

## **Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

#### **Present:**

Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

Mesdames; S Clarke, S Tolley, B Hickling (County Councillor),

Messrs; A Biggs, P Brown, P Gilbert, R Jackson, G Lowe, J Guise (District Councillor), J Goldsmith, (Parish Footpaths Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk).

#### **Apologies:**

Mr L Higginson, Mrs S Young (District Councillor)

**Visitors:** Fourteen members of the public.

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

The sudden termination of the supply of recycling waste containers was raised. The clerk reported that he had complained to MHDC about this and had received an apology. Their policy was now to install permanent containers and discussions were in hand with the Village Hall committee which should lead to these being sited in the village hall car park.

#### **The formal meeting began at 7.37pm.**

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

The apology from Cllr L Higginson, was accepted.

Personal interests in the application for affordable houses (Agenda item 7 ) 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 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 the previous minutes;

7. Teme Valley Youth Project, proposals for the Playing Field - awaiting a reply from the secretary.

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

13. c) Roadway at The Knapp to Tapperdine House - Work would start shortly.

13. d) Councillors are yet to inspect the War Memorial stonework.

13. e) New Notice Board - Awaiting a quotation from supplier.

#### **4. Reports.**

a) Cllr Mrs B Hickling reported;

SECOND LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP2) 2006-2011. This is currently out to consultation. In order to obtain a good transport infrastructure and services you must air your views to County Hall.

COMMUNITY CHARGE. This has been kept to the hoped-for low figure of 3.94% this year. For the fourth year in succession the budget was voted through unopposed. We are committed to raising standards in schools; further improving road maintenance; helping the elderly to live independently and to improving libraries. In addition the youth service and Instrumental Music Service will get a boost in the budget.

b) Cllr Mrs S Young had sent a report as follows;

The Council Tax is set at +3.9% for the year 2005-06 the lowest for 10 years

The average, band D, will be £1223.70 made. up as follows.

Worcester County Council	£857.03
West Mercia Police Authority	143.17
Hereford and Worcester Combined Fire Authority	59.05
Malvern Hills District Council	114.32
Other precepts and levies (Average )	50.13

Malvern Hills District Council notes the work conducted by Fairtrade organisations throughout the UK and supports the Malvern Fairtrade Steering Group in its aim to raise awareness of the issues related to Fairtrade and its aim to introduce Fairtrade district status throughout the whole of Malvern Hills District which is what I am doing now. Producers in the developing world, and indeed in the UK, should receive a fair price for their products. The Council encourages the supply of Fairtrade products wherever and whenever possible.

c) Cllr Mr J Guise reported on the work on the Overview and Scrutiny Commission of MHDC. This covered matters such as; local transport, public conveniences, antisocial behaviour and development of the Rural Letting Policy and Affordable Housing.

In response members decided to hold a review on of the Rural Letting Policy and Affordable Housing at the next meeting. The clerk would provide copies of the report to those members who were unable to download it from the MHDC web-site.

d) Mr J Goldsmith the Parish Footpaths Warden reported that a contractor was now working on outstanding items. There would be a site meeting at the collapsed bridge at Broad Dingle to decide on a solution which is likely to require heavy equipment and possibly a new structure.

e) PC A Naulls reported that there had been 15 incidents in the area between April 2004 to the present. He explained the 'Data-Link' project for keeping critical medical information in a prominent location in a house and asked the council to promote this. Kits are available from police stations. He indicated that 'anti social behaviour orders' were now having a positive effect and reducing the need to resort to police action, only 3% of those starting the conciliation and correction procedures end up with a conviction.

#### **5. Financial Matters;**

Approve payments -

R Thomas - Parish Lengthsman's account - £630.00+vat

F Henderson Footpaths work - £310.00

J H Goldsmith, Footpath Warden's Expenses 2004/5 - £45.84

W-CALC Annual Subscription £157.95+vat

MHDC - By-election costs £326.62

All agreed.

#### **6. Planning applications and decisions**

a) Confirm Delegated Decision; 05/00111/FUL Extension, The Haven, Old Storridge. No comment.

b) Review; 05/00326/OUT 10 Affordable Houses at Upper House, Alfrick. The clerk read out the letter from Mr G Brooke (see correspondence received) explaining the reasons for submitting this application and the complex situation regarding the churchyard path. After some discussion the following objection was agreed; The council had objected previously to a similar proposal, the proven need for affordable houses in the village would be met by the approved development at Leigh Road and any additional development would lead to the over-development of the village.

#### **7. Correspondence & Publications Received**

Details of correspondence received since the last meeting are recorded with the agenda. The clerk drew members' attention to the following;

Alfrick & Lulsley Show Payments for use of Playing Field

T Mason Development Control

CPRE Invitation to corporate membership

W-CALC Clean Neighbourhoods Legislation

It was agreed to invite Mr T Mason to the next meeting to discuss matters of affordable housing ref 4 c) above.

#### **8. Green Lanes, Cllr G Lowe**

Cllr Mr Lowe detailed the problems associated with off-road vehicles using un-maintained public highways and the activities of the 'Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement' (GLEAM) which he had received. It was agreed not to subscribe to this but to present information from the Parish Plan Survey to WCC Countryside Services when available.

#### **9. Parish Plan - update;**

Cllr P Gilbert reported on the activities of the Parish Plan Steering Committee. The committee had held a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March, minutes see appendix - a, and a further one was scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> April. As only 136 questionnaires had been returned a further mailing would be made to every house asking for contributions. The plan to release a draft on April 22<sup>nd</sup> may have to be put back by a week or two.

#### **10. Local Minibus Service - update**

The chairman reported on the latest meeting of the management committee. There had been further problems in obtaining drivers. The build-up of passengers and sales of tickets in advance was slow and she asked all to publicise the bus scheme.

#### **11. Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

The clerk reported that confirmation of the continuance of the scheme beyond the end of the financial year had yet to be received. he asked members to review the work in their particular areas and report at the next meeting.

**12. Invitation to a meeting of Local Parish Councils ( W-CALC ) at Martley Monday 18th April 7.30pm**

The clerk would circulate details of the agenda. Four councillors were interested in attending.

**13. Any Other Business;**

- a) The council consultation 'Surgery' on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March had attracted some attention. It was agreed to hold another on May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- b) The condition of the BT 'phone box on the corner of Folly Road leaves something to be desired. The clerk will contact BT on this

**14. Date of the next meeting;**

April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Alfrick.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman .....