

## Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 24th October 2019 at 19:30hrs in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

**Present: Chair;** Cllr B Martin

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

**Apologies;** Cllr E Mutter, Dist. Cllr Ms S Rouse,

**Visitors:** one parishioner

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

C.Cllr P Tuthill noted the West Midlands Ambulance Service was now also operating the NHS 111 service. He reviewed also the restructuring/re-staffing of the Fire Service which was still in progress.

Cllr P Whatley reported on the ongoing update of the SWDP, and the condition of local bus services.

Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden) presented a formal report which is attached. He would be at a one-day Tree Assessment Course at the Royal Agricultural University (Cirencester next week).

The clerk read a brief report from Mr B Fishwick on Village Hall matters.

Cllr B Martin as vice-chair of the Village Shop Committee reported a slight downturn in trading but expected this would improve towards the year-end. The Post Office was now under a new Area Manager who had impressed staff on his first visit.

**The formal meeting commenced at 20.29 hrs**

#### **AGENDA**

1.

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

The apology for absence from Cllr E Mutter was 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 26th September 2019**

The minutes had been circulated in advance, were agreed as true record and signed by the Chair.

4.

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

- a) Approve payment, Lengthsman, September, £115.20 - Agreed
- b) Approve payment, J Clarke, War Memorial Planting, £52.00 - Agreed
- c) Consider a request for financial support from S/Worcs-CAB  
A donation of £200 was agreed.

5.

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

- a) Review status - Clay Green Farm development and Chapel Meadow development.  
There was no progress on the Clay Green Farm development appeal. A number of details still required attention on the Chapel Meadow/Churchfields development and Cllr A Cooper was pressing the builder for completion of these.
- b) Cllr Ms C Bradley to report on the Natural Networks and WCC/WWT project.  
The first aspect of this work would be improvements to the Jubilee Spinney early in November and it was hoped this would lead to further projects as the working group developed.
- c) Consider a response to; Application Number 19/01339/HP, Willow Croft Knightwick Road Alfrick Worcester WR6 5HX Proposal; Single storey extensions to side and rear. New pitched roof to garage.  
A response of 'No comments' to this application was agreed.

6.

##### **Section 106 funding.**

Subsequent to the meeting on 10th October, establish a committee of the Parish Council to investigate possible projects and report to the council.

The committee to consist of the following members;

Chair; Cllr A Cooper

Cllrs; Ms B Brown, R Ashton, T Clarke, B Martin.

By invitation; Ms G Clarke, Ms S Dodwell, Ms B Gaskell, Ms L Randall, Ms H Tarragon, B Golden, A Pearce, I Laydon, M Warne, G Dodwell.

Clerk to the Council; G M Brewin

The initial investigations into these projects was confirmed viz;

- a) Enhanced tennis/multi-sport area - Cllr T Clarke with B Gaskell and M Warne.
- b) Childrens' play area - Cllr R Ashton with G Clarke and H Tarragon.
- c) Parish Allotments - Cllr B Brown with A Pearce and S and G Dodwell.
- d) Adult outdoor exercise - Cllr B Martin with I Laydon and B Golden.

The composition and terms of reference for this committee were agreed.

The first formal meeting would be on 27th November and Cllr A Cooper would report on this at the next council meeting.

It was agreed that financial expenses of the group would be covered and the clerk would be able to exercise his discretionary powers in making payments as and when needed.

**7.**

#### **Highways and Footpaths**

The clerk said that he had already reported the problems of heavy goods vehicles damaging roadside items at Upper House Cross Roads.

He was asked to report the problems of poor roadside footpaths along Folly Road and by St Mary's Crescent.

Traffic damage to the War memorial surrounds was reported and the clerk asked to raise this directly with WCC Highways.

**8.**

#### **Jubilee Spinney (was Plantation)**

A working group would meet on 3rd November The clerk read out a letter from Mr P Scaiff (the owner) relating to access. The council accepted the proposals set out and was asked to correspond further to confirm this. he was asked also to write to the residents next to the spinney advising them of the working party and the ongoing work to improve the conditions in the spinney.

**9.**

#### **Playing Field.**

The clerk reported that he was still waiting for a report on the condition of the cricket nets. He was still to arrange for a contractor to dig out the ditches where necessary to ensure the best drainage possible and would work with Cllr Ms C Bradley to achieve the most effective result.

**10.**

#### **Clerk's Report -**

- a) Actions from the previous meetings. These had all been completed.
- b) Correspondence received. For some reason an email relating to extending fibre broadband facilities to outlying areas had not been received by members and he would re-send this on the following morning.
- c) Items to be drawn to the council's attention -  
He was still in the process of closing the 'old' bank account. The new internet access account was working and payments to regular suppliers were being paid by internet bank transfers.  
The proposed an Autumn Litter Pick event similar to the one last Spring on Saturday 16th November was being advertised in the November edition of The Sphere and subject to sufficient volunteers would go ahead s planned.

**11.**

#### **Items for the next meeting.**

- a) Refer to: 5)a, b, 6, 8, above.
- b) The establishment of the committee to determine the budget and precept for 2020-21

**12.**

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

Thursday 28th November 2019 at 19:30 hrs. in the Village Hall, Alfrick - Agreed.

The meeting closed at 21:05 hrs.

Minutes confirmed ..... 28/11/2019

## **Tree Warden's report to Parish Council meeting 24th October 2019**

I have booked myself on a one day course at Cirencester run by the Royal Agricultural University on Wednesday 30th October. It provides the knowledge to be able to identify a hazardous tree, determine the level of risk and decide on an appropriate course of action. This would not obviate the need to use an experienced arboriculturalist but would go part way to having the expertise "in house". Cost £140.

I'm planning a working party at the Spinney on Sunday 3rd November. A notice should be in the October copy of The Sphere. The Spinney is very overgrown after tree felling two or three years ago. Ground clearance should enable the PC and working group to plan further work based on the Natural Networks report.

I have ordered 420 free hedging plants for the perimeter of the playing field. They will be delivered in March 2020. This should be sufficient for a double row hedge 85 – 100 m long. A further application can be made at a later date. Discussions with Martin Cooke need to take place before March.

Derek Bradley  
Alfrick & Lulsley Tree Warden