

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Mrs S Tolley

Messrs; B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, R Jackson, G Lowe, P Tebbit, Cllr D Hughes (District Councillor),
A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams, P Brown, C Smith (County Councillor), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Visitors: Mr A G Cooper (Candidate for co-option to the council.)

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting:

appendix -a - None

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

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

1. Apologies for absence from members.

The apologies from Cllrs Mrs C Williams and P Brown were accepted.

2. Members' declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

3. To fill a vacancy in Alfrick Ward by co-option. The candidate's details have been circulated in advance.

The clerk confirmed that the MHDC Returning Officer had advised that no election had been requested and that the council could co-opt to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr B Roscoe.

The chairman invited Mr A G Cooper to introduce himself and it was agreed that he be co-opted to the council. Cllr Cooper then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Reports; County & District Councillors, Parish Footpaths' Warden. Parish Tree Warden.

Reports; County and District Councillors, Parish Paths Warden, Parish Tree Warden, Village Hall Committee Member;
See appendix - b

5. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2009 circulated in advance.

These were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

6. Financial Matters;

- a) Confirm payment - R Thomas, Lengthsman £695+vat - £799.25 - Agreed
- b) Confirm Lengthsman's Contract for 2009-10 (2008-9 R Thomas) -
- c) Agreed that R Thomas continue as Lengthsman. The council expressed considerable satisfaction at the work that the Lengthsman had done recently at Old Storridge and on the Alfrick - Lulsley Road.
The clerk was asked to obtain confirmation of the continuation of the Lengthman's Public Liability Cover.
- d) Confirm the appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2009-10 (2008-9 LCCA Ltd) - LCCA Ltd Agreed

7. Planning Matters;

None

8. Sphere Taxi Project;

Reconsider Decision; agenda item 7, 17/2/09; report from Cllr C Williams

'Since the committee's last meeting ,when it was decided to finish the service, Malcolm Scott has done some investigating and found a possible source of funding. He has worked very hard over the years to make this project successful and I think he and perhaps the other members of the committee have had second thoughts about giving up on the service. Numbers have picked up since Christmas with 84 users in January. He has asked the PCs involved to consider continuing support for the project should funding be available'.

After a discussion it was agreed that the Sphere Taxi Service was poor value for the amount of public money spent on the project. There was no proposal to change the council's original decision to terminate support at the end of the current contract.

9. Parish Design Statement - Confirm final draft. Cllr R Jackson.

Cllr Jackson reviewed the status of the draft Parish Design Statement and explained the significance of several aspects of the document. After a discussion it was agreed that the working group would collate the various sections of the statement and send this to the clerk for circulation to members before the April meeting. In addition the working group would meet MHDC Planning Officers to confirm the final text and report to the same meeting.

10. Clerk's Report:

- a) Bank Account at HSBC - This had been established with a deposit of £5000.
- b) Web-site with WCC - This was now running with effect from January 2009 but the difficulty of up-loading multiple files meant that the current website at waitrose.com would remain as an archive at present.
- c) Stocks Lane diversion - WCC Highways had agreed to divert traffic via the White House cross roads at Suckley rather than via Blackhouse Lane.
- d) End-of-year report, accounts, etc - He would be preparing the council's Annual Report for the Annual Parish Meeting and would appreciate reports from portfolio holders for inclusion in this.
- e) Access to Stables - Land at Upper House. - This application had not been decided but all comments received by MHDC were negative.

Correspondence Received - circulated in advance

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items;

Lloyds TSB	Curent Acct. £7654.67
HSBC	Confirmation of new acct £5000
Cllr P Tebbit	Enquiry re tipping on farmland
MHDC	Response to Lettings Policy
WCC	Teme Valley Walking Weekend
Norwich Union	Council Insurance
W Mercia Police Auth.	Newsletter
WCC	Footpaths Funding (P3) 2009-10
A&L Village Hall Ctty	Closure of the Village Hall

11. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Approve Spring Newsletter
- b) Proposals for EU Funded Projects - ref Cllr D Hughes' report
- c) Parish Design Statement
- d) Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting - 12th May
- e) Arrangements for future meetings during the rebuilding of the Village Hall

12. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

Tuesday 21st April 2009

The meeting ended at 8.59pm

Chairman

e. H. Williams

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