accepted.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

3. Reports; County & District Councillors, Parish Footpaths' Warden, Parish Tree Warden, Village Hall Representative.

As reports had been made to the Annual Parish Meeting a week prior to this meeting there were no further reports to be made.

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2010 circulated in advance.

These had been circulated in advance, were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters;

Note the clerk's delegated payments:

- a) Payment - A R Thomas, Playing Field New Ditch etc, £1488+vat
- b) Payment - A R Thomas, Playing Field maintenance and ditch clearing etc, £687+vat
- c) Payment - A R Thomas, Lengthsman's work, June & July, £720+vat.
All noted
- d) Note the External Auditor's unqualified confirmation of the 2009-10 accounts. Noted
- e) Approve the auditor's fee; £135+vat - £155.25. Approved

6. Planning Matters;

- a) Review – Appln.10/01107/HOU, Extension – James Meadow, Workhouse Bank, Alfrick WR6 5EU
'No comment' to be returned
- b) Consider a response to correspondence with Draycott Developments;
The clerk was asked to respond pointing out that the council was waiting to hear from MHDC regarding the situation following the cancelling of the swjcs and indicating that it was considered that the council's Parish Design Statement and previous response to the, now defunct, swjcs set out the council's current position clearly.

7. Consider making an application for re-accreditation as a Quality Parish Council.

This was discussed at some length following responses from other Quality Councils and it was agreed that the council had no wish to renew accreditation at this time.

8. Consider establishing an Emergency Situation Action Scheme

This was discussed at some length. It was agreed that a system for providing help during severe weather; floods, snow etc could be useful. The clerk was asked to request comments from parishioners in the Autumn Newsletter.

9. Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meeting:

Playing Field,

All the work planned has been completed; clearing the existing ditches and installing the new ditch/drain on the northern boundary. During recent rains there was a considerable flow through the drain and the field appeared to be remaining reasonably dry. The situation will be monitored through the autumn and winter months.

War Memorial,

He was still waiting for quotations to replace the weather-damaged paving.

Broadband Internet Access,

He had investigated the costs likely to be incurred by using a specialist hub in the village. Rutland Broadband is now providing such facilities in rural areas but the initial cost (which can be recouped as users pay for the service) is around £30,000. He was asked to conduct a survey in the Autumn Newsletter to see what parishioners' experiences of broadband access were before proceeding further.

b) Correspondence & Publications Received - circulated in advance.

He drew members' attention to the following:

MH-CAB	Annual Review
Worcs. Patnrship	Summer Newsletter
Festival Housing	Annual Review
Lloyds TSB	Current acct. at 5 Aug - £5915.07
HSBC	Current acct. at 14 Aug - £5000
MHDC	View from the Hills Summer Edition
MH-AONB	Annual Report
MHDC	Performance Appendix
Community First	Summer Newsletter
Clerks Direct	September journal
NALC	Autumn Journal

10. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Consider Clerk's half-yr report to be circulated in advance and establish the Financial Advisory Group for the Council Budget 2011-12.
- b) Approve Autumn Newsletter – to be circulated in advance
- c) Broadband Internet Access

11. Confirm the date of the next meeting;

19/10/2010 at 19.30 in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm

Chairman.....