

The Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 15/11/ 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, G Lowe, B Martin, P Tebbit,
D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies; C Smith (County Councillor), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

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.

All members were present.

2. Members' Declarations of Interest.

Cllr B Martin declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 as vice-chairman of the Alfrick and Lulsley Community Shop Co-operative.

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

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2011

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

5. Financial Matters;

a) Consider the Report of the Informal Finance Group; circulated in advance. (see appendix c;)

There was a wide-ranging discussion covering particularly the amount to be precepted if the Community Shop was to receive further support from the council in the next financial year.

It was agreed that the precept 2011-12 would be adequate for the usual council activities and that an additional £1500 would be added to enable support to the Community Shop to be given if required.

b) Confirm support for the Community Shop in 2012-13

Subsequent to (a) above it was agreed that the council would provide up to £3000 in the next financial year if and when required. The clerk was asked to advise the Community Shop of this decision.

c) Consider the letter from Severn Area Rescue Association: circulated in advance. It was decided not to support this operation.

6. Planning Matters

The clerk advised the meeting that the application made on behalf of the Community Shop for the installation of a 'Portacabin' within the grounds of the Village Hall had been granted.

7. Assent to the Worcestershire Agreement

Circulated in advance. It was agreed to assent to this agreement. The clerk was asked to complete the document and return it to the WCALC office. (The completed agreement would be posted on the council's website.)

8. Informal Housing Group

Consider the proposals for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan; circulated in advance. (see appendix d;)

In introducing the report of the Informal Group on Housing Matters, Cllr P Tebbit noted that the Localism Bill had been approved by Parliament that day. However the formal establishment of Neighbourhood Plans would be unlikely to begin before April 2012. In the meanwhile the District Council had instituted a number of 'Saved Conditions' which would cover the period between the end of the 1996-2011 District Plan and the new South Worcestershire Development Plan. The Group proposed that some preparatory work should begin as soon as possible and to facilitate this discussions with MHDC Development Office and surrounding parish councils would be worthwhile.

It was agreed that the Housing Group should proceed on this basis and report on progress at the January meeting.

9. Locations of Speed Cameras

The Clerk reported that the specification of the VAS cameras was still not decided. A third location for the camera on Stocks Road would be reviewed as soon as the decision on the cameras was finalised.

10. Parish Council Newsletter

Consider the proposals for the future of the Newsletter set out by the clerk; circulated in advance.

It was agreed that the quarterly newsletter was a useful and the clerk was asked to continue to find the best method of circulation.

11. Discuss arrangements for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee.

Cllr A Cooper reported that the Community Choir would be organising a concert on the Saturday evening and in noting that a full weekend of events was in hand at Suckley recommended that this would be the village's main event. This was agreed.

12. Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meeting:

- i) The renovation of the War Memorial was now complete and the invoice for the work awaited
- ii) The new Parish Council web pages on the alfrickandlulsley.org website were now running and the old 'site' would be discontinued in the New Year.
- iii) The bank account stood at HSBC £5000 Lloyds TSB £3321.

b) Correspondence Received

The clerk drew members' attention to:

- i) HM Revenue and Customs ruling that the council must register for PAYE even though the clerk's salary was below the PAYE threshold.
- ii) Councillor training sessions organised by WALC
- iii) Village SOS Roadshow 2nd Dec. 10:00 – 16:00 at Worcester Rugby Club.
- iv) Police attendance at Council meetings.

13. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Confirm Precept for 2012-13
- b) Report from the Informal Housing Group
- c) Distribution of Newsletters
- d) Speed Cameras – status
- e) Local Broadband – ref Martley Project.

14. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

17/01/2012 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 21:20 hrs

Chairman.....