

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 18th March 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Messrs; P Brown, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, R Jackson, B Roscoe, C Smith (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies: Mrs S Tolley, G Lowe, P Tebbit.

Visitors: PC Allen Naulls, CSO Tracey Caldwell (Local Police)

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 apologies from Mrs S Tolley, G Lowe, P Tebbit, were accepted.

2. Members' declarations of interest.

Cllr B Fishwick declared a personal interest, as a member of the Village Hall Management Committee, in agenda items 5,b,c. There were no other declarations of interest in agenda items.

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

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

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2008 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) Consider supporting the Neighbourhood Watch Smartwater project.
The clerk reported that Mr P Leopold - Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had advised him that direct council support was not now necessary but publicity in the Newsletter and website would be appreciated.
- b) Consider Supporting the Village Hall rebuilding project
After discussion an immediate grant of £300 was agreed. The council would continue to look at additional ways of providing support once the scheme was under way.
- c) As Trustees of the Old Storridge Charity; Consider Supporting the Village Hall rebuilding project;
After discussion a grant of £500 was agreed
- d) Consider; quotation - R Thomas, to replace damaged Playing Field Gates - £614.50 +vat
It was agreed to accept the quotation for the replacement of the existing gates and the installation of a single pedestrian 3-foot side gate.

6. Report; West Midlands Quality Councils Briefing;

As Cllr P Tebbit was unfortunately delayed in London it was agreed that he would present this at the next meeting.

7. The informal group on Housing and Planning;

- a) Parish Design Statement; proposal to proceed to a consultation with MHDC Planning.
The proposed Design Statement, which was given to members at the previous meeting, was reviewed. It was agreed that the members of the informal group on Housing and Planning Matters would undertake a consultation with MHDC Planning officers. It is hoped to make an initial presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting and subsequently a 3-day consultation for the whole parish over the weekend of 30th May-1st June.
- b) Report; Joint Core Strategy Consultation
Cllr R Jackson reported on the consultation meeting organised by MHDC at Tenbury Wells which had been very poorly attended - out of some 50 councils invited only two sent representatives! He outlined the difficulties currently faced at all levels of administration by the problems of locating the addition houses required by central government.

8. Report; Highways and Transportation,

Cllrs B Fishwick & S Glazzard reported that they intended to join a joint meeting between a number of local parish councils and those responsible for the highways structure at WCC with a view to improving road quality.

9. Report; Village Hall Committee; Cllr B Fishwick (Notes circulated in advance)

Noted. see appendix -c

10. Report; Sphere Taxi Project;

Cllr C Williams reported that a new programme of publicity leaflets would be launched in the following week.

11. Correspondence & Publications Received - circulated in advance

The clerk drew members' attention to the following;

WCC	Consultation - Children & Young Peoples' Plan
NALC	March Journal
MH-AONB	Minutes 1/2/08
WCC	Consultation - Children & Young Peoples' Plan 4/03/08

12. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Approval of the Spring newsletter - the clerk asked for items for inclusion.
- b) Accounts for the year 2007-8 - the clerk to circulate in advance.
- c) Report; West Midlands Quality Councils Briefing; Cllr P Tebbit
- d) Proposal - Failure of MHDC to enforce planning requirements at Chapel Meadow.
- e) Annual Risk Assessment - the clerk to circulate in advance

13. Confirm the date of the next meeting; -

Tuesday 15th April 2008

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman

e. H. Williams

15/4/2008