

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 20th February 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Clarke,

Messrs; P Attwood, P Brown, P Gilbert, G Lowe, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), PC A Naulls (West Mercia Police), D Fowler (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies: R Jackson, S Tolley.

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.

Apologies were accepted from R Jackson, S Tolley. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 16th January 2007 circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

3. Reports.

Reports; County Councillor, Parish Footpaths' Warden, Parish Tree Warden, PC A Naulls, See appendix - a.

4. Financial Matters

- a) Confirm Clerk's delegated action, payment; A R Thomas- £646.25 Lengthsman
 - b) Confirm Clerk's delegated action, payment; npower- £20.64 Street Lights
 - c) Confirm Clerk's delegated action, payment; F Henderson £400 Footpath works.
- All confirmed.

5. Planning Matters;

Note Clerk's delegated responses;

- a) 06/01445/FUL Charlton House Lulsley, Conversion of brick-built barn, '-No comment'
- b) 07/00100/FUL The States, Alfrick, Extensions etc '-No comment'
- c) 06/01832/FUL Alterations to Glen House, Crews Hill, Alfrick, '-No comment'
- d) 07/00110/FUL Alterations to St Marys, Alfrick, '-No comment'
- e) Review; 07/00154/FUL The Old Swan, Alfrick, Sub-division to separate dwelling; circulated in advance.

After a discussion the following response was agreed.

'This council supports this application; it is a good use of a redundant building and will add to the variety of housing in the village.'

6. Jubilee Plantation - review of conditions.

Members discussed the report by the Parish Tree Warden - see appendix -b.

The following points were made;

- a) There is some concern about the closeness of adjacent houses to some trees. (It was noted that these had been built after the plantation was planted.)
- b) There is a need to confirm the council's insurance cover on this area.
- c) The clerk was asked to contact the MHDC Tree Preservation Officer regarding maintenance of the plantation.
- d) The plantation is little-used by the parish. It was proposed that this should be publicised in the next newsletter as should the future of the property.

Members expressed their appreciation of the excellent report that the Parish Tree Warden had provided.

7. Parish Plan - Portfolio Holders to review and report.

- a) Health; Cllr P Tebbit reported that the outlook was gloomy; the local PCT was in deficit and the NHS/Dentist contract was leading to many dentists giving up NHS work. There was little opportunity for parish initiatives but he would continue to monitor the situation.
- b) Environment; Cllrs P Brown & G Lowe reported that recycling operations were working well. They expressed concern that the environment of the Dingle Road could be damaged if excessive traffic resulted from the WCC repairs

- c) Transport; Cllrs Mrs S Clarke & P Attwood noted that the Sphere Bus/Taxi initiative was not well supported - ref agenda item 8 - and they were still concerned at the lack of action by WCC Highways on the roadway at Tapperdine. The clerk was asked to press for action on this.
- d) Young People; Cllr Mrs S Tolley had reported to the clerk on her discussions with the Village Hall committee on a number of facilities. These could include a football area/goal posts and children's play area. It was considered that a permanent goal post arrangement would be best suited to the local situation, there were sufficient funds available and the clerk would discuss this with Mrs Tolley.

8. Report - Sphere Taxi/Bus project; Cllr P Attwood

Discussions were in hand with the WCC Transport Development Officer on future funding but this was by no means certain.

9. Report; Village Hall Rebuilding Project - Cllr R Jackson

Cllr R Jackson's notes had been circulated in advance;

- a) The provision of football post on the field - refer to item 7 (d above).
- b) Siting of a play area has the agreement of the VH committee in principle but there are some issues such as maintenance and insurance to clarify. The clerk would discuss this with Mrs Tolley.
- c) The VH committee, the show committee and the Church are collaborating in a community website and have secured alfrickandlulsley.org The clerk had previously reported that WCC web-hub was working on providing facilities for parish councils and it was agreed that this would be the best approach if it could be achieved.

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

As Cllr R Jackson was absent group members would contact him to arrange a discussion on the future of this group.

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

The clerk drew members' attention to the following;

- a) WCC; Rail Network Newsletter
- b) West Mids Regional Assy; Autumn Newsletter
- c) E-ON Networks; Emergency Kit
- d) DTI - Letter re PO Closures - The clerk would reply indicating the misunderstandings of the actual situation.
- e) Community First; Newsletter
- f) Audit Commission; Appointment of External Auditor
- g) Enjoy England; St George's Day Celebrations - The chairman would review this and discuss with the Village Hall committee
- h) Wickstead Leisure Catalogue
- i) MH-CAB; Local Services Roadshow 14th March

12. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Status of the informal group on Housing and Planning matters
- b) The clerk was asked to arrange for drain/gully cleaning at Old Storridge.
- c) Report on the Vision 21 Conference - Cllr P Brown
- d) Playing Field equipment etc Cllr Mrs S Tolley

13. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - March 20th 2007

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman...

e. H. Williams

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