

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair.

Cllrs; Mrs D Jammal, A G Cooper, A J Crockford, B Fishwick, B Martin, G Lowe, E Mutter, Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies: Cllr P Brown, County Cllr; P Tuthill, District Cllrs: S J Rouse, A Warburton.

Public Questions prior to the formal meeting; None

Reports:

There were verbal reports from:

Cllr G Lowe, Parish Paths Warden, Cllr B Martin, Community Shop Representative, Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden). In her absence the Clerk read a brief report from Cllr S Rouse covering Planning and Neighbourhood Plans progress.

The formal meeting commenced at 7:52pm

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr P Brown was accepted

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items

3.

Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15th September 2015

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

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Approve payment: MHDC Contested P/Council Election - £910.39 - Agreed
- b) Approve payment: R Lambert - VAS service; - £37.50 - Agreed
- c) Approve payment: Clerk's Expenses - 3 months July-Sept £35.24 - Agreed
- d) Consider any actions arising from Clerk's Half-yr Financial Report. (circulated in advance)
The Clerk drew members' attention to large items of expenditure expected in the second half of the financial year See appendix a). The November meeting would include the establishment of a Budget Committee to consider the budget and precept for 2016-17.

5.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

- a) Consider any further action re Clay Green Farm Planning Appeal. (14th October)
It was noted that this matter would now be the subject of a Public Enquiry following a failure to resolve matters at the hearing before a Planning Inspector. As new material had been introduced by the appellant at a very late stage it was expected that the council's costs in challenging this would be met by the appellant.
- b) The Chair together with the District Councillors would be meeting MHDC Development Department staff shortly to discuss a joint approach to this new information.

6.

Consider working with Leigh and Bransford Parish Council on a Joint Neighbourhood Plan.

Chair to report.

The Chair together with District Councillor Rouse would be meeting MHDC Development Department staff to discuss a joint approach with Leigh and Bransford Parish Council shortly.

7.

Clerk's Report -

- a) Actions from the previous meeting
He was still encountering difficulties accessing the Santander account of the Old Storrige Charity and was taking action to recover these funds to the Parish Council account.
The Village Hall was behind in its invoices to the council for use of the Committee Room and he would clear this by the next meeting.
- b) Correspondence received.
He read a letter from a resident living in the Whitehouse Lane area about the difficulties of accessing footpath 560(C). The council asked him to write to the WCC Footpaths Officer confirming its support that the law pertaining to access to footpaths be enforced.
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention.
He had instructed a contractor to carry out a day's work clearing the Alfrick Pound of the summer growth of weeds etc.

9.

Items for the next meeting.

- a) Appoint a Budget Committee to advise on the 2016-7 Budget and Precept at the January meeting.
- b) Discuss Planning application 15/01017/FUL. with Malvern Hills District Council for a solar farm at Stockton-on-Teme, and consider supporting Stockton-on Teme PC in their objection to it.
- c) Continuing actions from 5 (a above).

10.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

17/11/2015 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick Agreed.

(This would be the last meeting before moving to the new arrangement viz, normally on the 4th Thursday in the month.

The meeting closed at 21:05 hrs

Minutes confirmed

17/11/2015

Appendix -a

Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council

Receipts and Payments for First Half 2015-16

Account	2014-15 Receipts	2015 – First Half yr	2 nd Half yr	Notes
Bank Interest	0.00		0.00	
MHDC Precept	10174.57	5340.00	5340.00	£5340 to come – Second Half
MHDC Council Tax Support Grant	505.43	0.00		
Parish Lengthsman Income from WCC	2160.00	0.00	2160.00	
Sundry Income	1140.00	0.00		
VAT Refund	1087.81	1270.45		
			7500.00	Half Yr Income
Total Receipts	15067.81	6610.45	14110.45	End of Yr Total income
Account				
Audit	150.00	150.00		0
Clerk Expenses	1680.76	271.37	1400.00	1400 – Second Half/yr
Clerk Salary	3722.76	1911.48	3722.00	3722 Second Half/yr
Donations	0.00	0.00		0
Education	5.00	10.00		0
Election Fees	0.00	0.00	910.00	910 – to pay
Footpaths	0.00	0.00		0
Insurance	469.98	482.87		0
Jubilee Plantation	0.00	0.00		0
Meeting Expenses	426.80	43.20	300.00	300
Other Expenses	1516.62	665.00	1700.00	1700 – cost of Consultant Folly Road Junction & CCF appeal
Parish Lengthsman	3025.00	0.00	750.00	Costs covered by WCC 2160 – A&L 750
Parish Tree Warden	0.00	0.00	25.00	25
Playing Field Maintenance	2249.50	-380.50	1500.00	1500 Second Half/yr
Subscriptions	258.33	283.81		0
VAT	1270.45	228.43	1000.00	1000
War Memorial Mtce	360.00	0.00	360.00	360
Youth Projects	0.00	0.00		0
			11667.00	Half Yr expense
Total Payments	15135.20	3665.66	15332.66	End of Yr Total
	-67.39		-1222.21	Bank Acc at 30/09/15 - £13681.52

Geoffrey M. Swain

10/10/15