

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair.

Cllrs Mrs D Jammal, A J Crockford, B Fishwick, G Lowe, B Martin, P Tuthill, (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs C Williams, P Brown, A G Cooper, D Hughes (District Councillor).

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

Reports:

Cllr P Tuthill reported on consultations on expanding Leigh and Bransford School, Support for defibrillator installations, excessive speed of vehicles on local roads and new arrangements for pothole repairs.

Cllr D Hughes - in sending his apologies - sent the following report:

MHDC has announced in its budget for next year that we are pleased to be able to set a zero rate increase in our Council Tax, despite the funding pressures on us. This is mainly due to operational saving made by this Council through the leisure strategy, shared services and sharing CEO, with no adverse impact on service delivery.

MHDC has also been able to match fund £31k with the County Council for the Welfare Assistance Grant next year for Malvern Hills residents who suffer hardship, which was previously a government grant. This grant covers assistance with energy, food, furniture and white goods. If the PC is aware of any resident who may qualify, please let me know.

Cllr A Warburton reported on the proposals for the 'privatisation' of the Worcestershire 'Hub'.

Dr D Bradley Tree Warden reported:

1. Fortis have at last got back to me concerning the 3 evergreen trees by the War Memorial. "The Association would have no objections to the removal of these trees and the planting of something more appropriate. Would the PC wish us to add these trees to our surveying list in the future – obviously will be some time before they grow to a size where they will require any level of remedial works". I presume the answer is in the affirmative.

2. Following the partial rejection of planning application 14/01381/TPA, I am meeting with Chris Lewis Farley at 0900 on 24th February on site to discuss what maintenance might be allowed at the Jubilee Plantation.

3. The Woodland Trust is providing 100 hedging plants free of charge. They will be used to fill in where earlier plants have failed around the Village Hall. They will be delivered in early March and I am arranging a working party to plant them and to carry out maintenance on the existing plants.

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

The formal meeting commenced at 8:15pm

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apologies from Cllrs. Mrs C Williams, P Brown and A G Cooper were accepted.

Members' Declarations of Interest

Cllrs A J Crockford and B Martin declared their membership of the Alfrick and Lulsley Residents Association Ltd

3.

Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2015.

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

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Pay Lengthsman's account - £1595.00 +vat Agreed
- b) Andrew's Gardening Services - Alfrick Pound clearance - £ 250.00 Agreed

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters;

- a) Review progress on current planning issues.

It was agreed that following the rejection of the planning application at Clay Green Farm by the Malvern Hills District Council planning committee little more could be done until the response of the applicants to this could be considered.

- b) It was agreed that the clerk should write to the planning officer concerned pointing out the inconsistencies relating to the sightlines at the Folly Road junction with the C2065 between the initial and the revised application.
- c) Planning Appln. 15/00057/HOU - The Alamo, Knightwick Road, Alfrick.
The council noted that this application has been published on 11th February but the detailed documents were still not available at the time of the council's meeting. The clerk was asked to write to the head of planning and development asking for an extension to a full three week's from the time the documents were available and request that the full three weeks should in future be from the time that the documents were available on the website. Members would review the details of this application when available and provide the clerk with the necessary information to make a delegated response before the next meeting.

6.

Community Planning Advisory Group

- a) Cllr A Cooper – Progress Report. In Cllr Cooper's absence the Chair reported that all that remained was a review of the returns of the questionnaire and following this the revised document would be circulated for consultation.

7.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meeting - These had been completed.
- b) Correspondence received. English Heritage was proposing a formal 'listing' of the Village War Memorial and correspondence was read to the council. It was agreed that the Memorial was worthy of a formal recognition of its value and the clerk was instructed to respond accordingly.
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention. He would continue to progress the Defibrillator Project and was asked to liaise with Leigh and Martley Parish Councils on their similar projects.
He was attending a briefing on the forthcoming elections on 2nd March and would have the election documentation available after that date.
VAS meter and speeding vehicles through the village; He would liaise with Suckley PC to provide a comprehensive package of data that can be supplied to the police.

8.

Approve Winter Newsletter

Circulated in advance.

This was approved subject to the addition of a request for any historical information relating to the War Memorial being included. The distribution of the Newsletter would be in week beginning Feb. 23rd.

9.

Items for the next meeting.

Items 5 a) & c) - 6, 7 b) & c)

10.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 9:27pm

Minutes confirmed 17/3/2015