

**Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley Appendix - a Minutes of the Meeting of the Council 20/02/2007.**

**4. Reports. County Councillor, Parish Footpath's Warden, Parish Tree Warden, West Mercia Police Beat Officer PC A Naulls.**

C Smith (County Councillor)

As a member of the WCC Homecare Scrutiny Group he reported that the group's findings had been completed and were due to be debated at the next WCC Cabinet Meeting.

Key conclusions of the group were that the methods of assessing people for their care requirements could be improved and that as Worcestershire had an above-average proportion of elderly people in the population there was a need for central government to increase funding to the county for this activity.

Alfrick Churchyard - Application to WCC for a Public Right of Way to be declared;

As reported last month he had applied for a complaint of mal-administration from a local resident to be referred to the Local Government Ombudsman but this could not yet be done as a late-minute objection to the order had been received and it would be necessary for this to be resolved before the referral could go ahead. He would keep the council informed of any developments.

Cllr G Lowe - Footpaths Warden reported:

Positive progress had been made on repairs and new installations and another £190 had been spent from the £716 allowance from WCC Footpaths leaving £126 in hand. Selected villages associated with the MH-AONB would be taking part in a distribution of a leaflet showing footpaths and walks in each area. These are likely to be available in March/April and could be distributed with the next newsletter.

He reported on discussions he had had together with the chairman with WCC Rights of Way officers on the repair work to be done on the Folly Road - Hayley Dingle - Slad Green unmaintained road (Green Road) by WCC and the Green Lanes Association details of which had been circulated to members. Members agreed with a comment that had been circulated by Cllr P Gilbert;

*Fellow Councillors, We as a council have in the past condemned the off-road activities of 4x4 enthusiasts in this parish. One presumes that, having done work on this piece of track they will feel obliged to drive furiously up and down it as is their wont, with total disregard for the countryside and to the general detriment of other users. It would be hypocritical of us to stand by whilst this group perform maintenance work on Hayley Dingle without protesting vigorously.*

The clerk was asked to convey this response to WCC.

Mr D Fowler the Parish Tree Warden reported:

He had received several requests and had been able to direct the questioners to the right sources of information. He had also produced a report on the condition of the Jubilee Plantation. (ref agenda - item6)

Mercia Police Beat Officer PC A Naulls reported:

Reported incidents since May '06 in the area were; Lulsley - 1 Non-residential burglary, Alfrick - 3 Non-residential burglaries and 3 other matters. The Neighbourhood Watch system was working well and did contribute to the resolution of crimes. There had been some cases locally of sheep being attacked and he asked local farmers to be aware of this.