

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 15th January 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley

Messrs; P Brown, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, G Lowe, B Roscoe, P Tebbit, D Hughes (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies: R Jackson, C Smith (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), D Fowler (Parish Tree Warden),

Visitors: Dr Derek Bradley prospective Tree Warden for Alfrick & Lulsley

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting: appendix -a

None

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence from members.

The apology from Cllr R Jackson was accepted.

2. Members' declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

3. Note the application of Dr Derek Bradley to take over the role of Tree Warden for Alfrick & Lulsley

A copy of Dr Bradley's application had been circulated in advance.

It was agreed to recommend him to WCC for this appointment. It was also agreed to reimburse travelling and other expenses incurred in this work.

The council noted the contribution that Mr David Fowler the previous Warden had brought to the role and asked the clerk to convey its thanks for his efforts.

3. Reports; County & District Councillors, Parish Footpaths' Warden. Parish Tree Warden.

Reports; District Councillor, Parish Paths Warden, See appendix - b

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2007 circulated in advance.

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated in advance. They were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters:

- a) Approve the income and expenditure budget for 2008/09 as set out in the paper prepared by the Clerk and circulated to the Council for its meeting on 16/10/07. Confirmed - see appendix - c
- b) Confirm a provision of £800 in the income budget for an increase in its reserve. Confirmed.
- c) Approve the Precept for 2008/09 of £9000. Approved.
- d) Consider a donation to MH-CAB (Last donation 19/9/06 £75) A donation of £75 was agreed.
- e) Approve payment - R Thomas War Memorial planting (full yr) £136.91+vat £160.87 Approved.
- f) Approve payment - WCALC clerks' meeting 15/11/07 fee. £10 Approved.
- g) Note Clerk's delegated payments -
 - R Thomas - Playing Field Maintenance £189+vat £222.08 - Confirmed
 - B Salter - War Memorial grass cutting (full yr) £90 - Confirmed
 - G M Brewin - Alfrick Charities transfer £180 - The clerk explained that this was a balancing transfer of funds in and out of the main bank account from the Alfrick Charities account to enable the Christmas distribution to be made. Confirmed

6. Confirm joint licensing arrangement with Village Hall Committee - ref meeting 20/11/07.

The council confirmed its agreement to a joint Premises Licence with the Village Hall Committee covering the Hall and Playing Field. The clerk would write to the secretary of the Village Hall Committee notifying this agreement.

7. Parish Plan Portfolio Holders to review progress towards the report at the January Meeting.

The clerk had prepared the progress report in the form of the Winter Newsletter (see item 8). Members discussed the report and a number of additions were made. On Highways and Transportation, Cllrs B Fishwick, and S V Glazzard had prepared an interim report which was circulated to members. As this was too large to fit easily into the Newsletter format it was agreed to make it available on request from the clerk and as a download from the council's website.

8. Approve Winter Newsletter - circulated in advance.

See 7 above. The Newsletter was confirmed subject to the clerk circulating the revisions for members' comments prior to printing. See appendix -d.

9. Report; Sphere Taxi Project; Cllr C Williams

Some corrections to the operating procedure had been made. It was considered that improved explanations of the way the service operated needed to be made and would be part of future advertising. The scheme appeared to be working well with a increase in take-up especially in the parishes of Alfrick and Lulsley..

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

In his apology for absence Cllr R Jackson had explained that as a result of his unexpected absence he would like this item rescheduled for the February meeting. Agreed.

11. Report; Village Hall Committee; Cllr B Fishwick

This is attached as appendix -e.

As a representative of the Village Hall Committee Cllr D Hughes explained the latest situation on the rebuilding project and the funding required.

It was agreed to schedule a discussion on how the Council could help in this at the February meeting

In the meanwhile the clerk would investigate ways in which vat charges could be recovered.

12. Actions from the previous meeting & Correspondence Received - circulated in advance - Clerk

There were no actions outstanding from the previous meeting.

He had responded to the following Planning Applications as delegated actions;

07/01728/FUL Extension to Dwelling, Ravenshill Reserve, Lulsley, Delegated - No Comment

07/01888/FUL Minor Changes, Knapp Barn Bridges Stone, Delegated - No Comment

He drew members' attention to the following;

MHDC Procedure for Planning Ctty

MH-AONB Survey of Historic Buildings

SRA Regional Spatial Strategy - Preferred Option

WCC Children & Young People Annual Conference

MHDC Rough Sleeping Return

MHDC Open Space SPD

West Mercia Police Auth. Draft priorities for Policing Consultation

13. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Review the Parish Design Statement
- b) Consider support for the Village Hall rebuilding project.
- c) Review the report of Cllr P Tebbit on the West Midlands Quality Councils Briefing.
- d) Highways and Transportation, review progress report

14. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - Tuesday 19th February 2008

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman...

C. H. Williams

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