Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th January 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley,

Messrs; A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, G Lowe, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies; P Brown, R Jackson, D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor).

Visitors: Two parishioners

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; (see appendix -a)

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies for absence from Cllrs: P Brown, R Jackson, 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.

See appendix -b

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2010

These had been circulated in advance, they were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th October which required a correction (ref 16/11/2010 item 4) were also approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters;

- a) Confirm the Precept for 2011-12 as for 2010-11; £9180 Agreed
- b) Approve Payment; Lengthsman £714+vat £838.95 Agreed
- c) Approve Payment; MCB landscapes (Alfrick Pound) £30+vat £35.25 Agreed
- d) Approve Payment; Roger Allport Nurseries (Playing Field Trees) £181.50+vat £213.26 Agreed
- e) Approve Payment; Alfrick Village Hall (3 Meetings) £18 Agreed
- f) Approve Payment; Clerk's Expenses Oct-Dec 2010 £75.35 Agreed
- g) Consider a request for a donation to Macmillan Cancer Relief. Acting as Trustees of the Old Storridge Allotment Charity a donation of £100 was agreed.
 The clerk would arrange this.

6. Planning Matters; Consider a response to S. Worcs. Core Strategy – circulated in advance

The report of Cllrs. Brian Fishwick, Stephen Glazzard and Peter Tebbit who attended the consultation meeting with Malvern Hills District Council on 24th November 2010 on the process being adopted for the South Worcestershire Core Strategy by the Councils for Malvern Hills, Worcester and Wychavon was discussed at some length. It was agreed that the council's response should be as made previously to the swjcs proposals together with some additional comments proposed by the councillors attending and agreed by the council. For full details see appendix -c.

7. Consider the future of Village Facilities and possibilities for support or intervention.

The clerk had circulated some details of the village shops at Feckenham and Bishampton where a local support group at Feckenham and the parish council at Bishampton had enabled local shopping facilities to be maintained. After a wideranging discussion it was agreed that a committee consisting of Cllrs S Glazzard and P Tebbit would arrange to meet the owners of Alfrick Stores and Post Office and report to the council at its next meeting.

8. Review the effects of the severe weather in December and consider actions in future severe conditions.

It was agreed that the Parish Lengthsman Mr R Thomas has made an excellent job of keeping the village roads open but further afield the main roads to Worcester and Malvern had not received as much attention as was required. Cllr C Smith was asked to convey the council's comments to the WCC Highways Department.

9. Confirm the Winter Newsletter;

The clerk said that he had held the Newsletter back in order to include some items from the meeting and would circulate a draft for members by the end of the week. He intended to have the newsletter distributed during the week commencing 31st January.

10. Items for the next meeting.

a) The future of Village Facilities

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

11. Confirm the date of the next Meeting,

15/02/2011 at 19:30 in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

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