

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 15th February 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

Mesdames S Clarke, S Young (District Councillor)

Messrs; P Brown, P Gilbert, R Jackson, , J Goldsmith, (Parish Footpaths Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies:

Mrs S Tolley, Mrs B Hickling (County Councillor), Messrs A Biggs L Higginson, J Guise (District Councillor).

Visitors: Fifteen members of the public.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting;

There were no matters raised by members of the public attending.

The formal meeting began at 7.35pm.

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

The apologies from Cllrs Mrs S Tolley, Messrs A Biggs & L Higginson, were accepted.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2005 circulated in advance to members were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters Arising not covered by the agenda:

None

4. Reports.

a) Cllr Mrs B Hickling had sent the following report;

COMPOSTING; Phase 2 of the home composting scheme has begun. New bins available are:-

Compost Converter (330 litres) £5 inc delivery, Wooden Modular Composter (660 litres) £15 inc. delivery

Soil Saver (660 litres) £15 inc. delivery.

New orderline No. 0845 073 2001

COMMUNITY CHARGE; Cabinet will recommend 3.94% increase in Council Tax for 2005/06 to the Full Council on Thursday 17th February 2005

b) Cllr Mrs S Young reported as follows;

MHDC; The annual budget is going through the committee stages. The Draft 2nd deposit of the Local plan is being discussed. There is to be an Extra Ordinary meeting of the MHDC on Wednesday 16th February . The agendum is the New Malvern Community Hospital. Proposal:

1. Withdraw the offer to the South Worcestershire PCT of the possibility of making Pickersleigh Road Depot site available for development of the new community hospital;
2. Offer, if requested, to consider entering into a partnership funding arrangement with the PCT for development of the new Hospital using the prudential borrowing powers and;
3. Continue to seek a published timetable for the development of the new Hospital and to seek provision of enhanced facilities, including a Minor Injuries Unit, rather than the existing commitment to re-provide the current hospital facilities.

SPEEDING; I have had many people complaining about speeding in villages, not just Leigh Sinton. I have contacted the Police Consultative committee who are to put this on their next agenda. John Lakeman is likely to be their next chairman.

c) Mr J Goldsmith the Parish Footpaths Warden reported as follows; There had been further difficulty starting a contractor but work was now in hand as planned at a rate of £90/day. Sites requiring work have been visited and a schedule of jobs drawn up. There was a serious problem with a collapsed bridge at Broad Dingle which would require heavy equipment to move. It was hoped that the Highways Partnership would do this work. Footpath clearance work would start shortly beginning at Patches Farm.

5. Financial Matters;

Approve payments - Subscription to Local Government Review - £13.00, Parish Plan expenses; Printing etc £8.40

Both agreed.

6. Planning applications and decisions

Confirm Delegated Decisions;

a) 05/00066/FUL, 69/LBC, Change of Approved Elevations, Courtyard Barn, Lulsley, No Comment.

b) 05/00062/OUT, Development on land at Alfrick Village Hall; Objection as follows;

- 1) The number of dwellings is in excess of the need established in the council's Housing Needs Survey.
- 2) The application has been made without the council's agreement.

The clerk stated the procedure for the decision on this application. He had written to councillors on 22nd January as follows;

A formal request for a response to an outline planning application has been received for the site at Alfrick Village Hall the details of which were presented at the informal session prior to the council meeting on 18th January. I have discussed this with the chairman and we have agreed to proceed as follows;

- a) The parish council has objected to all three prior applications (2 at Leigh Road, 1 at Upper House) received for affordable housing on the basis that 8 or 10 houses were more than the council considers appropriate and that the council had not been consulted in the drawing up of those plans.*
- b) The new application proposes 10 'affordable properties' (4 Flats & 6 Houses)*
- c) As a matter of consistency the council must therefore object to this new proposal.*
- c) A reply is required by 9th February.*
- d) If however you wish to discuss this proposal as a council before making a response would you please advise the chairman who can then instruct me to call a meeting. (A suggested date for this would be Tuesday 8th February.)*

No meeting had been called and he had replied as above.

The decisions were confirmed.

