

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 19th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

Mesdames; S Clarke, S Tolley

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

Apologies:, G Lowe, C Smith (County Councillor), S Young (District Councillor).

Visitors: Fourteen members of the public.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting:

The development at Hill Orchard, Lulsley was raised again. Several parishioners urged the council to object to the two planning applications for this on the agenda citing the situation in an AONB, a construction that was blatantly not what was previously approved and suggesting that the dimensions were not in agreement with the latest proposed plans.

The matter of a proposed Bus Stop at Upper House was raised. A number of parishioners complained that they had not been consulted over the council's agreement to this. It was pointed out that the council had written to WCC Transport objecting to the installation of a Bus Shelter and had made no comment on the installation of a Bus Stop. The chairman agreed to review this under agenda item 3.

The formal meeting began at 8.05pm.

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

The apology from Cllr G Lowe was accepted. Personal interests in affordable houses (Agenda item 10) were declared by Cllr Mrs S Clarke(Relative a prospective purchaser) Cllr Mrs S Tolley (Owner of adjacent land), Cllr Mrs C Williams (Relative a prospective purchaser).

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 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:

The clerk reported on items current from previous minutes;

February - 7. Teme Valley Youth Project, proposals for the Playing Field: now with the Parish Plan team.

- 8. a) Footpath on Upper House Road: with WCC for consideration.

13. d) War Memorial inscriptions: This is still in hand.

Bus Stop at Upper House; after discussion the following was agreed;

The council is not in favour of a Bus Stop at this location. The reasons are that a)There is a convention within the area that bus services operate on a 'Hail and Ride' arrangement, a structure of formal stops would detract from this, and b)There are strong objections from local residents who consider it un-necessary.

4. Reports.

Cllr C Smith had sent the following report;

Having listened carefully to both sides involved in the churchyard footpath saga I have decided to stick to my original decision to formally object to the recommendation for refusal. I have been lobbied by quite a few people both for and against and have taken the view that this issue will continue to fester until it is finally resolved and that this is the best way of moving forward.

Cllr J Guise reported on the MHDC publication 'The Council Plan 2005' which he commended and offered a copy for review, he also commended the recently published Community Safety Partnership Report to members and reported on the new arrangements for Planning Consultation within the MHDC area which he described in detail.

5. Financial Matters

a) Approve Clerk's salary -£590.20 & expenses £84.07 - (April-June) £674.27

b) Approve payment to the External Auditor - £120+vat - £141

c) Approve payment to Alfrick Village Hall (Full Year) - £156

d) Approve payment to npower - £12.14+vat - £12.75

e) Approve Safety Tests on Street Lights - £29+vat

All agreed

6. Planning Matters

Consider responses to;

a) 05/00970/FUL, Dove Cottage, Alfrick, Conservatory; 'No comment' agreed.

b) 05/00922/FUL, Hill Orchard, Lulsley, Mods to approved plan; 'Objection' agreed.

This development is in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Local residents have complained that the actual dimensions appear to be different from the stated plans. There are differences in the external treatments between this application and 05/00924/FUL and the details of the garage structure should be returned to the dimensions, structure and form of the approved plans. For clarity one plan/application should have been submitted showing all proposed changes from the original approved plans.

Should approval be considered this council requests that outside lighting should be limited to the specific domestic area and the sources of light should not be visible outside the curtilage of the property.

c) 05/00924/FUL, Hill Orchard, Lulsley, Garage, Mods to approved plan; 'Objection' agreed.

This development is in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The construction differs from the approved plan 04/01703/FUL considerably and in a deliberate manner. Local residents have complained that the actual dimensions appear to be different from the stated plans. The structure should be returned to the dimensions, structure and form of the approved plans.

Should approval be considered this council requests that outside lighting should be limited to the specific domestic area and the sources of light should not be visible outside the curtilage of the property.

7. Consider the acceptance of a revised formal scheme of delegation (Circulated in advance)

The council approved the Scheme for Delegation as circulated and based on the recommendations of the Worcestershire County Association of Local Councils. This was signed by the chairman and is attached as appendix - a of the minutes.

Under item 3 of the procedure the council decided that the clerk would consult as follows;

Applications in Alfrick, Cllrs Mrs S Clarke, R Jackson, in Alfrick Pound and Old Storrige Cllr G Lowe and the chairman pending the filling of outstanding vacancies, in Lulsley Cllrs Mrs C Williams, P Brown.

8. Consider the formal receipt of Meeting Notices and other formal documents by email

The clerk said that email distribution of meeting notices and other formal documents would be lawful providing the council had agreed in general to this procedure and individual councillors had indicated their own acceptance.

This was agreed. He gave members records to complete indicating their acceptance and giving their email addresses.

9. Correspondence & Publications Received

Details are attached to the agenda. The clerk drew members' attention to the following items;

a) 29/06 WCC Highways, Consultation on Weight Limit - Ankerdine Hill. It was agreed to endorse the WCC proposals.

b) 15/07 MHDC Proposed Diversion Footpath - Alfrick 17. It was agreed not to object to this proposal.

10. Committee to review the local housing situation -report

Cllr R Jackson reported; Subsequent to the last meeting the members of the committee are; R Jackson, P Brown, P Gilbert, G Lowe. A meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 2nd August and members will meet Messrs K Parry and D Rudge of MHDC to discuss 'Section 106 Agreements' and allocation procedures at 3.30pm on 16th August.

11. Parish Plan Committee - report.

Cllr R Jackson reported; There had been difficulties in arranging quorate meetings and the chairman was now working directly with a designer in preparation to produce a first draft report. The sequence of presentation to the Parish Council prior to a public presentation was still planned at dates to be decided.

Council members questioned the funding for printing the report. Cllr Jackson replied that this was still to be decided and depended on support from possible sponsors.

12. Local Minibus Service

Cllr Mrs C Williams reported that there was a steady flow of passengers and a small build-up of advance ticket sales. The new timetable was working with a focus on theatre start times.

Cllr Mrs S Clarke said that due to pressure of work she had resigned from the Sphere Bus Committee.

13. Highways and Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

The clerk said there were no outstanding matters.

14. Items for the next meeting. None

15. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - Tuesday 20th September 2005

The meeting closed at 10.23pm

Chairman.....