

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 18th October 2005 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

Mesdames; S Clarke, S Tolley,.

Messrs; P Attwood, P Brown, P Gilbert. R Jackson, G Lowe, P Tebbit, G M Brewin (Clerk).

Apologies:, C Smith (County Councillor), J Guise (District Councillor), S Young (District Councillor).

Visitors: Four members of the public.

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting:

The development at Hill Orchard, Lulsley was raised again. Parishioners had attended the MHDC Northern Area Development Control Committee when this was reviewed and were astonished at the inaccuracies quoted. (It was reported that the Enforcement Office had advised that actual dimensions taken at the site differed from those on the plan but the plan's dimensions were quoted to the committee.) Concern was also expressed that the two District Councillors who represent this area voted for the application ignoring the strong objections of the Parish Council.

After an animated discussion it was agreed that the clerk should write to Mr G Williams - MHDC Head of Planning Services expressing the council's concern at the reported inaccuracies and acceptance of what was considered to be a flouting of the planning regulatory system; and to the District Councillors expressing the meeting's view that they had ignored the views of their constituents.

The formal meeting began at 7.56pm.

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

All members were present and there were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on 20th September 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 WCC has advised that it has no further involvement in the matter of the Bus Stop/Shelter at Upper House; also that a formal reply rejecting the request for a footpath along Upper House Lane had been received and the instigators of the request advised accordingly.

4. Reports.

In her absence Cllr Mrs S Young had sent the following report;

I attended a briefing at County Hall on Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy (Supporting independence) 2005-2010. This is in its final stages. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister directed the production of this strategy for supporting vulnerable people. That is Elderly, Mentally ill, Learning difficulties, Victims of Domestic Violence, Young People, Physically Disabled and more. All this is in Partnership with Worcestershire County council, the District Councils and PCTs. Government funded but there are concerns that they will have to keep within budget even at this stage.

Recycling will be extended to include schools, not only to educate pupils to be aware of the need to recycle but to protect the environment.

The Countryside Agency are promoting an interesting new planning guidance called "Concept Statements" The scheme is to identify a site in need of development (not necessarily now) then the planning services will prepare a document showing how the new development could be achieved. This using the Policies and Objectives of the Local Plan. Web site; www.countryside.gov.uk

5. Financial Matters

- a) Approve payment - Clerk; Salary & Expenses (3 Months) £590.20; £46.01. Agreed
- b) Note receipt of £699.45 - residue of Teme Valley Youth Group and consider allocation. Agreed that, as before, the Parish Plan Committee will investigate possible applications for this.
- c) Note receipt of £250 from Leigh and Bransford British Legion - contribution to War Memorial renovation. Noted and the clerk was asked to write to the donor expressing the council's thanks.
- d) The clerk reported that the bank account at the half-year was £5101 and expenditure to date £3180.

6. Planning Matters

Consider responses to;

- a) 05/01397/FUL, Cattle Shed Barley Farm. 'No comment' agreed
- b) 05/01386/FUL, Garage at Old Blacksmiths Cottage. 'No comment' agreed
- c) Note Clerk's Delegated Decision; 05/01903/FUL, Car Park, Hop Pickers, Lulsley Court, - 'No comment'.

7. Correspondence & Publications Received

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

8/10	W-CALC	Notice of AGM 29 th October
8/10	WCC	Requirements for Decorative Lights
8/10	CORWM	Management of Radioactive Waste
8/10	MHDC	Planning Bulletin 6/10
12/10	S Allard - Mason	War Memorial restoration
13/10	Macmillan Cancer Relief	Report and Request for Help -Agenda item 15/11 agreed
17/10	MHPCCG	Minutes & Agenda
17/10	W-CALC	Training Sessions 24 th Oct - Cllrs P Brown & P Gilbert to attend, agreed.

8. Committee to review the local housing situation -report

Cllr R Jackson reported: D Rudge MHDC Planning Services will attend the next meeting on 1st November and K Parry MHDC Housing the meeting on 6th December. The committee has considered the national and regional policy guidelines and considers that these are far too numerous and complex to be included in the committee's work. The MHDC Development Plan will be used as the basis for further development. There is a need to consider the wider implications of the environment such as landscape categorisation in the overall local scheme. Existing Parish Design Statements have been collected and the possibility of generating a local Design Statement will be considered. Together with the chairman he had attended the MHDC consultation meeting on the single Development control committee proposals and he would draft a reply following a review of the presentation. The minutes of the committee on 4th October are attached. (See appendix - a).

9. Parish Plan Committee - report.

Cllr R Jackson reported that the committee will meet on 7th November to review the Draft Parish Plan.

10. Local Minibus Service

Cllr Mrs C Williams reported that she had attended the last committee meeting but there was little of note to report.

11. Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

The clerk advised that R Thomas had been asked to ensure all road drainage was cleared effectively. Alluvial debris at the Old Storridge - Leigh/Suckley road junction required clearing.

12. Consider further Parish Councillor 'Meet your Councillors' surgeries.

These had been poorly attended. It was agreed that a notice would be circulated suggesting that all with questions for the council attend the question time at the beginning of all council meetings.

13. Consider - War Memorial Renovation.

It was agreed to proceed with the quotation from Wells Masonry for £510+vat subject to satisfactory insurance and risk assessment confirmation and a full review of the memorial would then be made after the cleaning process.

14. Review progress to Quality Parish Status.

Cllr P Brown reported on the requirements for this. It was agreed that discussions would be held with Martley and Pembridge - already having quality status - as to process and advantages of such status. The clerk planned to attend the next W-CALC course with a target of achieving the necessary formal qualification (April 2006).

15. Establish a Finance Group to decide the budget for 2006/7

Agreed; Cllrs Mrs S Tolley (chair), P Tebbit, P Brown will form this group.

16. Appoint a member to review planning applications in Alfrick Pound & Old Storridge.

Agreed; Cllrs Mrs S Tolley together with G Lowe (already appointed)

17. Appoint a member to join the Sphere Bus management committee.

Agreed; Cllr P Attwood

18. Appoint a member to join the Village Hall management committee

Agreed; Cllr R Jackson

19. Items for the next meeting.

See 7. Above.

20. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - Tuesday 15th November 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman.....