

## Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

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

#### Present:

Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

Mesdames; S Tolley, S Young (District Councillor).

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

Apologies: Mrs S Clarke, Mr R Jackson,

Visitors: One member of the public.

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

The development at Hill Orchard, Lulsley was raised; Parishioners thanked Cllrs Young and Guise for their time in explaining the intricacies of the matter which it was hoped was now resolved.

#### The formal meeting began at 7.35pm.

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Clarke and Jackson. Prejudicial interests were declared in agenda item 6b by Cllr P Attwood (resides opposite the site) and Cllr Mrs S Tolley (owns land adjacent to the site). A personal interest in affordable houses was declared by Cllr Mrs C Williams (Relative a prospective purchaser).

#### 2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005, circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

#### 3. Matters Arising not covered by the agenda:

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

#### 4. Reports.

Cllr C Smith reported; The county council have decided to restructure all the highways partnership units across the county. This would mean that the Malvern unit would be amalgamated with Worcester City. Following on from this the opposition parties at county hall called in the decision and it is being looked into by the overview and scrutiny commission. The proposal as it stands would mean the loss of all the specialist local knowledge that has served the Malvern Hills District so well. The fact is that our partnership unit is the probably the best in the county and it is a case of the baby being thrown out with the bath water.

Should the Parish Council be minded to support the retention of our Highways Partnership Unit then I suggest that you make your views known without delay. This can be done by contacting the chairman of the O&S commission.

The clerk was asked to do this without delay expressing the councils grave concern at this proposal.

Cllr Mrs S Young reported; Launch of the Council's new website; Working with other local government partners within Worcestershire, Malvern Hills District Council has developed an innovative approach to communicating, consulting and delivering services to customers via the internet including 'pay on line'. The new website was launched on the 14<sup>th</sup> November - [www.malvemhills.gov.uk](http://www.malvemhills.gov.uk)

Single Development Control; This will not now be implemented until there is a consensus. This was agreed at the last Council meeting.

Cllr J Guise reported on the events surrounding the Hill Orchard, Lulsley planning decisions. He noted that he had agreed to the approval of one of the applications with regret and explained the details for this. The council thanked both District Councillors for their efforts in trying to resolve this matter.

Footpaths Warden; The clerk noted that subsequent to preparing the agenda he had received a letter from Mr J Goldsmith formally resigning from the post of WCC Parish Footpaths Warden. The chairman noted the very substantial contribution that Mr Goldsmith had made to parish matters over the years and asked the clerk to convey the councils thanks and best wishes to him

#### 5. Financial Matters

- a) Approve payment - R Thomas, War Memorial planting, Summer & Winter - £128.09+vat £22.40 - Agreed
- b) Approve payment - WCALC, Training for Councillors - £30.00+vat £5.25 - Agreed
- c) As Trustees, Old Storridge Charity - consider grant to Macmillan Cancer Relief. A donation of £200 agreed
- d) Note Clerk's Delegated action - paid npower public lighting, £13.36+vat£0.67 Noted
- e) Note Clerk's Delegated action - paid B Lewis Parish Plan Expenses, £248.17+vat£43.43 Noted
- f) Budget for 2006/7 - report from the Finance Group; Cllrs Mrs S Tolley, P Brown, P Tebbit.

On behalf of the Finance Group Cllr P Brown commented on the clerk's proposals and noted that further initiatives in the parish should be conveyed to parishioners before further increases beyond the current budget plans were expanded. The group recommended the proposals which would increase the precept to £6250

representing £19.26 for the average 'D' Class house. The clerk provided copies of the proposals for members' consideration and decision at the January meeting. (see appendix-a)

## **6. Planning Matters**

a) Note letters from Cllr S Young & Mr G Williams ref. Hill Orchard, Lulsley. The clerk read out the letters received in reply to the council's correspondence - (see minutes 18/11/05) For clarity and future reference these are attached (appendix-b, 4 pages).

b) Submission to Appeal Hearing; Upper House Affordable Housing. - Cllr P Tebbit.

(Cllr Mrs S Tolley and Cllr P Attwood left the meeting)

Cllr P Tebbit spoke proposing that the council should make a verbal response to the forthcoming appeal hearing for affordable houses at Upper Court. (see appendix-c) After discussion it was agreed that; 'A member of this council will attend the appeal hearing and reiterate the council's written objection - minute 6 b) 15<sup>th</sup> March 2005 viz; *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.*' (Cllr Mrs S Tolley and Cllr P Attwood returned to the meeting)

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

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

20/10	MH-CAB	Request for Support. Agenda item 17/1/06 agreed
24/10	MH-AONB	Meeting Minutes and Schedule - Note the establishment of the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark
2/11	WCALC	Next Councillor Training Session, 12 December. Cllrs P Attwood, P Brown and the clerk would attend.
7/11	MHDC	Christmas Period Refuse Collections. On the Council's web-site.
7/11	WCC	Footpath Funds. The council holds currently £719 against any outstanding work.
12/11	Wells Masonry	War Memorial Renovation - Agreed to proceed with the cleaning of the memorial.

## **8. Committee to review the local housing situation -report**

Cllr P Gilbert reported: Mr D Rudge MHDC Planning Services had attended the last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November which had proved to be a most useful meeting. The minutes are attached (appendix-d) Mr K Parry MHDC Housing Manager would speak at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December. The committee will report as required by the terms of reference to the council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

## **9. Parish Plan Committee - report.**

Cllr P Gilbert reported that the committee met on 7<sup>th</sup> November and have set out the following plan;

*'The final draft will be sent to members of the Parish Council before the end of December. Final presentation form to be sent to PC members with the agenda for the January meeting. Approval by PC to be an agenda item of Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Final draft to be cleared with Countryside Agency, Community First, WCC, MHDC before printing. Printing must be complete before end March 2005. Distribution/Launch to be planned after agreement with PC.'*

The minutes are attached (appendix-e)

## **10. Local Minibus Service**

Cllr Mrs C Williams reported that she had been unable to attend the last committee meeting. From that meeting it was reported that there was a reasonable number of passengers on Fridays to Malvern but Saturday journeys to Worcester were poorly used. However this service is on the published timetable and will continue.

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

The clerk advised that R Thomas had been working on local drainage problems but needed the support of the Highways Partnership to repair some drains. The clerk was asked to contact the Highways partnership to ensure action on these.

## **12. Review progress to Quality Parish Status.**

Cllr P Brown reported that he would arrange a speaker from Martley Parish Council who had attained Quality Status to attend the February meeting of the council.

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

See 5 f), 7, 8, 9. Above. The clerk advised that the council should adopt a formal Assets Register. He would present this at the next meeting.

## **14. Confirm the date of the next meeting;**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2005

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman.....