

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

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 27th September 2018 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

**Present:** Cllr B Martin, Chair

Cllrs: Ms B Brown, A G Cooper, B Fishwick, G Lowe, Dist. Cllrs Ms S Rouse, A Warburton, G M Brewin (Clerk),

**Apologies;** Cllrs E Mutter, N Tudge, C. Cllr P Tuthill, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden),

**Visitors;** Ms L Lowton - candidate for co-option.

### **Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;**

At 19:30 as there were no items from members of the public the chair proposed to open the formal meeting and proceeded to item 3 to enable the co-option process to proceed immediately. This was agreed unanimously.

*Details of the only applicant for co-option, Ms L Lowton, had been circulated to members.*

Ms Lowton then introduced herself and was questioned by councillors.

Subsequently the chairman proposed that Ms Lowton be co-opted with immediate effect.

This was agreed unanimously.

Ms Lowton Signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and joined the council.

at 19:40 the chair suspended at the formal session to allow the receipts of informal reports to take place.

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

Cllr S Rouse reported on the relocation of MHDC services into the reconstructed Council House and the disposal of ancillary properties. She also advised councillors on the process of updating the SWDP and the procedure for identifying new housing sites.

There were verbal reports from: Cllrs B Fishwick - Village Hall, G Lowe - Footpaths, B Martin - Village Shop.

### **The formal meeting recommenced at 20.05 hrs**

## **AGENDA**

### **1.**

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

The apologies from Cllrs E Mutter and N Tudge were accepted.

### **2.**

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

There were no Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

### **3.**

#### **To co-opt a councillor to fill the outstanding vacancy on the council**

See above

### **4.**

#### **Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting on 26th July 2018 (circulated in advance)**

It was agreed that the minutes were a true record and they were signed by the Chair.

### **5.**

#### **Financial Matters;**

- a) Note delegated payment: MCB Landscapes - Playing Field - £90.00 inc vat - Noted
- b) Approve payment: MCB Landscapes, - Playing Field - £342.00 inc vat - Approved
- c) Approve payment: G M Brewin, - Clerk's Expenses April - July £312.79 - Approved
- d) Consider a request from the village hall committee for financial support for hard surfacing the roadway behind the hall

After a discussion it was agreed that although this area of land belonged to the Village Hall Committee it provided access to the parish council's playing field. It is therefore a matter of interest for the council and the parish to improve this access to the playing field and the council will reserve £1000 towards the cost. The clerk was asked to work with the Village Hall Committee to arrange for the total cost to be identified and the work to be done.

**6.**

**Planning and Environmental Matters; -**

- a) Note delegated response to;  
Application Number 18/00955/FUL The Grange Alfrick Worcester WR6 5HH  
Proposal; Conversion & extension of redundant pigsty, to create 1-bedroom self-contained holiday let cottage. - *'This council supports this application.'* The response was noted but the clerk advised the council that on the previous day this application had been withdrawn.
- b) Consider a response to;  
Application Number 18/00969/HP -Ball Cottage Lulsley Knightwick Worcester WR6 5QN  
Replacement of existing garage with new two bay garage and office. Details circulated in advance.  
It was agreed to support this application.
- c) Review status - Clay Green Farm development and Chapel Meadow development.  
Clay Green Farm development - There was a protracted discussion over the final details of this application and some concern that these had not been set out clearly for the Parish Council to make a comment. The chair and Cllr Crockford would review the situation and if necessary work with the clerk to provide a statement to the Northern Area Development Committee when it next meets.  
Chapel Meadow development - Cllr Cooper reported that there had been an anonymous complaint about health and safety issues on the site. Subsequent investigation completely refuted this and the site manager was commended on the quality of the site operation. However Cllr Cooper pointed out that such anonymous complaints tended to detract from the relationship that he had established with the site management and he would appreciate the council's support to ensure issues of this kind go via him when he could discuss them with the site manager directly. The council agreed unanimously.

**7.**

**Highways and Footpaths**

- a) Review status - Sandy Lane.  
The clerk has not received any response to the request for information in the Summer Newsletter.  
The clerk was asked to contact the leaders of the action group on this matter and advise them of the situation.
- b) Any outstanding matters. Request for improved speed limit marking outstanding.  
This is still outstanding.
- c) Highway Litter-Picking Patrol, review email from Claire Vaughan-Wood Community Leadership and Engagement Office MHDC  
After discussing this the Council agreed that due to the problem of getting publicity for such an event out before the onset of poorer autumn weather it would be better left until the spring to embark on such activity.

**8.**

**Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meetings - Village Category - The clerk reported that he had sent information which was exactly the same as the return made three years ago.  
Jubilee Plantation - this would be discussed at the next meeting.
- b) Correspondence received. All circulated to members

**9.**

**Items for the next meeting.**

Jubilee Plantation

**10.**

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

Thursday 25th October 2018 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick - Agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:17 hr

*Minutes confirmed*.....

25/10/2018