

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

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

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Messrs; P Brown, B Fishwick, R Jackson, G Lowe, P Tebbit, G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies:

Mrs S Tolley, S V Glazzard, B Roscoe, C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Visitors: None

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; S V Glazzard, B Roscoe, and Mrs S Tolley were accepted.

2. Members' declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

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

Reports; County and District Councillors, Parish Paths Warden, Parish Tree Warden, Village Hall committee member; See appendix - b

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2008 16th circulated in advance.

These were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters;

- a) Consider the report of the Informal Finance Group on the Budget for 2009-10 for approval at the January meeting.

Speaking for the Informal Finance Group Cllr P Tebbit reviewed the clerk's proposals and the target to maintain the precept at the 2008-9 level of £9000. This was agreed subject to a final review at the January 2009 meeting.

The clerk was asked to distribute the budget proposals to members as soon as possible

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| b) Approve Payment - Playing Field Maintenance |) | Accounts not yet available |
| c) Approve Payment - War Memorial Planting etc |) | .. |
| d) Approve Payment - Lengthsman |) | .. |
| e) Approve Payment - Jubilee Pltn. Clearance |) | .. |

The clerk advised members that the contractor had completed these activities but was falling behind in submitting his accounts for payment. The council instructed the clerk to ensure that accounts would be available by the end of February 2009 at the very latest and could not be carried over into the next financial year.

6. Planning Matters;

None

7. Parish Design Statement - Report on the Village consultation process; Cllr R Jackson.

Cllr R Jackson reported on the arrangements for the Parish Design Statement consultation week-end. The hall would be open from 09.00 for setting up the displays which would also include some general explanations of the work of the council. He would circulate a rota of members who would staff the consultation and asked volunteers to contact him with times when they were available.

8. Report - Sphere Taxi/Bus project; Cllr C Williams.

Cllr Mrs C Williams reported that a comprehensive survey and questionnaire were being used to determine the future viability of the project.

9. Clerk's progress report on the Jubilee Plantation.

The clerk reported that the contractor had completed the path clearance. He would be contacting the Parish Tree Warden who would now organise a working party to clear the scrub.

10. Council web-site - Future arrangements

The clerk reported on the presentation by WCC IT Services on 11th November who are now offering a full hosting of Parish Councils websites with ancillary links to other council services making a most attractive formatted site. This was

available at no cost to the parish council. He had circulated the site address for members to view the initial upload from Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council. It was agreed that subject to some small changes on the site heading the clerk could go ahead and progressively upload the council's website content to this new address.

11. Playing Field - Drainage, Clerk to report on costs etc.

The clerk reported that he had visited the Playing Field on the morning of November 10th after a weekend of heavy rain and during continuing heavy showers. He produced photographs showing the current drainage ditches running full to overflowing and water run-off from agricultural land flooding the field where an existing ditch is now virtually non-existent. An initial estimate for clearing and reinstating these ditches was some £1100 + vat. After a discussion it was agreed that it was necessary to consider the extent to which the playing field should be protected against severe and exceptional weather and the possible problems of the disposal of ditch clearings and increased water flow onto the adjacent roadway. The clerk was asked to report on these matters at the next meeting.

12. Clerk's Report and Correspondence & Publications Received - circulated in advance.

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items;

MHDC	Planning Briefing Note - Permitted Devt
MHDC	Consultation Affordable Housing
MHDC Planning	Development Quality Tour
HM Govt	Consultation - Codes of Conduct
WCC	Children & Young People Consultation

He was asked to propose the development at Hill Orchard, Lulsley to the MHDC Planning Department for their forthcoming 'Development Quality Tour' as an example of the way in which planning applications can be less than specific as to individual constructional details.

13. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Sphere Taxi - Report
- b) Confirm Budget and Precept 2009-10
- c) Parish Design Statement - results of the Consultation Week-end
- d) Playing Field - Drainage

14. Confirm the date of the next meeting.

20th January 2009

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

Chairman

e. H. Williams

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