

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 26th May 2016 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair.

Cllrs P Brown, A J Crockford, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, E Mutter, G Lowe, B Martin, G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies Cllr Mrs D Jammal,

Visitors - None

The meeting was opened by the current chairman; Cllr Miss L Randall.

Public Question Time. None

1.

To accept nominations and appoint a Chairman

By unanimous agreement Cllr Miss L Randall was nominated.

She signed the 'declaration of acceptance of office' and took the chair.

2.

To accept nominations and appoint a Vice-Chairman

Cllr B Martin was nominated and agreed

3.

Members' Apologies for Absence

The apology from Cllr Mrs D Jammal was accepted. The council noted her resignation by letter to the Chair, and asked the clerk to put in process the co-option of a replacement. Members also asked the clerk to write to Mrs D Jammal expressing their thanks to her for her contribution to the life of the village and give her the council's best wishes for the future.

4.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items

5.

Appoint councillors to committees and representatives to external organisations;

a) Designate consultees on Planning Matters.

Alfrick, Cllrs B Fishwick, B Martin; Alfrick Pound and Old Storrige, Cllrs Miss L Randall, G Lowe; Lulsley, Cllrs P Brown, E Mutter, were proposed and agreed.

b) Village Hall Committee. Cllr B Fishwick proposed and agreed.

c) Community Shop Committee. Cllr B Martin proposed and agreed.

d) 2 representatives to WCALC Area Meeting. Cllrs A Cooper, B Martin proposed and agreed.

e) Alfrick Charities Trustees. G M Brewin, P Brown, P Gilbert, B Martin. proposed and agreed.

f) Alfrick Trustee of the Suckley Charities, Cllr L Randall proposed and agreed.

7.

Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held 28/04/16.

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

8.

Review the Annual Risk Assessment;

It was agreed that members would review this and report to the next meeting as to any changes needing to be made.

9. Financial Matters

a) Confirm Clerk's salary and hours of work for 2013-4; (NALC - SCP27 - £12.317/hr, 312hrs/yr) Agreed

b) Approve payment - Refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting - Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall - £32.00 Agreed

c) Approve payment - Rob Lambert - VAS maintenance £25.00 Agreed

d) Approve payment - Lengthsman's soil removal - £2590.00 +vat

After agreeing to pay this substantial amount the council decided to review the whole matter of the Lengthsman project at its next meeting.

e) Consider supporting the 'Show Committee in the installation of a defibrillator unit at the Village Hall by a direct donation or purchase of the equipment.

It was agreed to purchase the defibrillator for the Show Committee and make a donation of £300 to the associated costs of installation. The clerk was asked to contact County and District Councillors to request that they support this project from their discretionary funds.

10.

Confirm the adoption the General Power of Competence

This Council declares that it meets the criteria set by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011 (s8) in the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012. viz:

- i. At least two-thirds of total number of councillors must have been elected
- ii. The Clerk holds CiLCA 2012 or other relevant qualification.

And therefore confirms the adoption of the General Power of Competence as set out in the above act.

Agreed.

11.

Planning and Environmental Matters; -

- a) Review status and actions ref. Clay Green Farm Planning Appeal. Awaiting the decision of the Planning Inspector expected by the end of July.
- b) Review status and actions ref. Chapel Meadow Development. Awaiting the detailed application.

12.

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

Chair to report. There would be a Neighbourhood Plans, Flooding and Ecology Workshop 3rd of June 2016, 10.15 am - 15.30pm, at The Fold at Bransford.

13.

Clerk's Report

- a) Items from the last meeting
 - i) War Memorial, Whilst the inscriptions are readable he would obtain a quotation for cleaning the letters to improve legibility.
 - ii) Donation in memory of Kip Williams, Kip's husband Gwyn plans to install a seat in Lulsley Churchyard where her ashes are interred. The council agreed a contribution of £100 towards this in her memory.
 - iii) Litter Bins, He now had specifications of the MHDC preferred bins and would prepare a costing for the replacement of the two bins in the centre of Alfrick.
 - iv) Notices on the Memorial Green, Speakers at the Parish Meeting had indicated that the collection of placards on the Memorial Green detracted from the dignity of the location. Councillors asked the clerk to request those using this location to desist.
 - v) Dog fouling, Biodegradable paint would be obtained to enable offending items to be marked (as last year) to try to persuade dog-owners to clear up after their dog.
 - vi) Playing Field Pavillon, Whilst this was not a hazard it was in poor repair. He would establish details of legal ownership and asked councillors to visit it and consider a course of action at the next meeting.
 - vii) Next Newsletter. Members considered a half-yearly Newsletter appropriate rather than the quarterly requirement of the now defunct Quality Parish standard. He was asked to prepare and circulate a draft letter for review.

- b) Outstanding matters requiring the council's notice. None

14.

Items for the next meeting

Review the Annual Risk Assessment

15.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday 30th June 2016 at 7.30pm, Alfrick Village Hall. - Confirmed

The meeting closed at 9:10pm

Minutes confirmed

30/06/2016