



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

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

**Present:**

Cllrs Ms B Brown, A J Crockford, B Fishwick, G Lowe, B Martin, G M Brewin (Clerk),

**Apologies** Miss L Randall, Chair, Cllrs A G Cooper, E Mutter, N Tudge.

**Visitors - None**

*In the absence of the Chair the meeting was opened by the current vice-chairman; Cllr B Martin.*

*Public Question Time. None*

1.

**To accept nominations and appoint a Chairman**

By unanimous agreement Cllr B Martin was nominated.

Cllr Martin agreed, signed the 'declaration of acceptance of office' and took the chair.

2.

**To accept nominations and appoint a Vice-Chairman**

Cllr A G Cooper was nominated and agreed unanimously .

*(In sending his apology for absence to the clerk Cllr Cooper had agreed to his nomination.)*

3.

**Members' Apologies for Absence**

The apologies for absence from Cllrs Miss L Randall, A G Cooper, E Mutter, N Tudge were accepted.

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 Storridge, Cllrs Miss L Randall, G Lowe; Lulsley, Cllrs P Brown, E Mutter.)

b) Village Hall Committee. Cllr B Fishwick.

c) Community Shop Committee. Cllr B Martin

d) Two representatives to WCALC Area Meeting. Cllrs A Cooper, B Martin

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

f) Alfrick Trustee of the Suckley Charities Miss L Randall

All proposed and agreed.

6.

**Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held 27/04/17. (Circulated in advance)**

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

7.

**Review the Annual Risk Assessment;**

This had been circulated in advance, it was agreed no changes were needed and was signed by the chair.

8.

**Financial Matters**

a) Confirm Clerk's salary and hours of work for 2016-7; (NALC - SCP27 - £12.317/hr, 312hrs/yr). Agreed

b) Approve payment - Annual Parish Meeting - Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall - £46.60. Agreed

9.

**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.

**10.**

**Planning and Environmental Matters; -**

- a) Review status and actions ref. Clay Green Farm. The council agreed to provide informal help and support to the householder whose hedge was threatened with removal.
- b) Review status and actions ref. Chapel Meadow Development. Some preliminary work had started. The clerk confirmed that he had advised the builders to contact Cllr A Cooper if problems arose.

**11.**

**Clerk's Report**

- a) Items from the last meeting

War Memorial. He was continuing to search for a competent restorer to clean the memorial.

Playing Field. As this was now being used regularly for football practice he would arrange additional grass-cutting to keep the field in a satisfactory condition.

- b) Outstanding matters requiring the council's notice. The new Lengthsman Mr B Wilks was now operational. He would be asked to contact Cllr G Lowe on issues in Old Storridge.

**12.**

**Items for the next meeting**

Karen Humphries of The Malvern Hills AONB had asked to visit and talk to the council on Old Apple Orchards and other matters. The Clerk was asked to arrange this for the next meeting.

**13.**

**Confirm the date of the next meeting; Thursday 29th June 2017 at 7.30pm, Alfrick Village Hall.**

Agreed

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

*Minutes confirmed .....*

**29/06/2017**