

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th July 2014 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Mrs C Williams, Messrs: P Brown, B Fishwick, A G Cooper, (Item 7 onwards), A J Crockford, G Lowe, D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk)

Apologies:

Miss L Randall, Chair, Mrs D Jammal, B Martin, P Tuthill, (County Councillor), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden).

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

Reports:

Cllr D Hughes reported on the progress made by MHDC on expenditure reduction measures including the sharing of the chief executive role with Wychavon DC.

Cllr A Warburton expressed his views on the same process but with a different outlook.

There were verbal reports from Cllr G Lowe, Parish Paths Warden, and Cllr B Fishwick, Village Hall representative.

The formal meeting commenced at 7:47pm

AGENDA

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr P Brown was elected to chair the meeting

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies from Miss L Randall, Chair, Mrs D Jammal and B Martin were accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

3.

To welcome formally Cllr A J Crockford to the council.

The meeting welcomed Cllr A J Crockford to his first meeting and he signed the formal Acceptance of Office.

4.

Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2014

These has been circulated in advance, were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair.

5.

Financial Matters;

- a) Approve payment – Alfrick Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting, £90.80. - Agreed
- b) Approve payment – Clerk's Expenses April-June, £431.21 - Agreed
- c) Note – Delegated Payment – Cllr A Cooper £118.00 ref minute 5 b) 17/06/14 - Noted

6.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

- a) Review Report - 'Notes on a meeting at Brunel House...' circulated in advance.

Cllr B Fishwick answered questions and responded to comments on behalf of the CPAG. The clerk drew the meeting's attention to a communication from an elector sent to the chair of the CPAG questioning decisions of the council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The chair of the CPAG had asked the clerk to circulate this to councillors. The clerk noted that all communications on the council's activities should be addressed to the council as a corporate body, via the clerk, who would then consult the chair as to the action to be taken. The council asked the clerk to point this out to the elector concerned and to add this communication to the agenda of the next meeting for formal consideration.

- b) Any further action ref. Clay Green Farm Developments.

There could be no more action until the formal Planning Application was published. The clerk was asked to advise members when this occurred and review the possible need for a Special Meeting of the Council to respond.

- c) Note response to Draycott Developments ref Chapel Meadow Development.

The clerk read his formal response following the decision at the last meeting – ref agenda 6, (c), It was agreed there could be no more action until the formal Planning Application was published.

7.

Community Planning Advisory Group

Cllr A Cooper reported on the rate of returns of the Questionnaire and noted that a prominent notice was on display on the village green.

8.

Picnic Tables on the Playing Field - ref minute – 12 (i. 20/05/14

The clerk reported on costs to fix these permanently in place and also a response from the Alfrick and Lulsley Show Committee on their location. It was agreed to purchase two octagonal tables from Evershed Products in Dark Brown at a cost of £940 - £1000, (subject to agreement on location). The clerk was asked to circulate the comments from the show committee to all councillors and reach an agreement on location of the tables. (The cost would be met from the Old Storridge Charity and the County Councillor's discretionary fund.)

9.

Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meeting: VAS Speed Camera.

The clerk reported the schedule for the camera from June 2014 onwards. He noted the lack of any traffic information up to June and was asked to continue working with Leigh and Bransford and Suckley Parishes to obtain details of existing data.

b) Correspondence Received

The clerk drew member's attention to a letter from Richard Levett Executive Officer WCALC asking for support before a meeting with WCC Chief Executive on Sept. 8th to discuss financial support for the organisation. He was asked to do this in the strongest terms.

c) Items drawn to the council's attention.

The clerk reported a request for help in keeping vegetation away from the narrow roadway in Old Storridge. He was asked to pursue this with the Highways Division of WCC.

10.

Items for the next meeting.

See items 6 a,b,c, 7, 8, 9 (c , all above.

11.

Confirm the date of the next meeting; 16/09/2014 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Agreed

The meeting closed at 8:50pm

Minutes Confirmed

.....Chairman 16/09/2014