

## Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

#### Present:

Cllr Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

Mesdames; Cllrs S Clarke, S Young (District Councillor).

Messrs; P Attwood, P Brown, P Gilbert, G Lowe, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies: R Jackson, S Tolley,

Visitors: Two parishioners

#### Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting:

The matter of local public transport and possible grants available for this was raised by local residents. It was believed that the parish was not attracting a fair share of these and the parish council was asked to review the situation and endeavour to fill the void in local transport services.

The council agreed to review this at the next meeting.

#### The formal meeting began at 7.57pm.

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

The apologies for absence from Cllrs R Jackson & Mrs S Tolley were accepted. There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

#### 2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006 circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

#### 3. Clerk's report on actions from previous meetings

The clerk reported that all outstanding actions from the previous meeting had been completed.

#### 4. Reports.

Cllr Mrs S Young reported;

Malvern Hills District Local Plan;

This plan was adopted on the 12th July, and published by the planning services. The plan will be used as a guide for making planning decisions and will show what development is planned for the District. Copies will be available on CD, in August for £5 plus £1 postage from the Customer Service Officer 01684 862 151.

Council Plan;

This document sets out the objectives and priorities of this IMC. The priorities are, Recycling, Affordable housing, Community Health and Wellbeing, Town Centre Enhancement, Street Scene/ Cleanliness, and Local Transport. This can be viewed on the Council website.

Cllr C Smith reported;

The District Council had allocated an additional £20,000 to improving the local 'street scene' extending the cleaning services which was showing improvements. As part of the Rural Regeneration operation he was taking part in the collection of evidence and would be processing this information shortly. A review of local care for the elderly services was also in-hand.

#### 5. Financial Matters

a) Note - Clerk's delegated actions -

Payments to; A&L V Hall - Hall Hire 2005/6 £252; Allianz Cornhill Annual Insurance update - £150.61; Clement Keys, Audit of Accounts and Invoice - £120+vat £141.

b) Pay - MHDC Fees for Aug 25th 2005 Election - £472.46 - Agreed.

c) Pay - Clerk's Expenses April-June £108.64 - Agreed.

#### 6. Planning Matters:

a) Note - Clerk's delegated decision, 06/00687/FUL - Hill Orchard, Lulsley - 'Objection'

b) Note - Clerk's delegated decision, 06/00806/FUL - Painscastle, Alfrick - 'No Comment'

#### 7. Parish Plan; Resolution to close the Parish Plan Steering Committee - Cllr P Gilbert.

Cllr P Gilbert who had been a member of the Parish Plan Steering Committee from its inception drew members' attention to the current situation; The Parish plan had been produced, adopted by the council and distributed throughout the parish, to senior executives in WCC and MHDC and other interested parties. A final account of the expenditure of the committee had been circulated showing a deficit of £146.34 on a total income of £33,350. He asked the council to agree a formal closure of the committee and a transfer of £146.34 to the committee's account.

In agreeing to this proposal the chairman thanked the committee for their work in producing a useful and attractive document. (See appendix - a for the committee's accounts)

## **8. Consider supporting the Charter 88 - Sustainable Communities Bill, details circulated in advance.**

The council discussed the objectives of the Bill originating from the Charter 88 Campaign. After an informed debate the council agreed to the following proposal:

This Council;

(i) expresses its concern at

- the decline of local services and facilities which affects local communities and in particular the elderly and people on the lowest incomes;
- the resulting decline of local jobs and local economies and the resulting extra traffic and pollution caused by the need to travel further

(ii) and notes that the All Party Parliamentary Small Shops Group has reported that within 10 years many more high streets could be destroyed if action is not taken,

(iii) and therefore resolves to support the Sustainable Communities Bill which

- requires the government to assist councils and communities in promoting local sustainability in ways decided by those councils and communities; and
- sets up a participative process whereby councils and communities can drive the way in which government uses its power and influence to assist with the promotion of local sustainability; and
- recognises therefore that the Bill provides for a 'bottom-up' rather than a 'top down' one-size-fits-all process;
- notes that this Bill is therefore fully in accord with current thinking in local government in that it impacts on central authorities and does not impose any new duties on councils but instead enables them to influence how government uses its resources and influence to help councils and communities;

(iv) and further resolves to

- inform the local media of this decision;
- write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill and sign Early Day Motion No 641; and
- write to the Local Works campaign (94 White Lion St, London N1 9PF) expressing its support.

## **9. Correspondence & Publications Received**

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

### 3. 05/07 MHDC Queries re Electoral Rolls

During distribution of the Parish Plan it was noted that several properties that were listed on the Electoral Roll for the parish were actually outside the geographical boundary. The MHDC Electoral Services office had been informed, a survey had been made and a number of corrections agreed to take effect when the new roll is produced in October.

### 5. 07/07 MHDC Request for response to Leigh Road Details

The clerk had forwarded Cllr R Jackson's collation of the responses of the Leigh Road residents to these proposals. (see appendix - b) The clerk will check on the ownership/ responsibility for the hedge.

### 9. 15/07 MHDC Adoption - Local Plan

This was now available on the MHDC website and a printed copy was expected in the next few days.

### 10. 18/07 WCC Restructuring Highways Service.

This had now been completed (the council had objected to these changes). The clerk would write to the ex head of the Malvern Unit thanking him for their work over the past years.

### 12. 18/07 MHDC Planning Developer Contributions & Planning Obligations

Cllr P Gilbert agreed to download and distribute to the members of the Informal Housing Group for review at the next meeting.

### 13. 18/07 MHDC Planning Allocation of Houses - Leigh Road

The Housing Association proposed a change to plots 5 & 6 between 'shared ownership' and 'for rent'.

### 14. 18/07 Lloyds Bank Current Acct. (balance at 13/7/07 - £3574.05)

## **10. Report - Local Minibus Service - Cllrs Mrs C Williams & P Attwood**

The meeting of the Sphere Bus Committee scheduled for the previous week had been postponed. It was expected that when rearranged it would confirm revised arrangements for the Sphere Bus over the period to the year-end when the current funding arrangements finish.

## **11. Items for the next meeting.**

a). Review local travel possibilities, b). Update on QPS, c). Report - Housing Group, d). Establish Finance group to review the 2007-8 Budget, e.) Report - Health Portfolio, f). Deletion of Council Information as advised by WCALC, (the clerk will check on councillors position re their council correspondence), g). Review Draft Autumn Newsletter,

## **12. Confirm the date of the next meeting:**

Tuesday September 19th 2006 at 7.30 in the Village Hall Alfrick.

Other items; The clerk was asked to write to residents concerning the rural transport issue;