

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley,

Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, P Tebbit, D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies; Cllrs R Jackson, G Lowe, C Smith (County Councillor)

Visitors: Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), Two parishioners.

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

The formal meeting began at 7.45pm.

1. Members' Apologies for absence

The apology for absence from Cllr s R Jackson and G Lowe 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 15th February 2011

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

5. Financial Matters;

a) Lengthsman's end-of-year accounts.

It was agreed that the clerk could settle the lengthsman's account which was not yet to hand, on receipt to ensure a clean closure of the accounts at the end of the month.

b) Clerk to advise on HMR&C requirements for PAYE applied to council clerks.

The clerk advised that as the clerk's salary was below the PAYE threshold and as he was already paying tax under PAYE on other income there was no need for the council to register for PAYE with HMC&R.

6. Planning Matters; None

7. Village Facilities - possibilities for support or intervention. Review the Public Meeting held on 12th March and consider what action can now be taken.

Some 130 parishioners had attended the Open Meeting on 12th March and 18 had volunteered to help in forming an Action Committee. After a discussion it was agreed that Cllr P Tebbit would chair a committee to consider establishing a plan of action with these 18 volunteers, or as many who could attend, at a meeting on 30th March in the Village Hall. Cllr Tebbit together with the clerk would formulate an agenda and proposed terms of reference for this committee and

Cllr Tebbit would circulate a document for discussion setting out the possibilities for the work of this committee.
The clerk would make the necessary arrangements re agenda and formal notices.

8. Consider a response to WCC regarding the removal of Bus Services to and from the village.

The clerk was asked to respond on behalf of the Council stating that the removal of the last public bus service to the village would be a considerable inconvenience to many elderly residents who did not have access to private transport and would be a further downward step in depriving rural communities of vital communal facilities.

9. Town Council Commitments' circulated for the CALC meeting -Cllr P Tebbit to report.

Cllr Tebbit reported that the proposed draft document had been discussed and the general agreement at the meeting was that it was rather one-sided. It was referred back for review and would be considered at a future meeting.

10. Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meeting:

The clerk reported that the donation to Macmillan Cancer Care had now been sent.

b) Correspondence & Publications Received

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items:

MHDC Footpath Order – Broad Dingle etc

WCC Roadworks on A44 Bridge at Knightwick WCC

WCC Waste Core Strategy – Development

11. Items for the next meeting:

Village Shop Committee to report.

Review Public Bus situation and consultation response

Review Spring Newsletter

Approve Council Accounts 2010-11

12. Confirm the date of the next meeting;

19/04/2011 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman