

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley Appendix - a Minutes of the Meeting of the Council 18/10/06.

4. Reports.

Cllr C Smith reported;

The Rural Regeneration committee and the Home Care Scrutiny Panel both of which he was a member will be reporting shortly. In addition although the Highways Partnership operation had been centralised the district operations were still covered by advisory committees and he was active in the one covering the MHDC area.

The Local Government Auditor had recommended to MHDC that the system of dual Development Control Committees was cumbersome and should be streamlined. He outlined the proposals for a single committee with 18 meetings a year instead of the 24 currently split between two committees and commended the proposals to the council.

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

Planning Enforcement Policy.

The objectives are to control unauthorised development, works and operations and ensure effective compliance with planning permissions, listed building and other related consents and regulations through an approach to enforcement that is fair, proportionate, targeted, consistent and clear, and in the interests of protecting the environment, local amenity and the community.

It is the developer's responsibility to ensure that the appropriate consent is applied for and that any development takes place in accordance with the decision, including any conditions or legal agreements. However, on occasions, unauthorised development does take place. To reduce the number of such instances and to ensure that any resulting harm is kept to a minimum a system of prioritising cases on a risk based approach will be used.

The Policy will be circulated to Parish councils and published on the website.

Affordable Housing

Cllr. Guise, Cllr Lowe and I attended the allocation of housing in Alfrick at Elgar Housing offices in Malvern. We found the system well discussed and fair. There were well thought out reasons for each allocation.

Cllr J Guise also expressed his satisfaction with the allocation of housing in Alfrick at Elgar Housing.

Cllr G Lowe - Footpaths Warder reported:

He had recently attended a WCC forum for Footpath Wardens which had been useful in identifying how the process of footpath maintenance and the operation of the P3 scheme functions . This autumn should see work starting on necessary work to some of the paths. In addition he has responded to complaints about the gates on the Bridle Way over the Suckley Hills and hoped to resolve this with the supply of new gates in the near future.

David Fowler - Parish Tree Warden.

There was no report from the Tree Warden.