There was a discussion as to what action the council should take on the matter of Affordable Housing developments as there was a need to consider the varying views within the community. (Cllrs S Clarke & C Williams declared personal interests). With regard to the development on the Village Hall site there was a need to review the matter with the Village Hall committee and the owner of land adjacent to the Playing Field. It was agreed that Mrs C Williams would contact the landowner. Mr R Jackson would discuss the matter with MHDC Planning Office and circulate information to councillors prior to a meeting with the Village Hall committee, (7th March) and further possible consultations.

Review;

- a) 05/00147/FUL, Extension, Hill Orchard, Lulsley No Comment.
- b) 05/00111/FUL Extension, The Haven, Old StorrIDGE. in view of the short notice and also that Cllrs A Biggs and G Lowe were absent it was decided to review this application under the delegation procedure.

7. Teme Valley Youth Project, proposals for the Playing Field

Originally scheduled as item 4 this matter had been delayed in the expectation of the presence of a representative of the TVYP who had proposed this. In the absence of such a representative the following was agreed in discussion with members of the Parish Plan committee; Priority items for the Playing Field were - Basket Ball Hoops, Seating/Shelter and possibly Skateboard Ramps. Better Table Tennis facilities in the Village Hall would be appreciated. A 'Communications' noticeboard would also be useful. The clerk would contact the TVYG secretary to progress this.

8. Correspondence & Publications Received

Details of correspondence received since the last meeting are recorded with the agenda. The clerk drew members' attention to the following;

- a) J Barnes et al, Request for Footpath Upper House Road

Members had been given a copy in advance of the meeting. WCC Highways Partnership have written indicating that additional land would have to be acquired and the work would be expensive. The WCC Walking Officer would be involved also and planned to visit the site. The clerk was asked to keep the writers informed of progress.

- b) WCC Footpaths Status of Alfrick 14 & 15 Footpaths

As the request in a) above questioned the continuation of the licensed path through the churchyard, WCC Footpaths Office had been questioned on the status of other paths through the churchyard. The emailed reply was as follows; *After consultation with our Mapping Officer, Mr D Goode, I confirm that Footpaths 14 and 15 are both rights of way and not just licensed paths. There is a licensed path within the churchyard which runs alongside Church House. Angela Bill Asst Admin & Finance Officer, Countryside Service*

- c) Crowdy & Rose Development at V Hall Site

Solicitors for the Leigh Road Development had questioned the council's position on affordable housing projects. The clerk read his reply on matters of fact. A copy of this is attached - appendix - a

- d) Leigh & Bransford PC Road Gritting

The council agreed to support the Leigh & Bransford Council on the matter of gritting local roads. The clerk to reply.

9. Green Lanes, Cllr G Lowe

in the absence of Mr Lowe the clerk detailed the information on the 'Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement' (GLEAM) which he had received. It was agreed to wait until Mr Lowe could speak on this matter.

10. Parish Plan - update;

Cllr P Gilbert reported on the activities of the Parish Plan Steering Committee. The committee had held a meetings on 1st February, minutes see appendix - b, and a further one was scheduled for 22nd February. The committee planned to release the final Parish Plan at the beginning of July and were working on the collation of gathered data at the moment.

11. Local Minibus Service - update

The chairman reported on the latest meeting of the management committee. There had been some serious problems in obtaining drivers on Saturdays but these now seem to be resolved. There was a steady build-up of passengers and sales of tickets in advance. It was not planned to make any changes to the bus schedules which would be reconsidered in June.

12. Parish Lengthsman Scheme

The clerk reported that there had been substantial work on the Alfrick - Lulsley - Knightwick road.

13. Any Other Business;

- a) Residents in Lulsley had complained of excessively bright lights overnight at Hill Orchard. The clerk will write to the owner.
- b) It appeared that the mobile recycling bin service had been terminated. The clerk to investigate this.
- c) There is no barrier at the side of the road at the steep drop between the Knapp and Tapperdine House. The clerk to raise this with WCC Highways Partnership.
- d) It was reported that the War Memorial stonework is eroding badly. Councillors will inspect this.
- e) It was considered that the Notice Board at the post office should be a least the size of the other two boards. The clerk will obtain a cost for a new board.

14. Date of the next meeting;

March 15th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 9.26pm

Chairman