

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley Appendices - Minutes of the Meeting of the Council 15/01/08.

Appendix -a

Questions for members of the public.

None

Appendix-b

Reports. County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Paths Warden, Parish Tree Warden.

Cllr D Hughes (District Councillor) reported;

The MHDC Flooding Relief Scheme is ongoing and he asked councillors to ensure that all who had incurred damage due to the recent flooding knew about the arrangements for claiming relief.

Cllr G Lowe - Parish Paths Warden reported;

Additional Waymarks were to be installed on some paths following reports of lost directions. A tree which had been obstructing the path had been cleared from the footpath at Hayley Dingle.

The materials to complete the additional work identified with WCC Footpaths Office have arrived and the work will be completed over the next month or so. The additional funds -£90 had been transferred to the council's bank account but the current wet weather was delaying a start to the planned activities,

Appendix-c

The Parish of Alfrick and Lulsley - Budget and Precept 2008-09 - see separate sheet

Appendix -d

The Parish of Alfrick and Lulsley - Winter Newsletter - see separate sheet

Appendix - e

Notes on Alfrick & Lulsley Village Hall Committee Meeting Monday 3rd December 2007

Treasurer's Report

Casino Evening: The event was enjoyed by all those taking part, though the numbers were down on last year. For future events of this type there may be a change to casual dress rather than the formal dress at present. The event yielded a profit of £202.

Wine Tasting Evening: Also very enjoyable, profit in excess of £200.

Licensing Arrangements.

Phil Hanson is in the process of checking the licensing application.

Building Sub-Committee Report.

Decision still expected during December.

Fundraising Events.

5th January –coach trip to London.

12th January –New Years Dance.

18th January –Pinocchio (children's theatre)

2nd February –Brian draper, talk

28th March –Shindig (modern take on a barn dance)

Other matters

Arrangements are in hand to re-polish the hall floor, check the fire alarms on a more regular basis, clearly label the location of the first aid box and put up a notice reminding people to leave the hall quietly after an event.

The next meeting will be on the 7th January 2008.

(B.J.Fishwick)

Notes on Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall Committee Meeting Monday 7th January 2008

Matters arising from last meeting.

Ginnie Wilkinson to register with the Nat.West. Bank for handling the Tennis Club Funds.

Premises Licence. Phil Hanson has submitted the application forms which cover the village hall events and the village show. An advertisement will be placed in the Evening News to announce this application.

Alcohol Licence. Richard Steels has booked a course in February as part of the preparation to becoming the licensee.

Arrangements are in hand to purchase a first aid box and the relevant notices.

Treasurer's Report.

The "Call my Bluff" wine tasting evening (1st December) resulted in a take on the door of £446-60 but to date no claims for expenses has been received. David Hughes to remind the organisers.

Coach Trip (5th January). The numbers were not as high as had been hoped for but a small profit (£60) was realised. There was a problem with the heating on the coach but the people who went on this trip were enthusiastic about the idea and wanted further trips to be arranged. A letter of complaint will be sent to the coach company asking for some recompense and alternative coach companies will be investigated.

Insurance for the hall. It has proved difficult to obtain competitive quotes and a decision was made to accept the figure of £1,489 for this year from the present provider.

Heating oil. The oil tank has been refilled at a cost of £890.

Building Sub-Committee.

There is some positive news at last on the position of our Stage 1 application for lottery funding and this will be reported to the ALPC meeting of 15th January.

Fundraising Events.

It was agreed to organise further coach trips during the forthcoming year.

New Year Buffet/Dance (12th January). The arrangements for this event, including the catering, were finalised.

Pinocchio (18th January) and the talk by Brian Draper (2nd February). Details of these events were also finalised.

A.O.B.

A decision was made to purchase the decorations already in the hall for future use.

The date for the Village Hall Committee AGM has been provisionally set for Wednesday 19th March at 8-00pm.

Ginnie Wilkinson announced that for personal reasons she planned to stand down as chairman and also to leave the committee at this years AGM.

(B.J.Fishwick)

Parish Plan - Highways and Transportation, interim report; Cllrs B Fishwick, and S V Glazzard

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

1) Worcestershire's Local Transport Plan 2006/2011 (LTP)

The LTP **identifies** 3 issues for the Malvern Hills area:-

- Accessibility – Rural communities with limited or no public transport. Accessibility is seen as the key transport issue with (i) **access to facilities in the market towns and main centres for residents of rural villages** and (ii) strategic access from the main town of Malvern to the national road and rail networks.
- Congestion – Within the central technology belt further development is constrained by poor access to motorway and rail networks.
- Environment – Traffic impact on Malvern Hills area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and other tourism destinations.

