

**Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 28th June 2018 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

**Present:** Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs: A Crockford, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, G Lowe, C Cllr P Tuthill, Dist. Cllr Ms S Rouse, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, G M Brewin (Clerk), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

**Apologies;** Cllrs: Ms B Brown, Ms L Randall, E Mutter,

**Visitors;** One parishioner.

**Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;** None

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

There were verbal reports from: C. Cllr P Tuthill, Dist. Cllr A Warburton, and Cllr B Martin, Village Shop representative.

**The formal meeting commenced at 20.53 hrs**

**AGENDA**

**1.**

**Members' Apologies for absence**

The apologies from Cllrs: Ms B Brown, Ms L Randall, E Mutter, were accepted. The Chair advised that he had received a letter of resignation from Ms L Randall. The council noted her resignation and asked the clerk to put in process the co-option of a replacement. Members also asked the clerk to write to Ms L Randall 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.

**2.**

**Members' Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

**3.**

**Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting on 24th May 2018**

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 Auditor's report on the Council's Accounts 2017-8.

The clerk reported that Ms L Cotterill the council's internal auditor had confirmed the 2017-18 accounts. As the councils' income/expenditure was less than £25k he had signed the necessary exemption certificate under Section 9, Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the accounts would not be audited by an external auditor. This was noted.

The clerk would proceed to publish the Financial Return and Statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year to 31/3/2018 on the council's website.

**5.**

**Planning and Environmental Matters; -**

a) Review status -

i. Clay Green Farm development - The Chair advised that the Alfrick and Lulsley Residents Association were challenging the layout of the site access onto Folly Road.

ii. Chapel Meadow development. Cllr Cooper advised that this was making good progress with a completion date of April 2019. He was discussing details regularly with the site managements with no problems at the moment. There was a need to ensure the maintenance of the residual meadow to the South of the site and the clerk was asked to raise this with the owner, Worcs. Wildlife Trust and MHDC Development Office.

b) Respond to - Planning Ref: 17/00598/RM - CGF, Chair to report on informal review with MHDC Development Office. No further information available.

c) Respond to Application Number 18/00824/RM Location Address Land at (OS 7500 5293) Alfrick Reserved matters application for development of 14 new dwellings of which 4 will be affordable to include details of appearance and landscaping.

The council considered that this application was 'out of time' and invalid.

*(Note - This application was subsequently withdrawn on 3/7/18)*

**6.**

**Highways and Footpaths**

- a) Review status - Sandy Lane.  
The clerk had circulated some notes of his discussions with a parishioner in Wichenford who had led the actions leading to the closure of the green lanes in that parish sometime around 2003. There was a wide-ranging discussion on what the parish council could do to improve the situation. It was considered that the legal problems are considerable. The clerk was asked to continue collecting information firstly on the condition of the lane before four-wheel-drive vehicles started using it possibly some 20 years ago and also endeavour to find parishioners who may have been inconvenienced In using it on foot or horseback because of the presence of these vehicles. This would be included in the forthcoming summer edition of the council newsletter.
- b) Any outstanding matters.  
Speeding through the villages. The clerk noted that when the speed limit through the villages was first introduced the council at that time requested only the 30 mph signs and not the painted signs on the roadways which they considered intrusive. After discussion it was agreed that the council should reverse this decision and ask the for clear 30 mph limit information on the roadway at the beginning of each speed-limited section. The clerk was asked to contact the county council highways to implement this.

**7.**

**Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meeting, these had been completed.
- b) Correspondence received. All items had been circulated via email.
- c) Items drawn to the council's attention. None.

**8.**

**Items for the next meeting.**

- a) Newsletter,
- b) Sandy Lane matters,
- c) Clay Green Farm development,

**9.**

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

Thursday 26th July 2018 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick confirmed.

The meeting closed at 21:35 hrs

*Minutes confirmed*.....

26/07/2018