

Your Councillors from May 2nd 2019.

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Meetings of the Parish Council

The Council usually meets on the fourth Thursday in the month, except August and December, at 7.30pm in Alfrick Village Hall. Forthcoming meetings are; 22nd July, 23rd September, 21st October, 25th November, 27th January, 25th February, 25th March,. Members of the public may wish to raise matters of general concern prior to the formal meeting from 7.30 – 8.00pm.

New Public Facilities in Alfrick.

Please come and view the Council's proposals at the council's stand at the Annual Show on 4th September and in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th September, 10:30 – 12:30.

From Your District Councillors

We are here to assist every resident: If we can't solve your issue ourselves, we probably know someone who can! To contact us:

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Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Council News



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Council appointments, resignations and co-options.

At the Council meeting on 22/4/21 Nathan S Catlow was co-opted to replace Andrew Cooper who resigned on 25/2/21. Following Cllr Cooper's resignation Cllr Richard Ashton has taken over as Chair of the Committee on New Public Facilities. (Contact details for all are on the back page)

At the Annual Meeting of the Council on May 24th Cllr Brian Martin was re-elected as Chair for the coming year.

Parish Council's Annual Report and Financial Matters;

At the April meeting the council formally approved the council's accounts for 2020-21, the formal Annual Governance Statement and the formal Annual Statement of Accounts. The Council's Annual Report was approved by the council on 24th June. All these are now on the council's website or can be obtained from the Clerk to the Council.(see back page)

New Public Facilities in Alfrick.

At the February meeting of the council, parishioners raised the possibility of the structure of the council-owned playing field being permanently altered by the installation of the proposed Multi-Use-Games-Area. This would prevent the playing of Cricket by intruding into the outfield/boundary. Some fifty residents supported a formal letter to the council on this and councillors were urged by the parishioners present to consider this.

At the formal item to approve the construction there was a considerable, wide and lively discussion on this matter and concern expressed that the council had come so far without the support of cricket players amongst others.

A proposal from the Chair that this should not be approved was supported unanimously.

At the committee meeting on 27th April the Chair reported that after setting out a case for a young-children's play area by the Village Shop this had been rejected. Cllr E Mutter reported that the owner of land adjacent to the Playing Field would not sell any land to extend the field. It was concluded that the committee should concentrate on enhancing facilities on the Playing Field alone.

Details of previous proposals for a perimeter track, playground, nature area, adult exercise equipment, etc would be reviewed and reconsidered.

New proposals will be on show at the council's stand at the Annual Show on 4th September and in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th September, 10:30 – 12:30.

Sports Facilities on the Council Playing Field.

The council has over the years provided a 'cricket practice facility' in the form of cricket nets with an appropriate playing surface and has been advised that these are in need of substantial repair and are dangerous to use. The estimated cost to bring this facility back to full use was c£4000.

At the May meeting of the council the committee of the Alfrick and Lulsley Cricket Club suggested that a portable playing surface mat and demountable nets would be a preferable option and would also release the corner of the field for a Children's Play Area. The Club is prepared to store this equipment and make it available on request to other cricketers.

On the proposal of the Chair this was agreed unanimously and this equipment is now available.

Alfrick Cricket Club is now having regular nets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm at the playing field and will be playing an inaugural game on Wednesday 7th July at 6pm. All are welcome regardless of ability.

If you would like to get involved please contact Cllr E Mutter (see back page) or join the club Facebook page - Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Cricket

Renovation of the War Memorial.

The Alfrick War Memorial is a Grade II listed structure and therefore requires Listed Building Consent from the District Council before any work can be done. The proposal from the preferred cleaning company has been put to the District Council and has been accepted. However a condition of acceptance of this is that the community is consulted on what is to be done.

The proposal notes that the memorial has weathered heavily and is embedded with biological growths. The recommendation, in line with the War Memorials Trusts 'best conservation practice', is for careful cleaning to the more delicate and detailed carved areas using natural bristle brushes and specialist masonry cleaning tools to save as much detail as possible. Other areas of the memorial will be cleaned with low-pressure steam and masonry joints will be re-pointed.

Please let the clerk have your thoughts on this.

Community Hedge Fund now open for winter planting applications

The Tree Council has announced that its 'Close the Gap Community Hedge Fund' is now open for applications. It will be awarding up to 100% grants of up to £2,500 for volunteer Tree Wardens and community groups to plant new hedgerows, hedgerow trees and to gap up existing hedgerows. Planting can be in rural or urban areas on private or public land where the community will benefit. The deadline for applications is Sunday 8th August 2021. Please contact the Parish Tree Warden if you are interested in this. (see back page)

Traffic Speeding through the Village

Our single radar unit is shared with Suckley and the 'Local Policing and Community Ambassador's Fund – Safer Roads' is offering funds for an additional unit. This would mean that we would have a check somewhere in the parish full-time and the council is looking at the possibility of joint-funding to do this.

