

## **Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

### **Present:**

Miss L Randall, Chair.

Mrs C Williams, Messrs: P Brown, A G Cooper, A J Crockford, B Fishwick, G Lowe, B Martin, P Tuthill, (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk)

Five visitors

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Mrs D Jammal, D Hughes (District Councillor), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

### **Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;**

There was a wide-ranging exchange of views and information on the planning applications in Clay Green Farm and Folly Road and the identification of rare species of bats in the locality.

### **Reports:**

Cllr P Tuthill reported on further developments on the cost reductions at County Hall, the widening of the Worcester Southern Relief Road and progress on the proposed Parkway railway station at Norton.

Cllr A Warburton reported on the developing process of up-dating the draft SWDP, the sharing of executive services with Wychavon District Council and provided advice on speaking to the Northern Area Development Committee on local planning matters.

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) in sending his apology advised -

1. I have had an acknowledgement of my Planning Application for permission to carry out work at Jubilee Plantation from MHDC. The reference number is 14/01381/TPA.

2. I have applied for 100 more free trees from the Woodland Trust which I will use to replace those from the 2012 planting around the village hall that have failed.

There were verbal reports from Cllr G Lowe, Parish Paths Warden, and Cllr B Martin Community Shop Representative.

The formal meeting commenced at 8:55pm

## **AGENDA**

### **1.**

#### **Members' Apologies for absence**

The apology from Cllr Mrs D Jammal was accepted.

### **2.**

#### **Members' Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items. The clerk advised members that should the newly formed Alfrick Residents Association become a formal organisation it may be necessary for councillors who are members of this organisation to declare this prior to council meetings.

### **3.**

#### **Confirm the minutes of the meetings held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

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

### **4.**

#### **Financial Matters;**

- a) Approve payment – Clerk Expenses July – Sept - £270.82. - Agreed
- b) Approve payment – B G Services – VAS, service & location - £26.00 - Agreed
- c) Note – Clerk's Delegated Payment – Evershed Products (2 picnic tables) £1218.00 inc vat - Noted
- d) The clerk requested approval to make a delegated payment to A R Thomas – Playing Field Maint. £676.80 inc vat to be formally noted at the next meeting. Agreed.

### **5.**

#### **Planning and Environmental Matters;**

- a) Clerk to report – Folly Road and Clay Green Farm, Planning Developments  
The clerk briefed the council on his correspondence with county councillors P Tuthill, and J Smith (Highways Portfolio Holder) in an attempt to persuade Worcestershire County Council highways department to review the findings of Robert West Consulting on the need to reconfigure the Folly Road/C2065 junction.
- b) Response to the updated information provided for Clay Green Farm development. (14/00894/OUT)

The revised application shows a reduction in the number of houses and revised parking arrangements. After a discussion on a detailed review prepared by the Community Planning Advisory Group – see appendix-a it was agreed that the clerk would respond formally with this document.

- c) Agree content of the council's presentation to the MHDC -Northern Area Dev. Com. on 23 October. Cllr Miss L Randall had circulated a draft of her speech and this was supported unanimously.

## 6.

### **Community Planning Advisory Group**

- a) Cllr A Cooper – Progress Report.  
Work was continuing on the analysis of the returns of the village-wide questionnaire and he would keep the council informed as this progresses.
- b) Consider a response to Mr P Tebbit on the council's decision on the Neighbourhood Plan.  
The 'group' had prepared a considered and detailed response to Mr Tebbit's criticisms of the council's actions in suspending work on the Neighbourhood Plan. This was endorsed unanimously.  
For complaint and full response see appendix-b.  
The clerk was asked to send this to Mr Tebbit.
- c) Cllr B Martin; correspondence with Severn Trent Water.  
The clerk was asked to follow up inconsistencies in responses from Severn Trent Water to residents of Folly Road. (Subsequently further emails from STW appear to have answered these queries)

## 7.

### **Support for Defibrillator Project**

Information circulated in advance.

It was agreed to support this initiative. The clerk was asked to raise matters of funding etc with Mr P Hanson of the Horticultural Show Committee.

## 8.

### **Autumn Newsletter -contents**

The clerk said he proposed to wait until the result of the Folly Road planning application was available and would then include a comprehensive review of the status of current developments in the village in the Autumn Newsletter. He would circulate a draft at the weekend.

## 9.

### **Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meeting: Picnic Tables on the Playing Field, - These were now in place.  
Mobile Infrastructure Project. Information on a new phone mast would be available at the next meeting.  
Location and management of the VAS with Suckley Parish Council, He would discuss this with Suckley Parish Council prior to their November meeting on 10th November  
Repairs to Notice Boards. These were in progress and the full complement of Notice Boards (4) would be in place at the beginning of November
- b) Correspondence Received; all correspondence had been circulated via emails.
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention. The half-year financial statement was circulated, see appendix-c.  
This showed a surplus of £321.96 at the end of September and he forecast a surplus of £465 at the year end.  
He advised members of the need to prepare the budget for 2015-16 over the year-end and suggested that the Budget Committee be established at the next meeting to do this.

## 10.

### **Items for the next meeting.**

Items relating to 5(b), 6(a), 7, 9(c).

## 11.

**Confirm the date of the next meeting; 18/11/2014 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick. Agreed**

**The meeting closed at 10:05 pm**

*Minutes confirmed* ..... 18/11/2014