

## Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

#### Present:

Chairman Mrs C Williams

Mesdames; S Clarke, S Tolley.

Messrs; P Attwood, P Brown, P Gilbert, R Jackson, P Tebbit, J Guise (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies: G Lowe, C Smith (County Councillor), S Young (District Councillor). D Fowler (Parish Tree Warden)

Visitors: None

#### Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

None

#### The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

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

The apology for absence from G Lowe was accepted. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

#### 2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

#### 3. Reports.

Reports; County Councillor, District Councillor, Parish Tree Warden, See appendix - a.

#### 4. Financial Matters

- a) Approve - Annual Accounts for 2006-7, circulated in advance. Approved; see appendix- b
  - b) Approve payment, Clerk's expenses for January-March 2007, £111.76 Approved
  - c) Approve payment, WCALC Membership Subscription 07-08 £162.48+vat - £182.54 Approved
  - d) Approve payment, Alliantz Cornhill Insurance £573.87 and review Risk Assessment for 2007-8, Payment approved. Risk Assessment reviewed, see appendix - c
  - e) Confirm Clerk's delegated action, payment; A R Thomas - Lengthsman £200+vat - £235
  - f) Confirm Clerk's delegated action, payment; NALC Journal Subscription £13.50
  - g) Confirm Clerk's delegated action, payment; Prysmian - Street Lights Check £58+vat- £68.15
- All confirmed.

#### 5. Planning Matters;

It was noted that the inspector's comments on the Hill Orchard, Lulsley appeal were particularly specific regarding the time in which changes had to be made and the clerk was asked to minute this for discussion at the 6-month time limit.

#### 6. Note WCALC- Formal Confirmation Quality Parish Status.

The proposal for a small presentation ceremony was discussed and it was agreed that 7.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May at the Village Hall prior to the Annual Parish Meeting would be appropriate. The clerk would discuss this with the Worcestershire CALC Executive Officer.

#### 7. Approve Spring Newsletter - circulated in advance.

Approved and agreed to print in colour. See appendix -c

#### 8. Jubilee Plantation - Clerk to report on application for remedial work and arboriculturalist risk assessment.

The clerk reported that in informal discussion with the MHDC Tree Preservation Officer it was intimated that a request for remedial work under the Tree Preservation Order scheme may not be approved. In the circumstances he had asked two arboriculturalists for quotations for a formal review and risk assessment on the plantation. These were awaited. He was asked to obtain the Deeds of the property from the council's solicitors so that the situation could be reviewed.

#### 9. Report; Sphere Taxi/Bus project; Cllr P Attwood

A new taxi service had been engaged to carry out the existing schedule on Fridays and Saturdays until the current funding expired. An application for new funds has been made and the outcome of this is awaited.

#### 10. Report; Village Hall Rebuilding Project - Cllr R Jackson

An application for £250k has been made to the Lottery Fund to cover the renovation of the existing hall. The Village Hall Committee noted the council's willingness to assist with the recovery of vat payments.

**11. Report; The informal group on Housing and Planning matters. - Cllr R Jackson**

The informal group had met twice - on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> April and the notes of these meetings are attached as appendices -d,e

The group considered that it should be re-formed at the Annual Meeting with the terms of reference unchanged. If this is done the group would expect to respond to the approach of the Leigh Road developer regarding additional affordable houses.

**12. Report; Playing Field equipment etc - Cllr Mrs S Tolley**

Discussions are continuing on the form and layout of additional playing field facilities and Cllr Tolley has co-opted a small group to assist in this.

**13. Clerk's Report - Correspondence & Publications Received - circulated in advance**

The clerk drew members' attention to the following;

MHDC Planning - Response ref. 1 Court Cottages To be kept on record.

WCC Highways - Lengthsman Agreement 2007-8 He had signed and returned the agreement and would be attending a meeting at County Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> April regarding the detailed arrangements for the coming year.

WCC Highways - Street Lighting Initiative WCC state that the two public lights in the parish are not street lights but associated with the original MHDC housing developments where they are located. The clerk reported that he had written to Festival Housing Corporation which took over these houses from MHDC some years ago to establish responsibility for the lights. Councillors considered that the costs of electricity currently some £125/yr should be borne by the owners. The clerk was asked to investigate this possibility.

Returning Officer MHDC - Notice of Election Nominations As the new council would be two members short he would arrange for co-option notices asking for volunteers to join the council to be displayed and he circulated application forms for co-option to members.

**14. Items for the next meeting.**

None

**15. Confirm arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

It was agreed that as in previous years the clerk would arrange for refreshments to be available after the formal meeting.

**16. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - Annual Meeting of the Council, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2007**

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman...



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