

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 21st June 2011, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Miss L Randall, Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, G Lowe, B Martin, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies; Cllr Mrs C Williams, D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor).

Visitors: Mr J Robinson and Mr J Reader – Draycott Developments, Mr P Attwood.

Public Questions prior to the formal meeting see appendix a;

The formal meeting began at 8.00pm.

In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman Cllr P Tebbit took the chair.

1. Members' Apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr Mrs C Williams was accepted.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest in the items on the agenda.

3. Reports; County & District Cllrs, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall. see appendix b;

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2011.

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

5. Financial Matters;

a) Approve - subscription to Local Councils Review, NALC Journal - £15.50 - Agreed

b) Approve - Tree Warden's Expenses - £31.20 – Agreed

c) Approve - Internal Auditors fee – LCCA Ltd £60 – Agreed

d) Approve – Meeting Fees, A&L Village Hall, Jan - March – £24 - Agreed

6. Planning Matters; Respond to

a) Change of use Retail premises to Private Housing -6 St. Mary's Crescent, Alfrick,

b) Alteration to 2 semi-detached dwellings - 6 St. Mary Crescent, Alfrick

The clerk had put these items on the agenda in the expectation that the formal consultation documents would arrive in time for the meeting. As they were not available these items would be held over to the next meeting.

7. Report – Village Shop Committee – Cllr P Tebbit

Cllr Tebbit reported on the progress of the Community Shop Steering Committee and the favourable response to the questionnaire. There would be a meeting of the committee on 22nd June when a decision to progress to the establishment of a separate 'Alfrick and Lulsley Community Shop' industrial and provident society registered with the FSA (using the procedure offered by the Plunkett Foundation) would be made.

He proposed that the council should make available up to £1000 to assist in the process as required.

This was agreed.

The clerk was asked to make a cheque for £475 available as soon as the registration documents were ready if this was agreed at the committee meeting and report on this to the next meeting.

8. Discuss proposals by Draycott Developments.

For discussion document see appendix c;

Following the informal discussion with Mr J Robinson and Mr J Reader of Draycott Developments prior to the formal meeting the council reviewed their proposals.

On a proposal by the chairman that these proposals were of a long-term nature and not immediately relevant to the current situation of the Community Shop project it was agreed to leave them on the table for future review.

9. Playing Field Management

The council's policy on the use of the Playing Field was discussed. It was suggested that for frequent users a donation towards the maintenance of the field could be requested. The clerk was asked to propose this to the Leigh

Football Club and report to the next meeting. He was asked also to produce draft criteria for the use of the field and it was noted that the field would always be free to the Horticultural Show.

10. Confirm Yearly Risk Assessment.

This had been agreed at the last meeting. The clerk would obtain a quotation for a professional assessment of the trees in the Jubilee Plantation and around the Playing Field. The revised document was signed by the chairman. see appendix d;

11. Confirm the Summer Newsletter.

This had been held back pending a decision on the Community Shop project. The clerk would circulate a draft for approval after the steering committee had met the following evening. In the event of a positive decision the circulation would be increased to cover the whole of the post-round from Alfrick Post Office. (680 copies)

12. Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meeting

War Memorial

He was in the process of obtaining costs for the supply of a new stone surround and looking for a contractor to install this.

Playing Field.

He would post notices on each gateway asking dog owners to clear up after their dogs.

b) Correspondence Received

He drew members' attention to the following;

- a) The decision to re-grade Alfrick as a Grade 3 Village under the South Worcestershire Development Plan
- b) The latest edition of the NALC Journal LCR – also available on-line.
- c) The latest edition of the Newline Journal from Community First.
- d) MHDC Planning Services Training Sessions.
- e) Suckley PC is interested in a joint project to purchase a 'Vehicle Speed Warning Device' to be used to deter drivers speeding on local roads. The clerk was asked to respond indicating the council's interest in joining such a project.

13. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Consider updating the Parish Plan (September meeting)
- b) Community Shop project
- c) Playing Field use criteria
- d) War Memorial
- e) Correspondence with MHDC Development Office re installation of surveillance cameras in Old Storridge.

14. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

19/7/2011 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 9:12pm.

Chairman.....