

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Miss L Randall, Chair.

Cllrs; Ms B Brown, A G Cooper, A J Crockford, B Fishwick, B Martin, E Mutter, N Tudge.

Dist. Cllr Ms S Rouse, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, County Cllr P Tuthill,

G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies; Cllr G Lowe D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

Visitors; Mr J Robinson, Draycott Developments, Mr K White, Piper Homes, two parishioners.

The Chapel Meadow Development

Prior to the formal council meeting the developer of this site Mr J Robinson together with the builder Mr K White presented the latest plans following extensive discussions with the Parish and District Councils. The frontage on the C2065 Leigh Road has been revised away from the road to give a better view along the road, the mix of houses/bungalows/affordable flats has been changed and drainage matters addressed. Mr Robinson hopes to submit the plans within two weeks or so. If approved, work will begin in the Spring with all the houses complete by around April next year. Mr White assured the council that problems such as mud on roads and parking of vehicles away from the site would be managed carefully.

Reports:

County and District Councillors, Footpaths' Warden, Tree Warden, Village Hall, Community Shop.

There were verbal reports from:

County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist. Cllr Ms S Rouse, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, Cllr B Fishwick Village Hall representative, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

The formal meeting commenced at 21:35pm

AGENDA

1.

Members' Apologies for absence

The apology from Cllr G Lowe was accepted.

2.

Members' Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

3.

Confirm the minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2016

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

4.

Financial Matters;

- a) Approve payment - N Tudge - Pavilion demolition £216.00 inc vat - Approved
- b) Approve payment - N P Denley - Jubilee ptn. £552.00 inc vat.- Approved
- c) Receive the proposals of the budget committee and set a precept for 2017-8
On behalf of the budget committee Cllr A Cooper reviewed the committee's proposals (see appendix -a) and proposed a precept of 2017-8 of £12.840. After a detailed review and discussion this was agreed unanimously.

5.

Planning Matters

None

6.

Litter Bins

Consider the proposals of the committee on the location and specification of such bin(s).

On a proposal by Cllr A Cooper this was postponed to the next meeting.

7.

Bus shelter at Alfrick Pound

Discuss condition.

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8.

Lengthsman

Clerk to report.

Together with WCC Highways he had contracted with Mr J S Garness of Whitbourne, who was now employing staff from the previous contractor, to take over the Lengthsman Contract for the remainder of the financial year. He had already given instructions for work to begin in areas expected to cause problems in Winter weather.

9.

Winter Newsletter - approve.

The clerk proposed to include a review of the Chapel Meadow presentation earlier in the Newsletter and would circulate the final draft for comments and approval in the next few days with a planned distribution in week commencing 30th January. This was agreed.

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Clerk's Report -

a) Actions from the previous meetings

i) War Memorial, All the necessary provisional application documents was with the War Memorials Commission and awaiting acceptance.

ii) Playing Field Pavillon The old Cricket Pavilion which over the years has decayed somewhat has at last been demolished thanks to the efforts of Cllr Nigel Tudge. There is a need to dispose of the old roller and its transporting trolley which are slowly sinking and becoming overgrown.

iii) Jubilee Plantation. Work has been done this Autumn to control excessive growth and the council is seeking suggestions on what further to do with this piece of woodland. Cllr Tony Crockford is leading this work.

b) Correspondence received. A request had been received to equip the Playing Field with small portable goal posts. This was discussed and the clerk asked to obtain more information and likely costs. It was noted that in the past the provisioning of small items such as this had been poorly used after an initial flourish.

c) Items drawn to the council's attention. WCC Local Transport Plan was available for review and response.

11.

Items for the next meeting.

Litter Bins, Bus shelter at Alfrick Pound, WCC Local Transport Plan.

12.

Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick Agreed.

The meeting closed at 10:05pm

Minutes confirmed

23rd February 2017

**Alfrick & Lulsley Parish Council
Expenditure Proposals 2017-18.**

	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Precept	14280.00	12840
Sundry Income	200.00	200
Total Receipts	14480.00	13040
Account Payments		
Audit	150.00	150.00
Clerk Expenses	1600.00	1600.00
Clerk Salary	3722.76	3735.00
Election exp	300.00+2 yrs	300.00
Education	200.00	200.00
Footpaths	250.00	250.00
Insurance	520.00	520.00
Jubilee Plantation	375.00	500.00
Meeting Expenses	500.00	500.00
Other Expenses – Neighbourhood Forum	500.00	NIL
Consultancy Costs	3300.00	1500.00
Parish Lengthsman	750.00	750.00 Rev Apr.
Parish Tree Warden	75.00	75.00
Playing Field Maintenance	945.00 Comp	950.00
Subscriptions	280.00	310.00
War Memorial Mtce	500.00 Comp	500.00
Litter and general tidy up	300.00	500.00
Youth Projects	0.00	0.00
Alfrick Pound		500.00
Total Payments	14267.76	12840.00
Surplus/Deficit -		+212.24

Recommend a reduction of 10% on last years figures.

We had hoped to recommend more, but there remain uncertainties regarding planning issues, and we still have to formally set up a long term lengthsman, the War memorial issue is still going on, and final detail on Jubilee Plantation:-

We have also ignored VAT refunds and WCC contribution to Lengthsman.

We have put in a sum of £500 to enable us to tidy up the bus shelter at Alfrick Pound, and any other work on the pound itself.

Last year we budgeted for £300 to carry out a tidy up of the village. That has not happened, but you will/will have had the proposition to buy a litter bin for by the bus stop. We have put in another £500 to replace the one by the village hall as well.