

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 15th May 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Cllr Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

Cllrs Mrs S Tolley, Messrs; P Brown, B Fishwick, R Jackson, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr G Lowe, D Hughes & A Warburton (District Councillors),

Visitors: None

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting; None

Prior to the meeting members signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

Opening the meeting the chairman Cllr Mrs C Williams welcomed members to the newly elected council and particularly Cllr B Fishwick who was attending his first council meeting. She then asked for nominations for the new chairman.

1. To accept nominations and appoint a Chairman

Cllr P Brown nominated Cllr Mrs C Williams. There were no other nominations.

In accepting the nomination Mrs Williams thanked the members and clerk for their support over the past year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. (see appendix - a)

2. To accept nominations and appoint a Vice-Chairman

Cllr B Fishwick nominated Cllr R Jackson. There were no other nominations. Cllr Jackson accepted the appointment as Vice-Chairman.

3. Apologies for Absence.

The apology for absence from Cllr G Lowe was accepted

4. Members Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

5. To fill two vacancies in Alfrick Ward by co-option.

It was agreed that the two applicants for co-option be asked to attend the next meeting on 19th June to introduce themselves and to make brief personal statements to the council.

The clerk was asked to check with the MHDC Returning Officer that the two candidates would have been acceptable as nominations for election to the council had they made applications to stand in the recent election.

6. Appoint councillors to committees etc; -

- a) Informal Housing Group and confirm terms of reference;
Cllrs R Jackson, P Brown, P Tebbit, proposed. Agreed. (Terms of Reference as previous year, appendix - b)
- b) Sphere Bus Committee.
Cllrs Mrs C Williams, proposed. Agreed.
- c) Designate consultees on Planning Matters.
Applications in Alfrick; Cllrs B Fishwick, R Jackson; Alfrick Pound and Old Storridge, Cllr Mrs S Tolley, G Lowe; Lulsley, Cllrs Mrs C Williams, P Brown, proposed. Agreed.

7. Appoint representatives to external organisations;

- a) Village Hall Committee;
Cllr B Fishwick was proposed. Agreed.
- b) 2 representatives to serve on the WCALC Area Meeting.
Cllrs Mrs S Tolley and P Tebbit proposed. Agreed.
- c) Alfrick Charities Trustees;
G M Brewin , P Brown, P Gilbert, L Higginson. Proposed. Agreed.

8. Allocation of Parish Plan Portfolios

It was agreed to postpone this matter until the council had a full complement of members.

9. Confirm the minutes of the monthly meeting held 17th April 2007 and circulated in advance.

The minutes of the meeting on 17th April 2007 circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

10. Financial Matters

- a) Confirm Clerk's salary and hours of work for 2007-8 (NALC - SCP24 - £10.195/hr, 304/yr). Agreed
- b) Confirm payment Alfrick Village Hall - Meetings 2006-7, £144. Agreed

11. Planning Matters

- a) Consider response to 07/00602/FUL Stables at Sandcroft, Alfrick - circulated in advance.
There was no objection but concern was expressed that the access gateway opened directly onto a hazardous crossroads. It was proposed that 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.
- b) Note Clerk's delegated decisions -
07/00516/FUL Garage, Greenfields, Lulsley 'No Comment' returned,
07/00586/FUL Conversion of Garage to Accommodation - Spindlebury Tor 'No Comment' returned

12. Jubilee Plantation - consider commissioning an arboriculturalist to report on the condition of the trees.

Quotations for £150, £280 & £345 had been received.

It was agreed to accept the quotation of £150 from Adrian Hope Tree Services. (Subject to the confirmation that a written report be provided).

The clerk was asked to write to residents adjacent to the plantation advising them of progress in this matter.

It was noted that the Title Deeds of the plantation contained the covenant; 'To maintain the retained land as a tree plantation and nature reserve and for no other purpose whatsoever.' (The retained land being that which is now known as the Jubilee Plantation)

13. Correspondence & Publications Received

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items;

From	Subject
R A Crook	Further on Jubilee Plantation
MHDC	Code of Conduct & Declarations of Interest
MHDC	Play Strategy and Action Plan
WW&Fox	Deeds - Jubilee Ptn.
HM Govt	Revised Model Code of Conduct
Elgar Housing Assn.	Response re Street Lighting
M Scott	Information on Sphere Taxi Funding

14. Items for the next meeting

- a) To fill two vacancies in Alfrick Ward by co-option.
- b) Allocation of Parish Plan Portfolios
- c) Sphere Bus funding
- d) Street Lighting
- e) Model Code of Conduct revision
- f) Jubilee Plantation progress

15. Confirm the date of the next meeting –

19th June 2007 at 7.30pm, Alfrick Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.18pm

Chairman...

e. H. Williams

19/6/2007