

Parish Council of Alfrick and Lulsley

Members are summoned to a Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 16th September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

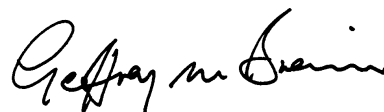
Members of the public may wish to raise matters of concern prior to the formal meeting.

AGENDA

1. Members' Apologies for absence
2. Members' Declarations of Interest.
3. Reports; County & District Councillors, Parish Footpaths' Warden. Parish Tree Warden, Village Hall Representative.
4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2008 circulated in advance.
5. Financial Matters;
 - a) Consider a Donation to; Vitalise - information circulated in advance.
 - b) Consider a Donation to; MH Citizens Advice Bureau (note 2007 - £75)
 - c) Note Clerk's payments (delegated action)
 - MHDC Village Hall Planning Application Fee £177.50
 - Cllr Mrs S Tolley £249.82 - Playing Field Equipment.
6. Planning Matters;

Note Clerk's Delegated responses to planning applications;

 - a) 08/00907/FUL Garden Shed at Hayley Cottage Green Street - 'No Comment'
 - b) 08/01077/FUL Alterations, Village Hall, Alfrick
 - 'There is a pressing need for the Village Hall to be renovated and extended to meet the needs of the village. There has been extensive consultation in the village and this application is the outcome of this. This council fully supports this application'.
 - c) 08/01162/FUL Wickenberry, Folly Road, Alfrick - 'No Comment'.
7. Parish Design Statement - Report on the Village Show consultation. Cllr R Jackson
8. Review results of Post Office Closure Questionnaire etc - Circulated in advance.
9. Report - Parish Health Questionnaire. Cllr P Tebbit
10. Report - WCC Highways Review Meeting Cllr S Glazzard
11. Report - Sphere Taxi/Bus project; Cllr C Williams
12. Consider the Parish Tree Warden's Reports on the Jubilee Plantation - circulated in advance.
13. Clerk's Report and Correspondence & Publications Received - circulated in advance
14. Items for the next meeting.
15. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - October 21st 2008



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Addendum to the agenda - Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 16th September 2008

Contributions relating to the Jubilee Plantation

Proposal from Cllr B Fishwick;

All woodland needs some management otherwise it becomes completely impenetrable. I would go for a modest cut back of the undergrowth and seek the services of WCC to do it for free as per Derek Bradley's note. Clearing it completely and making it very accessible might create more problems. I would turn a deaf ear to the neighbour's complaint, the woodland was there before the bungalow, the wall was built right to the boundary and they have their own trees screening the light. In the longer term we could perhaps explore "giving" the woodland to another organisation who could make better use of it, maybe the RSPB.

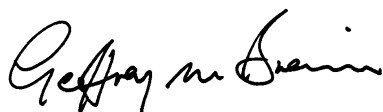
I propose;

- a) A modest cut back of the undergrowth and seek the services of WCC to do it free as per Derek Bradley's note;
- b) Explore donating the woodland to another organisation who could make better use of it, maybe the RSPB.

Proposal from Cllr P Tebbit

I start from a position where I cannot see any current or future benefit to the Parish from having the Jubilee Plantation. Nobody appears to visit it and nor are they likely to even if they knew it was there. Furthermore it is not visible to anyone other than the immediate neighbours who do not see it as providing any benefit - in fact quite the reverse. Not only that but it is going to cost several hundred pounds every so often to maintain it.

I propose that the Parish Council explores fully ways in which it can divest itself of the responsibility for the Plantation.



28/08/2008