

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 13th September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman – Cllr Mrs C Williams

Miss L Randall, Messrs; P Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, B Martin, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Apologies; Cllr G Lowe, D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor).

Visitors – Mr J Robinson

Public Questions prior to the formal meeting see appendix a; - none

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm

1. Members' Apologies for absence.

The apology from Cllr G Lowe 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 19th July 2011.

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

5. Financial Matters;

a) Note the External Auditor's Report and approve audit fee payment, £162.00

The auditor had given an unqualified report. This was noted. The auditor's fee was agreed.

b) Approve payment - MHDC Election Fees, £65.78 - Agreed

c) Approve payment - A Hope Tree Services - Jubilee Ptn Survey, £180.

The council noted that although Mr A Hope had been asked to coordinate his visit with the Tree Warden this had not been done. The payment was agreed with is rider.

d) With the establishment of the Community Shop cooperative – confirm the status of the financial support given - £1000. It was agreed that this should be considered as share capital allowing the council to send a representative to the cooperative's annual meeting. (The clerk would advise the cooperative accordingly)

6 Planning Matters; Note clerk's delegated responses to:

a) Extension and Conversion to private dwelling - Old Shop and Post Office - Alfrick ref 11/00948/FUL - *'This council supports this application.'*

b) Hard Standing and Ramp - Orlando, Old Storridge ref 11/00910/FUL - *'This council objects to this Planning Application'*

1. *The applicant appears to have included in his application a parcel of land that he does not own, which is adjacent to the strip he now owns.*

2. *Owners of adjacent properties to bridleway No. 702, are concerned that a new access track will increase traffic movements up a narrow bridleway.*

3. *This application is in an AOB and this extra access will detract from the beauty of the area.*

4. *If permission is given the spreading of further building material will take place along this new access route over a long period of time as has happened with the so-called ramp, already in place.*

5. *There appears to be no mention of the regulations concerning a new access onto a public bridleway.'*

c) Planning Application - Extension of shed to house log and pellet biomass boiler Lower Norgrove, Alfrick ref 11/01004/HOU - *'This council supports this application.'*

7. Community Shop Committee – Report, Cllr P Tebbit

Cllr Tebbit reported that at the meeting of the committee on 9th August he suggested that as the Alfrick and Lulsley Community Shop Ltd was now registered with the FSA and would be run by a newly appointed Management Committee, the Steering Committee should be wound up.

The Committee agreed and recommended to the Parish Council that the Steering Committee be discontinued.

The council agreed with this recommendation and Cllr Tebbit signed the minutes of the last meeting of the committee.

He then gave the council a résumé of the progress the cooperative was making towards the establishment of a community shop. He advised the council that although he had chaired the embryo cooperative's committee as an extension of his chairmanship of the council committee he had now resigned from this position as he felt this was in the best interests of the cooperative. Cllr B Martin who was a member of the cooperative would keep the council informed of progress towards the achieving of the target of a local shop.

8. Informal Housing Group – Report on the progress of the new Regional Spatial Strategy, and revision of the Parish Design Statement.

As chairman of the Housing Group Cllr Tebbit presented the revised Parish Design Statement (circulated in advance) and explained the additions to the original April 2009 version. There was a wide-ranging discussion on the various aspects that had changed since the original 'plan' and it was agreed to accept the new document as a statement of the parish's current aspirations and as a contribution to the wider review of the planning environment.

(Copies can be obtained by downloading from the council website or from the clerk.)

9. Consider revising the Parish Plan.

It was agreed that the Parish Design Statement had been the key item for revision and there was no need to start work on a complete revision of the Parish Plan at present. This would be reviewed regularly as the review of planning matters progressed.

10. Locations of Speed Camera – confirm.

After a review of possible sites the council agreed that two locations would meet WCC Highways criteria: on the approach to Alfrick by the Old Swan and, approaching the Fox and Hounds from the south in Lulsley. If these were acceptable the council would install the necessary support posts. The clerk would work with neighbouring councils on this project.

11. Clerk's Report - a) Actions from the previous meeting: b) Correspondence Received

a) Tree Survey in Jubilee Plantation and Playing Field – He would pass on the report to the Village Hall committee regarding the large trees on the edge of the Playing field. No work was required in the Plantation.

b) The contractor was hoping to complete the work on the War Memorial surround before Remembrance Sunday.

c) He had received a contribution of £200 from the Leigh Badgers Football Club towards the maintenance of the Playing Field.

d) He was working with Mr T Smart on the incorporation of the council's website into the 'alfrickandlulsley.org/' site and hoped to have this running in September. The two sites would then run in parallel until the end of the year when the 'old' site would be closed down.

e) He drew members' attention to the following items of correspondence:

MHDC – News from the Hills Newsletter

Planning Application at Steephelm, Old Storridge – Withdrawn

Consultation on Planning Proforma, The new form would allow a better response to planning applications to be made.

Location of additional roadside Grit Bins at the council's expense. These had not been included in the budget and existing locations were adequate at present.

12. Items for the next meeting.

Autumn Newsletter

Half-year financial statement and 2012-13 Budget proposals for consideration.

Continuing support for the Community Shop – financial considerations

Response to the South Worcestershire Development Plan

13. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - 18/10/2011 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 21:07 hrs.