The **strategy** for dealing with these issues is:-

- Accessibility – Using accessibility mapping to identify gaps in public transport services and work with partners to improve passenger transport links to essential services
- Congestion – Worcester transportation study. Improvement in parking at both Malvern stations with view to Malvern Link operating as a strategic park and ride.
- Environment – Improve and promote sustainable travel opportunities to main tourism and leisure destinations.

The **outcome** of the strategy is expected to be:-

- Accessibility – Increased proportion of the population with access to key services by passenger transport.
- Congestion – High technology industries locating in Malvern. Increase in station parking and rail passenger numbers.
- Environment – Stem increasing traffic levels in sensitive areas.

2) The implications for Alfrick and Lulsley of Worcestershire's LTP

Apart from identifying the problems of access by public transport for the rural communities the LTP would seem to offer little help to Alfrick and Lulsley and other rural communities. The plan does not deal with the day to day issues faced by rural communities in their transport and highways needs.

HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
REVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN – SPRING 2006

- 1) Traffic Speed – Consider available traffic calming measures, including advisory speed-checking radar device, and consult with the community on proposed action.

Observations

- BF believed the use of a portable speed device had been discussed by WCC. There were thoughts that these could be operated by the lengthsman but training and time were issues.
- Speed is still an issue in many parts of the area.
- It is unlikely that West Mercia police have the resources to effectively police speed in rural areas unless there is a particular problem.

Action Point

- SVG to contact Highways department to see what options are available

- 2) Speed of the school buses - Contact the school bus provider regarding the concerns raised about the speed and driving standard of the school buses.

Observations

- Has the school bus company changed?

- If so is it still a problem?

Action Point

- Further survey needs to be undertaken.

- 3) Road Maintenance – Work with the Highways Authority to seek improvements to the standard of road maintenance.

Observations

- BF advised that proposal for the lengthsman to repair pot holes would not be allowed.
- There is a belief that the bulk of the money allocated by WCC to road maintenance is targeted towards urban road renewal/repair.

Action Points

- SVG to make contact with WCC to seek clarification of road maintenance programme and priorities.
- Suggest Parish Council highlights the on-line facility on the Worcestershire Hub website for reporting pot holes. There is also a telephone number for those who do have on-line access.

- 4) Horses – Investigate and publicise best practice in road safety. Investigate the feasibility of awareness seminars for local residents and rider safety training for local riders.

Observations

- Parish Plan already states best practice as recommended by the Highway Code and The British Horse Society
- It appears that more Horse Riders are wearing high visibility vests.

Action Points

- Consider additional warning signs at hazard points e.g. “blind” bends.
- Consider using the newsletter to publicise road safety best practice for horse riding.

- 5) Public Transport – I have not commented on this subject as we are aware that this issue is being overseen by the Chairman.
- 6) Other Issues 1) – The Worcestershire Hub Website has a useful section on Winter driving and gives advice on both driving techniques and maintenance checks. Should we consider highlighting the link in the next newsletter or even copying the text in full?
- 7) Other Issues 2) - The Malvern Hills Transport Partnership – This forum evolved in 2006 out of the Rural Transport Partnership. The aim of the new partnership is to represent partner organizations in developing travel choice by enhancing transport services and improving access for rural employment, services and social activity in the Malvern Hills district. Should we consider having representation on this committee.

SUMMARY AND THOUGHTS

BF & SVG are relatively new members of the Parish Council and have not been involved in the development and progress of the Parish Plan until recently. As a result it is difficult to comment on the progress of certain issues in the plan in the area where we have responsibility. However, we acknowledge there is work still to be done and the action points are, we hope, a step in the right direction. We would welcome the observations or ideas of other members to help us in this task.

One area I feel strongly about is that we need greater feedback from the community. I appreciate this can be very difficult but I think it is worth pursuing and I believe the most sensible and cost effective way of doing this would be through the newsletter. I would suggest that we focus on a particular issue from the Parish Plan, say Highways and Transportation, and enclose a questionnaire with the newsletter inviting feedback. The feedback forms could be collated and analysed by the Member responsible and the findings reported back to the next Committee meeting.

In the case of Highways and Transportation we could ask questions, for example, on whether excess speed is still an issue, whether there are any road maintenance problems and maybe have a section aimed particularly at horse riders.
