

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 27th April 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

Mesdames; Cllrs Mrs S Tolley, S Clarke,.

Messrs; P Attwood, P Brown, R Jackson, G Lowe, P Tebbit, G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies: P Gilbert, C Smith (County Councillor), S Young (District Councillor), J Guise (District Councillor), D Fowler (Parish Tree Warden).

Visitors: None

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting:

None.

The formal meeting began at 7.32pm.

1. Apologies for absence from members and members' declarations of interest.

The apology for absence from Cllr P Gilbert was accepted. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 28th March 2006 circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. Clerk's report on actions from previous meetings

The clerk reported on actions from the previous meeting - a replacement value for the War Memorial had been received.

4. Reports.

Cllr C Smith in apologising for his absence had sent the following report;

I have been appointed to the county council's rural regeneration working party that is looking at ways of keeping our rural communities viable with particular emphasis on affordable housing and looking at ways of keeping our young people in their rural communities.

I am investigating the huge increase in staff numbers at the county council since 2000 and the budgetary impact that they have had and will report back to you in due course.

Cllr G Lowe; Parish Footpaths' Warden reported.

He was in the process of completing the application to WCC Footpaths Office for funding for the coming year and was looking to organise the strimming on undergrowth on some footpaths.

David Fowler; Parish Tree Warden in apologising for his absence reported that he would be attending a WCC Training Course in early June.

5. Financial Matters

- a) Approve - payment; Clerk's Salary & Expenses (3 months) £590.20, £47.36 - £637.56 - Agreed
- b) Approve - payment; Parish Lengthsman, Feb-March £360.00 + vat £63.00 - £423.00 - Agreed
- c) Pay - Allianz Cornhill; Insurance policy renewal £409.22 (Last yr £392.49) - Agreed
- d) Confirm replacement value for Village War Memorial - £19,000 Agreed.
- e) Acceptance of Accounts for 2005/6 - circulated in advance. Accepted. The clerk would advise members of the actual amount not specifically allocated to projects at the year end. (See appendix-a)

6. Planning Matters;

- a) Note - Delegated Decision, 06/00426/FUL. Extension etc - Maycom, Stocks Road, Alfrick Pound.
'No Comment' returned.
- b) Note - Delegated Decision, 06/00373/FUL,0374/LBC. Utility Room etc, Waterford Lodge, Lulsley
'No Comment' returned.
- c) Review - 06/00508/FUL, Hillcott, Old Storrige, Alfrick, Proposed garage. Documents in advance.
'No Comment' agreed.
- d) Report from Cllrs R Jackson, P Tebbit and P Gilbert on discussions re Leigh Road site.
Cllr R Jackson reported that the developer's proposals regarding landscaping etc had been circulated amongst local residents and he was awaiting their replies which he would forward to the clerk for transmission to MHDC Planning Services.

7. Consider proposal by Cllr P Tebbit, churchyard path issue, copy circulated in advance.

No correspondence had been received. It was agreed to delay further consideration of this issue until the correspondence was received.

8. Proposed by Cllr Jackson; "A review of the process, timescales and outcome of the offer by Messrs Brooke to make a donation to Community funds contingent on this being made known at the Upper House Planning Inquiry"

After a discussion considering the documents distributed the clerk was asked to produce a revised form of delegation for consideration at the next meeting.

9. Correspondence & Publications Received

Details are attached to the agenda. The clerk drew members' attention to the following items;

06/04	defra	Guide to Clean Neighbourhoods Act etc
06/04	WCC	Free Bus Travel concessions - Travel Cards were available at the MHDC Customer Centre.
21/04	npower	Street lighting acct. - Would be dealt with as a delegated action
25/04	Clement Keys	External Audit Papers - These would be delivered to the auditor on 28/4/06.

10. Parish Plan - report on allocation of portfolios and launch plans

Cllr R Jackson reported that copies of the plan would be prepared prior to the Annual Parish Meeting on May 9th and the chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee would give a presentation on the plan.

11. Report from the informal group on Housing and Planning matters - Cllr R Jackson

The minutes of the group meeting on 11th April and the subsequent proposal for a Village Design Statement are attached. (See appendix -b) He requested space on the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting to present this together with a computer based visual presentation. The clerk would arrange the agenda accordingly.

12. Response to 'AWARDS FOR ALL' programmes - Cllr Mrs S Tolley

The possibilities for special areas and also a room at the Village Hall are under consideration. Cllr R Jackson would discuss this at the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee.

13. Review progress to Quality Parish Status.

- a) The first issue of the Parish Council Newsletter had been delivered. There had been a positive response to this.
- b) The Contract for the clerk was agreed and signed by the chairman. (See appendix -c). The clerk's salary would in future be paid by Bank Standing Order monthly with effect from 1st April 2006 and this was signed by the chairman and account signatories.

14. Local Minibus Service

Cllr Mrs C Williams reported that although support for this service was disappointing it was recommended that the full two-year project should be completed. The council supported this view.

15. Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

The clerk reported that funding for 2006-7 had now been confirmed. There was no outstanding work at present.

16. Items for the next meeting.

Reports from Parish Plan portfolio holders.

17. Confirm the date of the next meeting;

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, May 16th 2006.

The Annual Parish Meeting, would be on May 9th - it was agreed that the council would again provide refreshments. The clerk would arrange these.

The meeting closed at 9.33pm

Chairman...