

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, 20th November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs C Williams

Cllrs: Ms D Jammal, L Randall, Messrs: P Brown, B Fishwick, B Martin, G Lowe, P Tebbit, D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr A G Cooper, Cllr Cllr C Smith (County Councillor),

Visitors: – Three.

Public Questions etc. prior to the formal meeting see appendix a;

1.

To fill a vacancy by co-option.

The two candidates – Mrs D Jammal and Mr L Higginson each made a brief statement to the council and answered councillors' questions.

Members then voted and the successful candidate was Mrs D Jammal.

Mrs Jammal signed the 'Declaration and Acceptance of Office' and joined the council.

2.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr A G Cooper was accepted.

3.

Members' Declarations of Interest'

a) There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

b) To consider granting a dispensation up until the next ordinary election to all parish councillors who live within the parish to enable them to participate in any discussion or vote on any matter concerning the setting of the council's budget and annual precept.

The clerk had received a request for a dispensation from every councillor. He explained the reasons for this requirement and the Council agreed to give a dispensation to every councillor for the time period requested.

4.

Reports:

County & District Cllrs, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop. See appendix B

5.

Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2012.

These had been circulated in advance of the meeting, were agreed as a true record and by the chairman.

6.

Financial Matters;

a) To consider the clerk's half-yr report, discuss plans for 2013-4 and to establish an informal finance group to propose the Precept and Budget at the January meeting.

The clerk had circulated in advance of the meeting details of the current year's spending to the half-year and the expected outcome at the financial year end of 31 March 2013. He drew members' attention to the need to support the Community Shop and resolve the matter of the additional precept to do this that was first included in this year's budget.

It was agreed that councillors Brown, Cooper and Randall would form an informal working group to review expenditure and propose the budget and precept for 2013 to 14 at the January Council meeting.

b) Approve payment: Meeting Expenses (Village Hall 15/9/11 – 1/11/12). £211.00 This was approved.

7.

Planning Matters;

a) To note correspondence from/to D&C Bradley re Appln. 2/01349/FUL, The Pound House, Alfrick Pound, Alfrick, The clerk had circulated copies of this in advance of the meeting. He apologised for his error of including this in the agenda when it should have been discussed as an informal item following the closure of the meeting. During a discussion it was agreed that when planning applications arrived the whole Council would be informed and the delegated

councillors for the particular area would produce a report for all members for discussion either at a formal meeting, or for a delegated response from the clerk.

b) To note Delegated Responses to;

i) Appl 12/01414/CLE, Top Knapp, Bridges Stone, Alfrick, Application for a Lawful Development Certificate: *This council supports this application.* Noted

ii) Appl 12/01349/FUL, The Pound House, Alfrick Pound, Change of use from agricultural land to domestic curtilage. *This council supports this application.* Noted

c) Following the report of District Councillor D Hughes it was agreed that the following councillors: A Cooper, P Tebbit, L Randall, B Fishwick, B Martin, were delegated to meet the developers, Draycott Developments, informally to discuss the way forward with regard to a possible building project on Chapel Meadow. It was also agreed that a special meeting would be convened on 11th December at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall to receive their report and to discuss and decide on any action that the Council should take.

8.

Good Citizen Awards

To consider the report by Cllr B Fishwick – circulated in advance. See appendix C

it was agreed that Councillor Fishwick had produced a comprehensive review of the advantages and disadvantages of making such an award. Following a wide ranging discussion it was agreed that Cllr B Martin would discuss this matter with the originator and report back to the January meeting.

9.

Parish Clusters

To consider the report by Cllr P Tebbit – circulated in advance. See appendix D

following a discussion the clerk was asked to contact the neighbouring councils of Leigh and Bransford, and Suckley with a view to arranging an informal meeting to discuss progress in this matter.

The clerk advised the meeting that the Parish Council of Knightwick and Doddenham on the previous evening had discussed Councillor Tebbit's paper and whilst they were in favour of the clustering of parish councils in principle it was felt preferable for their council to link with Martley rather than Leigh and Bransford, Suckley and Alfrick and Lulsley.

10.

Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meeting:

The clerk reported that he was investigating the change of designation for Sandy Lane with the Worcestershire County Council legal team and would report at the next meeting. He was also in discussion with the landowner of the land on either side of The Clawes with a view to resolving the problems of flooding on that road. He was also in discussion with Mr R Thomas regarding the use of lengthsman's funds over the winter period.

b) Correspondence Received

The clerk drew members attention to the latest training bulletin from WCALC and the latest edition of the MHDC parish newsletter.

The chairman had received a letter from the Alfrick and Lulsley Horticultural Show committee offering £750 towards the installation of a children's playground. (The Council already holds some £1000 towards this all a similar project) the clerk was asked to look at the possibility of installing such a playground and obtaining additional funding to cover the total cost. He was also asked to send a formal acknowledgement to the show committee's letter.

11.

Items for the next meeting.

Precept, Playground, Citizens Award, Winter Newsletter, Parish Clusters.

12.

Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

Special Meeting – Tuesday 11/12/12 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Ordinary Monthly Meeting – Tuesday 22/01/2013 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 21:35 hours.

Chairman.....

22/01/2013