

## Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 25th July 2019 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

#### **Present: Chair;** Cllr B Martin

Cllrs: Ms C Bradley, R Ashton, A G Cooper, A Crockford, T Clarke, Dist. Cllr P Whatley, D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk),

**Apologies;** Cllrs Ms B Brown, G Lowe, E Mutter, C. Cllr P Tuthill, D. Cllr Ms S Rouse

**Visitors:** None

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

Cllr P Whatley reported on the ongoing update of the SWDP, the MHDC declaration of a Climate Emergency, and possible restructuring of the cost base of WCC as some district councils refocus operational relationships with the West Midlands.

Mr B Fishwick had sent the following report from the Village Hall Committee;

Alfrick Village Hall report for July 2019: The external painting of the window frames/doors and eaves/soffits mentioned previously has now been completed. The painting of the walls in the main hall and corridor is scheduled for the week commencing 26th August.

The signs for the car park have now been installed, this action completes the exterior projects around the village hall which commenced at the end of February of this year. The village hall would like to record it's thanks for the support from the Parish Council (and others) for their support for these projects which the hall committee believe have resulted in a general improvement to the appearance of this part of the village.

There is no meeting of the hall committee in August, the next meeting is 16th September.

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) referred to the WWT Report and its suggestions for the Jubilee Spinney which could be considered separately if the WWT funding was not pursued.

Cllr B Martin as vice-chair of the Village Shop Committee reported on changes of staff and suggested that the clerk, on behalf of the council, should write to the departing manager thanking her for her contribution over the past seven years.

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

### **AGENDA**

#### **1.**

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

The apologies for absence from Cllrs Ms B Brown, G Lowe and E Mutter were accepted.

#### **2.**

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

There were no declarations of Interest in agenda items.

#### **3.**

##### **Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 27th June 2019 and the Annual Meeting of the Council on 23rd May.**

The clerk had corrected the error in the minutes of 23rd May 2019, ref item 3 - 27th June 2019. Both sets of minutes were agreed as true record and they were signed by the Chair.

#### **4.**

##### **Financial Matters;**

- a) Approve a transfer by cheque of £24,000.00 to the council's new bank account - Approved
- b) Approve the Lengthsman's Invoice - not available.

#### **5.**

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

- a) Respond to request for a comment on: Application Number :19/00916/HP  
Location: Linden Lea, Old Storrige, Alfrick, Two-Storey Side extension to existing dwelling  
After a report from Cllr G Lowe and discussion and it was agreed that the council had no objection to this application.
- b) Review status - Clay Green Farm development and Chapel Meadow development.  
The final details of the development at Clay Green Farm are still to be decided. The Parish Council will continue to press for the site to be more in keeping with a village location and with safe entrance and exit.  
Chapel Meadow is finished bar the final tidy-up. The last bungalow is due to be occupied soon, and the shared ownership properties are still for sale. Cllr A Cooper had provided a short list of items that require attention to the site manager and the clerk was asked to write to the developers requesting prompt action on these.

- c) Cllr C Bradley to report on Natural Networks and WCC/WWT project.  
(Full report and Cllr C Bradley's comments circulated separately)  
In commending the comprehensiveness of the WWT Report Cllr C Bradley noted that the scale of work required to accept and proceed with a full application for funding would be beyond the council's capabilities. However sections of the report could be taken separately and implemented by the council using its own funds to achieve substantial improvements in biodiversity.  
This was agreed.  
The clerk was asked to write to the authors of the report explaining the decision and thanking them for the broad scope of their work.
- d) Review Section 106 funding update and how this money could be used within the Parish.  
The clerk was asked to seek clarification on this from the MHDC.  
Subject to this, a notice would be included in the Newsletter and Sphere calling for proposals and announcing an Open Meeting on Wednesday 25th September in the Fox and Hounds to review the situation.

**6.**

**Highways and Footpaths**

Speeding through the village and future of VAS Speed meter. (Clerk's note on discussions with Suckley PC circulated separately.)

It was agreed that the clerk with assistance from Cllr R Ashton would take over the operation from Suckley Parish Council.

**7.**

**Jubilee Spinney** (was Plantation) Clerk's note circulated separately.

A working group, which could include members of the public, and led by Cllr Ms C Bradley would meet to set out the future of the spinney based on access being available from the adjacent field and would consider how access would be determined in perpetuity. The clerk was asked to write to Mrs R Scaiff the owner of the field to keep her up-to-date with the council's views

**8.**

**Playing Field.**

The clerk reported that he had commissioned a contractor to clear the undergrowth invading the cricket nets and subject to a reasonable cost would arrange for the repair/replacement of the netting.

It was agreed that prior to the Village Show it would not be necessary to cut the hedges but the ditches should have their annual clean. The clerk would advise the contractor accordingly.

**9.**

**Confirm the Council's Summer Newsletter** - (circulated in advance)

This was agreed subject to 5) d above.

**10.**

**Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meetings. These had been completed.
- b) Correspondence received. All circulated to members.
- c) Items to be drawn to the council's attention -  
He would circulate details of WCALC councillor training courses as requested by the Chair.  
He would work with Cllr T Clarke to set up a Parish Council 'Facebook Page'.

**11.**

**Items for the next meeting.**

Refer to: 5)d, 6, 7, 8, above

**12.**

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

Thursday 26th September 2019 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick Agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:48 hrs.

Minutes confirmed ..... 26/09/2019