

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 28th September 2017 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

**Present:** Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs; Ms L Randall, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, G Lowe, E Mutter, N Tudge, C Cllr P Tuthill, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk),

**Apologies;** Cllr Ms B Brown, A Crockford, Dist Cllr S Rouse,

**Visitors;** One parishioner, also Simon Thompson, Police Liaison and Firearms Consultant, SmartWater Technology Ltd

**Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; Members of the public may wish to raise matters of concern prior to the formal meeting.** No matters were raised.

There was a short presentation by Simon Thompson, Police Liaison and Firearms Consultant at SmartWater Technology Ltd, on the benefits to be obtained if the council could support a 'blanket' coverage of SmartWater across the parish – see agenda item 10.

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

There were verbal reports from: County Cllr P Tuthill, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, Cllr B Fishwick Village Hall representative, Cllr B Martin, Village Shop representative and Cllr G Lowe, Parish Footpaths Warden.

**The formal meeting commenced at 20:45**

### **AGENDA.**

**1.**

#### **Members' Apologies for absence**

The apologies from Cllrs Ms B Brown and A Crockford were accepted.

**2.**

#### **Members' Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

**3.**

#### **Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting on 27th July 2017**

These had been circulated in advance. It was agreed that the minutes were a true record and were signed by the chair.

**4.**

#### **Financial Matters;**

- a) Note External Auditor's Report on Accounts 2016-17 Clerk to report.  
The clerk reported on the external auditor's report which was 'unconditional' but raised the small item relating to 'Petty Cash'. The internal auditor had noted 'yes' to this item when the correct response should have been 'not covered' as the council does not operate with petty cash.  
This was noted.
- b) Approve payment – Kingfisher Direct, 2 Litter Bins, £343.42 inc vat. - Approved.
- c) Approve payment – M Bennion, 2 Litter Bins – installation, £185.00 - Approved.
- d) Approve payment – MCB, Playing Field maintenance, £702.00 inc vat - Approved.
- e) Approve payment – Grant Thornton – External Audit, £120.00 inc vat. - Approved.
- f) Note the clerk's delegated payment (ref 4,b – 28/07/17) – Lengthsman – 3 month's - £518.40 – Noted.

**5.**

#### **Planning and Environmental Matters; -**

- a) Respond to Planning Application Consultation 17/01264/HP  
It was agreed that based on the information available in the current application together with the fact that access is poorly defined this council objects to this application as the scale seems out of proportion to its location.
- b) Review status - Clay Green Farm  
Cllrs L Randall and B Martin reported on their informal discussions with the planning officer concerned and the site developer. The council agreed that they should continue to represent the council's views that the site layout was inappropriate for such a location and press for a more suitable proposal.
- c) Review status - Chapel Meadow development.  
Cllr A Cooper reported that apart from a small access to the site cut through the hedge no work had been done.

- d) Review status – Folly Road development.  
It was noted that some realignment of the footpath had been done.
- e) Planning Ref: 17/00885/FUL Conversion and extension of existing stable building to 3 bedroom residential house Wheatley Cottage, Folly Road, Alfrick, Worcester, WR6 5HN  
The council had supported this application but the planning officer would be recommending rejection to the Northern Area Planning Committee on 11 October 2017. It was agreed that Cllr L Randall would attend this meeting and support the application. The clerk was asked to provide help in the form of briefings to committee members.

**6.  
Bus shelter at Alfrick Pound**

The clerk reported that the broken window opening was being bricked up. The remaining windows would be left at present.

**7.  
Lengthsman**

The clerk reported that the lengthsman was continuing to monitor and deal with highways issues as they arose. Cllr G Lowe said there was a particular problem at Old Storridge and the clerk was asked to notify the lengthsman about this.

**8.  
Provision of roadside litter bins.**

The clerk reported that these were now in place and would be monitored to see how effective they were.

**9.  
Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meetings – These had been completed.
- i) War Memorial, Quotations for cleaning were higher than expected and he asked members to review the status of the memorial to see if this was really necessary at present. (It had been reported to the War Memorials Commission by an anonymous respondent)
- ii) Playing Field matters, The Leigh and Bransford Football Club were using the ground regularly and this may entail additional mowing. As this club included many young people from this parish he considered that this was a worthwhile expense. This was agreed.
- b) Correspondence received. All relevant items had been circulated via email.
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention:  
As the secretary of the the Alfrick Eleemosynary Charities he reported that Lloyds Bank were pressing for closure of the charity's bank account which is little used. As had happened in the past he had requested that the bank transfer the assets to the council's Lloyds Bank account as the easiest way to resolve this. He would keep the council informed of progress on this.  
The radar road-speed meter results for the period 21 May – 4 August were available. They show an average speed of 29.6 mph and a 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 36.8 mph. However vehicles travelling significantly more than the speed limit are invariably doing so in the period 01:00 – 06:00 hrs with the majority within the limit during daytime hours.

**10.  
Review the SmartWater crime prevention system**

As this would involve quite a large expense for the council the clerk was instructed to discuss this with Mr Thompson of SmartWater as to the implementation and keep the council informed via email so the matter could be discussed at the next meeting.

**11.  
Items for the next meeting.**

See items above 7, 8, 9, 10.

**12.  
Confirm the date of the next meeting;**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick. Agreed

The meeting closed at 21:50

