

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 21st March 2024
at 19:00hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present: Cllr N. Catlow, Chair

Cllr T. Clarke V. Chair, Cllr G. Lowe, Cllr R. A. Ashton, Cllr S V Glazzard, Cllr G. Messervy-Whiting, Cllr B. Prodger, Cllr P J Hayward, Cllr R. Head.

District Cllr P. Whatley, County Cllr K. Hanks, R. Timney (Clerk)

Public questions and comments made prior to meeting.

Cllr Whatley; Neighbourhood Plans reported that are worth pursuing as a useful tool to control developments in the area – even whilst the South Worcestershire Strategic Plan is held up. More drainage matters have been reported and some dealt with.

Cllr Hanks; Reported on County Council matters, budget challenges and offered further funds perhaps to help with the Alfrick Pound Bus Stop works.

Bill Cunliffe presented a note on matters related to the War Memorial that will be considered formally at the next PC meeting.

Tree Warden, Simon Warr, confirmed that the Spinney had been tidied but paths needed to be made more accessible through placement of wood chipping.

Rob Wilkes. Lengthsman. Reported on matters around the village.

The formal meeting commenced at 19:19 hrs

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr G. Messervy-Whiting, Cllr B. Prodger, D Cllr S. Rouse.
2. **Members’ Declarations of Interest.** Cllr S V Glazzard declared a membership of The Trail Riders Federation on the green lanes matter.
3. **Confirm the minutes** of the monthly meeting held 18/01/24. (Circulated in advance) **Approved**
4. **Financial Matters** - (Circulated in advance)

Payments made since 18/1/24

Date	To whom	For what	Amount
02/02/2024	MHDC	Election costs for 2023 election	1,695.10
02/02/2024	NP DENLEY	Tree surgery - Spinney	72.00
21/02/2024	HMRC	PAYE	72.60
28/02/2024	RT	Clerk salary	290.62
01/03/2024	HALLMARKHULME LLP	Tennis court lease and registration.	965.00
08/03/2024	RT	Expenses at £12/month for 2023/4	144.00

Income

Date	From whom	For what	Amount
22/02/2024	MHDC	Tennis court project	80,899.00
29/02/2024	M&G CHARITY	Charity income	29.03
12/03/2024	WCC	Bus stop contribution – CH	400.00
15/03/2024	WCC	Lengthsman and admin	1220.00

Forthcoming payments

Alfrick War Memorial upkeep. Plants and Fertiliser - Claire Davies	Total - £107.77
Kompan Play Equipment. Annual Inspection	Total - £271.87
R. Wilks – Lengthsman Feb and March	Total - £502.00

R Wilks for next year as Lengthsman.

Approved.

25/2023

5. Planning and Environmental Matters

a) Discussion on a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. Cllr Glazzard to liaise with local PCs about their Neighbourhood Plans and to compare our existing plan with what is required. The PC will display our existing plan and seek comments at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

b) Examination of planning applications

M/24/00150/LB. Ball Cottage, Lulsley, Knightwick, Worcester, WR6 5QN. For timber repairs.

No comment

M/24/00221/FUL. Annexe At, Wheatley Cottage, Folly Road, Alfrick. Change of use of existing annexe to a separate Class C3 dwelling house.

No comment

M/24/00273/ FUL 13 Clay Green, Erection of single storey self build dwelling house.

Due to late receipt of the enquiry cllrs will consider a response – if one is to be made a special meeting will be called.

6. Alfrick and Alfrick Pound Bus Stops Update.

Alfrick bus stop – comments made about outline plan for a sign to direct people to the shop and village hall. Clerk will liaise with the shop on amendments.

Alfrick Pound Bus Stop – quotes still being sought for maintenance works.

7. Tennis court project

All funding received and project is now underway. Completion is expected to be in late May 2024.

8. Highways and Flooding

a) Cllrs want to encourage everyone to report blocked gulleys and highways issues on the County Council's Highways online reporting portal. <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/tell-us-about-road-highway-or-travel-route-issue>

In addition, when reporting matters to use the “**What Three Words**” app to locate the site easily.

Flooding on the playing field was discussed. The Lengthsman will look at clearing the headwall near the cricket container when weather is drier.

Headwall at junction of Green Street and Folly Road has nowhere to drain to as outfall, on private land is silted up.

b) **Green lanes.** Cllr Glazzard is awaiting further responses from the Community Safety Team relating to further anti social behaviour by people using 4 x 4s and motorbikes in these lanes.

9. Future of the skatepark – prices still being sought for removing a 10m strip of the current hard standing that is too close to the football pitch area.

10. Clerk's Report – nothing further to report to items already covered on agenda.

11. Spinney Working Party. Volunteers met to work on the Spinney on 5th March. They cleared the pathways and cut back saplings ahead of the nesting season. The path into the site was too boggy for wheelbarrows etc. Clerk to approach landowner about placing of additional woodchip path material on the access.

12. Parish Newsletter update.

Cllr Clarke has done a draft report to be finalised in April. It will be the last to be done by post – further reports will be issued by e mail or posted on the PC website and through the Sphere newsletter.

13. Items for the next meeting.

Upper Houses Seating – reports that it is rotten.

War Memorial maintenance, repairs and grass cutting arrangements.

Spinney Path stabilisation

Establish a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and Display

Kompan Play Area Report.

14. Confirm the date of the next meeting. 16th May 2024 for Annual Parish Meeting followed by PC meeting – to be held in Main Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.42