

## **Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.**

#### **Present:**

Mrs C Williams, Chairman.

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

Messrs; P Attwood, P Brown, P Gilbert, R Jackson, P Tebbit, C Smith (County Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk).

**Apologies:**, G Lowe, S Tolley, J Guise (District Councillor),

**Visitors:** Local Police Officer PC Allen Naulls, five members of the public.

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

Local Police Officer PC Allen Naulls presented a review of the local crime statistics; This year there had been 1 Domestic Assault, 1 Breach of the Peace, 1 Fire, 1 Suspicious incident, 2 Thefts, 12 Neighbours' Disputes. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was working well and matters were quiet at present. He was questioned about a reported theft of a lawnmower from Lulsley which was not listed in his report. He would investigate and reply to the clerk. The development at Hill Orchard, Lulsley was raised again. Parishioners urged the council to object to the two planning applications for this on the agenda citing the situation in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a construction that was not what was previously approved. The bright lights at this location were also mentioned as a cause for concern.

It was also suggested that now the status of the churchyard path had been resolved the parish could reunite and move on to more constructive matters.

#### **The formal meeting began at 7.38pm.**

The chairman Cllr Mrs C Williams welcomed Mr P Attwood and Mr P Tebbit, following their election in August.

#### **1. New Members' signings of Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Apologies for absence from members and members' declarations of interest.**

Cllrs Mr P Attwood and Mr P Tebbit signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office. The apologies from Cllrs Mrs S Tolley and Cllr G Lowe were accepted. Personal interests in affordable houses were declared by Cllr Mrs S Clarke ( Relative a prospective purchaser), Cllr Mrs C Williams ( Relative a prospective purchaser).

#### **2. Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 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 read a letter from residents expressing disappointment at the council decision not to support the bus stop at Upper House, and his reply under the delegation Procedure. (See appendix - a) He was asked to check with WCC on the status of this matter. The clerk advised that although he had heard from WCC that they would not support a footpath along Upper House Lane he had not yet received a formal statement.

#### **Matters arising from the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

The clerk advised members that he had omitted to minute a reply to WCC, on the status of the Churchyard path, made under the delegated decision procedure. The following statement should have been included in the minutes of 19/7/05.

**7. Correspondence & Publications Received;** WCC, Status of Churchyard Path; Clerk's reply under the delegation procedure:

*'This council has also received requests to formalise this path as a 'Right of Way'. There is general agreement that this change would rationalise the situation where the path has been used by all and sundry for very many years and the council has no objection to the application.'*

It was agreed to minute this retrospectively.

#### **4. Reports.**

**Cllr C Smith** reported on the decision of WCC relating to the Alfrick Churchyard Path; He was pleased that it is finally resolved and that this is the best way of moving forward.

**Cllr Mrs S Young** reported; I have been asked to comment on the proposals by WCC Highways Partnership on the restriction on the B4197 Ankerdine Hill to restrict the use by HGVs over 18 Tonnes except for access to frontages and deliveries. I said that I am not happy about any large HGVs since these roads were not meant to accommodate them and had previously supported a local request for 71/2 tonnes restriction but to no avail. I said that I supported the proposal because there needs to be a stop on the huge vehicles.

A Single Development Control Committee is still under discussion. This came out of the Best Value review of Planning Services. District councils had a workshop and debate on 8<sup>th</sup> September, the result of that was reported and again debated at the planning Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a forum for Parish Councils to have input into the debate on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

The complex Draft Housing Strategy was recommended for approval at the Planning Committee and will go to the next Full Council for final approval.

The Property Review working party has recommended the disposal of the old Treasurer's site offering the whole to Registered Social Landlords for Affordable Housing. (subject, of course, to planning permission)

#### **5. Financial Matters**

- a) Approve payment - A R Thomas - Playing Field Maintenance - £123.75+vat - £145.41 Agreed.
- b) Confirm - Winter Planting around the War Memorial (Est. £120) The clerk was asked to check on costs before proceeding with this.
- c) Consider quotations - War Memorial Renovation - As two contractors had proposed significantly differing procedures the clerk was asked to review this with the proposers and report to the next meeting.

#### **6. Planning Matters**

Consider responses to;

- a) 05/01257/FUL, Conversion, Garage, Stable End, Alfrick. 'No comment' agreed
- b) 05/00922/FUL, Hill Orchard, Lulsley, Mods to approved plan; revised plans. Objection - The council's objections set out in the original application still stand.
- c) 05/00924/FUL, Hill Orchard, Lulsley, Garage, Mods to approved plan; revised plans. Objection - The council's objections set out in the original application still stand.

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

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

23/07	MHDC	Report Planning Consultation
05/08	MHDC	Proposed Single Development Control Committee
05/08	MHDC	Recycling Review 26/9/05
16/08	MHDC	The Council's Plan 2005
05/09	MHDC	Community Safety Strategy
05/09	Local Works	Campaign for Sustainable Communities Bill
10/09	MHDC	Proposed Single Development Control Committee
10/09	MHDC	Planning Services Workshop 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct

The chairman will circulate The Council's Plan 2005 to members. The chairman and Cll. R Jackson will attend the presentation of the Proposed Single Development Control Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> October. The chairman, Cllr P Gilbert and the clerk will attend the Planning Services Workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

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

Cllr R Jackson reported: Details of the meeting with Messrs K Parry and D Rudge of MHDC are covered in the minutes of the committee on 6<sup>th</sup> September. (See appendix - b). The committee would arrange for Messrs Rudge and Parry to visit and discuss policy matters. The clerk will arrange as follows, subject to availability, D Rudge 1<sup>st</sup> November, K Parry 6<sup>th</sup> December.

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

Cllr R Jackson reported: The committee chairman is working with a designer/consultant to produce a draft plan. It is hoped to present details at the next meeting.

#### **10. Local Minibus Service**

Cllr Mrs C Williams reported: Funds were holding up with the target of two years operation before additional funds would be needed. There would be a drive to publicise the service over Christmas and New Year.

#### **11. Highways and Parish Lengthsman Scheme.**

The clerk will ask the Lengthsman to check all major roads, to ensure good drainage, in the next few weeks.

**12. Items for the next meeting.** Appoint a member to review planning applications in the Alfrick Pound & Old Storridge areas. Appoint a member to join the Sphere Bus management committee. Review progress to Quality Parish Status. Review proposals for renovating the War Memorial. Establish a Finance Group to decide the budget for 2006/7.

#### **13. Confirm the date of the next meeting;** - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman.....