

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 16th October 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley

Messrs; B Fishwick, R Jackson, G Lowe, A Warburton (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk),

Apologies: P Brown, B Roscoe, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), D Fowler (Parish Tree Warden),

Visitors: None

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting:

None

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence from members.

The apologies from; P Brown, B Roscoe, P Tebbit, were accepted.

2. Members' declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting on 18th September 2007 circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

4. Reports.

Reports; County Councillor, District Councillor, Parish Paths Warden, Parish Tree Warden, Parish Paths Warden. See appendix - b.

5. Financial Matters

- a) Note Half-Yr Financial Report, circulated in advance, and appoint an Informal Finance Group to consider the Budget for 2008-9. Report noted; - see appendix -c.
Cllr P Tebbit had indicated his willingness to continue as a member of the Informal Finance Group.
It was agreed that Cllr Mrs S Tolley and Cllr P Tebbit would form the group with the power of co-opting others.
- b) Confirm Payment - Clerk - Expenses July-Sept - £96.51 - Agreed
- c) Confirm Payment - Clerk - Unpaid Salary Increase; June & July '07 - £30.66 - The clerk explained that the Bank Standing Order implementing his salary change from June 2007 had been delayed and was implemented in August. - Agreed

6. Planning Matters:

(Cllr A Warburton indicated that it would be inappropriate for him to be present at the following review and left the meeting.)

Review Planning Application 07/01436/FUL, Old Butcher's Shop, The Swan, Alfrick. Circulated in advance.

A previous application for this property had been considered at the February 2007 meeting of the council viz;

Review; 07/00154/FUL The Old Swan, Alfrick, Sub-division to separate dwelling; circulated in advance.

After a discussion the following response was agreed.

'This council supports this application; it is a good use of a redundant building and will add to the variety of housing in the village.'

It was agreed to repeat this comment with the provision that details for the disposal of foul effluent noted on the application viz; *'Foul sewage will be disposed of to existing main sewer'* cannot be implemented. There is a multiplicity of drainage arrangements in the locality and the exact details should be defined.

7. Parish Plan Portfolio Holders to report on progress on the objectives set out in the Parish Plan and review the work ahead.

Cllr P Tebbit - Health matters - had sent a review of Local Dental Services. In considering this and other comments it was agreed that members would prepare formal reviews of each area of action for confirmation at the January 2008 meeting to be issued as an annex to the Parish Plan. (This would be 18 months after its adoption). The chairman agreed to arrange an informal meeting with previous members of the Parish Plan Steering Committee.

8. Report; Sphere Taxi Project; Cllr C Williams

Some changes to the advertising literature are being made in conjunction with 'Advantage West Midlands' who are supporting this. The initial take-up had been encouraging.

9. Report; The informal group on Housing and Planning matters. Cllr R Jackson

The Group is continuing to work on the draft of a Parish Design Statement and plan to have this ready for discussion at the next meeting.

10. Report; Correspondence & Publications Received - circulated in advance - Clerk

The clerk drew members' attention to the following;

Elgar Housing

Reply to Chapel Meadow Effluent Complaint - Repairs have been made and the situation will be monitored

MH-AONB

Response to Letter - Pivany Bridge - Estimates have been obtained and the project is under consideration.

West Midlands Regional Assembly;

Regional Spatial Strategy Workshop 31-Jan-08

Cllr Mrs C Williams and Cllr R Jackson will attend. The clerk will make the necessary return of information.

11. Approve Autumn Newsletter - Draft circulated in advance.

Agreed - the clerk will print and distribute in the next 10 days. See appendix -d

12. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Parish Plan Portfolio Review (continuing)
- b) Parish Design Statement.

13. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - Tuesday November 20th 2007

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman...

e. H. Williams

20/11/07