

## Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

#### Present:

Chairman Mrs C Williams

Messrs; P Brown, B Fishwick, G Lowe, P Tebbit, D Hughes (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk), D Fowler (Parish Tree Warden), B Roscoe (Candidate for co-option).

Apologies: S V Glazzard, R Jackson, A Warburton (District Councillor)

Visitors: None

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

None.

#### The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

##### 1. Apologies for absence from members.

The apologies from S V Glazzard, & R Jackson were accepted.

##### 2. Members' declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

##### 3. To fill a vacancy in Alfrick Ward by co-option.

Dr B Roscoe made a brief statement to the council.

It was agreed to co-opt him and the Chairman welcomed him to the council, Dr Roscoe signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the council table.

##### 4. Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

##### 5. Reports.

Reports; District Councillor, Parish Paths Warden, Parish Tree Warden, See appendix - a.

##### 6. Financial Matters

- a) Note completion of the external audit of the council's 2006-7 accounts and the auditor's certificate. Noted
- b) Confirm Clerk's delegated action, payment; Internal Audit, LCCA, £50+vat, £58.75, Confirmed
- c) Approve payment - Clerk's Expenses April-June £76.12 Agreed
- d) Approve payment - External Auditor Accounts 2006-7 £120+vat £141 Agreed
- e) Approve payment - Adrian Hope Tree Services - Survey Jubilee Ptn £150+vat, £176.25 Agreed

##### 7. Planning Matters:

Note clerk's delegated response, Revisions to 07/00602/FUL, Stables at Sandcroft, Alfrick

The clerk reported that he had made the following response to the revised application on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

'This council's concern is for the use of the existing access to the field; viz

The access gateway opens directly onto a hazardous crossroads. Any approval of the application should specify that the gate should be inset to avoid vehicles being stationary on the roadway whilst obtaining access and suitable visibility 'splays' should be installed.'

The revised plans do not resolve this problem which has been identified also by several nearby householders. This point should be resolved before any approval is considered.

This was noted. He was asked to make the following additional comments to MHDC Planning Services;

Following local experience of the increased use of this field; 1) The lack of parking space for motor vehicles is leading to these being parked adjacent to the previously mentioned crossroads further exaggerating the danger at this point.

2) The perfunctory response from WCC Highways Office noted on the MHDC Planning Services website is disappointing. The council considered that a site visit and formal report would be the least necessary in this situation.

##### 8. Consider the new Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils

Including Section 12(2), with a view to adopting it at the September council. (Advice etc from WCALC circulated in advance.)

Councillors were given the new 'Guide for Members' issued by the Standards Board for England.

It was agreed to adopt the new code of conduct formally at the September meeting including if necessary a revision to the council's Standing Orders if advised by MHDC & WCALC, to effect section 12(2).

**9. Review Arboriculturist's report on Jubilee Plantation - Circulated in advance**

The report by Adrian Hope Tree Services is attached - see appendix- b

This was reviewed in conjunction with the comments of the Parish Tree Warden, Mr D Fowler. It was agreed that the report confirmed the view of both the Parish Tree Warden and the Clerk to the Council in discussion with the MHDC Tree Preservation Officer on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007 that there was no current need to take any action relating to the condition of the trees in the plantation. The matter would be reviewed again at the council meeting in April 2008 when the council's risk assessment schedule would be reviewed.

The clerk was asked to send a copy of the report to the MHDC Tree Preservation Officer.

**10. Confirm details of the council's Summer Newsletter - circulated in advance.**

Confirmed. See appendix- c

A WCC leaflet on footpaths in the parishes would be included with each Newsletter.

**11. Report: WCALC Area Annual Meeting 14th June; Cllrs Mrs S Tolley & P Tebbit- Circulated in advance**

Details of the report see appendix - d

Cllr P Tebbit made the following points;

- a) The sustainability of the smaller parishes would come under pressure with rising costs, and joint-working or amalgamation into larger groups may be necessary in the future.
- b) Parish Councils can now exercise a wider remit to support local facilities and this should be kept in mind.
- c) The Vision 21 Conference had been very successful but there is as yet no action plan as an outcome.
- d) Future Local Area WCALC meetings would be topic-based.

**12. Report; Sphere Taxi/Bus project; Cllr C Williams**

The second submission of the Sphere Taxi/Bus group to the funding authority had been successful. A sum of £17850 was granted for a two-year period subject to the individual councils providing £150 each per year.

Information on the re-launch of the service in September would be available shortly.

**13. Report; The informal group on Housing and Planning matters.**

The next meeting would be on 6<sup>th</sup> August. The clerk would pass on the correspondence from Harrison Russell regarding future affordable housing to Cllr R Jackson.

**14. Report; Playing Field equipment etc - Cllr Mrs S Tolley**

In the absence of Cll Mrs S Tolley there was no report.

**15. Report; Village Hall Committee - Cllr B Fishwick - Circulated in advance**

Noted. See appendix- e

**16. Report; Correspondence & Publications Received**

The clerk drew members' attention to the following;

NALC	Journal - July 2007
MH AONB	Development Funds
Harrison Russell	Land at Leigh Road Alfrick
WCC	The Network (Recycled Electrical Appliances)
MH-CAB	Newsletter & AGM Invitation 23 July

**17. Items for the next meeting.**

- a) Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils
- b) Sphere Taxi/Bus project;
- c) The informal group on Housing and Planning
- d) Parish Plan Portfolio Holders' reports and possible re-allocation of portfolios

**18. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2007**

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman... *e. H. Williams* 18/9/07

Subsequent to the closure of the meeting it was noted for future reference that a public hearing of the objections to the Alfrick Churchyard Path - Right-of-Way Order would be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall Alfrick.