

**Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley Appendices - Minutes of the Meeting of the Council 20/11/2007.**

**Appendix -a**

**Questions for members of the public.**

None

**Appendix-b**

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

**Cllr C Smith (County Councillor) reported;**

Work was about to go ahead using his discretionary fund to complete the repairs to the footpath by the Village Shop. Instructions have been given to the WCC Highways to do this work which is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

**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.

He would continue to press for the continuance of weekly refuse collections and will oppose any reduction in the refuse collection service.

He drew members' attention to the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy consultation and asked them to consider responses to this. (The clerk has copies for distribution if needed)

**Cllr G Lowe - Parish Paths Warden reported;**

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.

He is busy replacing lost and installing new Waymarks and would appreciate information on any that are missing.

## Appendix-c

### The Parish of Alfrick and Lulsley - Budget and Precept 2008-09

#### Recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council

##### 1. Expenditure

###### Recommendation

It is proposed that the expenditure budget for 2008/09 be as set out in the paper circulated by the Clerk to the Council for the October meeting of the Council.

##### 2. Income

There are several aspects to consider.

It will be recalled that at the November 2006 meeting of the Council it was agreed that over a three year period a free reserve of £3,000 should be built up. It was anticipated that at 31 March 2007 the free reserves of the Council would amount to only about £500. Hence the decision to include in the budget for the next three years a provision of £800 per year for the reserve.

The cash position at the end of March 2008 can be estimated from the figures in the paper circulated for the October meeting. The calculation is as follows:

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| Bank balance at 16 October 2007   | £7790        |
| Plus forecast receipts for the period October to March<br>(Full year expected £10999 less £10063 already received)  | £936         |
| Total   | £8726        |
| Less forecast expenditure for the period October to March<br>(Full year expected £9246 less £4973 already expended) | £4272        |
| <b>Net total (forecast bank balance at 31 March 2008)</b>   | <b>£4454</b> |

That figure may include £1,109 which had previously been earmarked for youth activities and may still remain largely unexpended. If so, that needs to be deducted to arrive at the free reserve i.e. £3,345.

It does therefore appear that the reserve will have reached the level agreed by the Council in one year rather than three. The principal reason for this is that the Council did not have to incur any election expenses and consequently there is a £1,000 saving against budget.

The principal question for the Council is therefore whether it wishes nevertheless to continue to make further provision of £800 for the reserve for next year and the year after that and consequently achieve a reserve of around £5,000 by March 2010. The alternative is not to make a further provision of £800 for next year and to review the matter for 2009/10 in autumn 2008.

In consideration of that it needs to be noted that £3,000 is less than 30% of the Council's annual expenditure and that it may be more prudent to achieve a reserve that represents about 50% of current expenditure.

###### Recommendation

- That the Council makes provision in 2008/9 for increasing its reserve by £800.
- That the Precept for 2008/09 be set at £9,000 (an increase of 5.9% over 2007/08)

Councillor P. Tebbit  
(on behalf of the Finance Group)  
20 November 2007

**Appendix -d**

**Notes on**

**Alfrick Village Hall Committee Meeting**

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

Prior to the formal meeting members of the Alfrick & Lulsley Show Committee attended the meeting to request permission to locate a second container for the show equipment adjacent to the current container (shared use with the cricket club). This was agreed in principle subject to some conditions.

***Treasurer's Report.***

Payment had been received for a broken window closing a long standing issue. Donations to the village hall fund had been received from the Alfrick & Lulsley Show Committee and from Mike Hood on behalf of the Harvest Supper Organisers. A bill had been received for the servicing of the boiler.

The committee had received a bill from Roger Thomas for hedge cutting prior to the show in September. The committee had not requested this work and will, as previously, forward the bill to the Parish Council.

***Licensing Arrangements.***

A meeting had been held with Mr Phil Browning of MHDC to review the licensing arrangements for the events and for the sale of alcohol at the village hall. As a result of this meeting the committee recognised that a significant change in approach to these issues will be required. As these changes also impact upon the Parish Council it was proposed that Phil Hanson should brief the P.C. at the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> November; Brian Fishwick undertook to try to arrange this.

***Building Sub-Committee.***

Nothing further to report.

***Fundraising/Events.***

24<sup>th</sup> November Casino Night  
1<sup>st</sup> December Wine Tasting "Call my Bluff".  
5<sup>th</sup> January Coach Trip to London.  
12<sup>th</sup> January New Years Dance.  
18<sup>th</sup> January Pinnochio Children's Theatre.  
2<sup>nd</sup> February Provisional –talk by Brian Draper.

The next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

(B.J.Fishwick)