

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 18th September 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley

Messrs; P Brown, B Fishwick, S V Glazzard, G Lowe, P Tebbit, G M Brewin (Clerk), B Roscoe

Apologies: R Jackson, C Smith (County Councillor), D Hughes (District Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor), D Fowler (Parish Tree Warden),

Visitors: One parishioner

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting:

See appendix a

The formal meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for absence from members.

The apology from R Jackson was accepted.

2. Members' declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting on 17th July 2007 circulated in advance were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

4. Reports.

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

5. Financial Matters

a) Confirm Payment - R Thomas, Lengthsman, July - Aug £870+vat £1022.75 - Agreed

b) Agree donation to the Sphere Taxi project for 2007-8, -£150 - Agreed

6. Planning Matters:

Note clerk's delegated response, 07/01246/FUL, Extensions to Upper Norgrove, Yarringtons Road, Alfrick, 'No Comment' returned. Noted.

7. Adopt the new Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils, including Section 12(2), viz

The clerk explained the situation regarding the new Code of Conduct.

The chairman proposed the acceptance of this viz.

'This council Adopts the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils which includes Section 12(2) of the Local Authorities Model Code of Conduct 2007, as published by the Standards Board for England;

and

ii Allows a period for public question time before the start of each scheduled council meeting when members of the public are invited to give their views and question the Council on items on the agenda, or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself;

and

iii Allows a Councillor with a prejudicial interest in a particular issue to address the Council during public question time on the issue subject to the Councillor leaving the room in the event of an exchange on the issue between the public and the Council during public question time.'

Agreed

8. Report; Sphere Taxi project; Cllr C Williams

The taxi service was re-launched on 14th September and all households in the area covered have received details by post. A notice was also on the council website. The initial take-up had been encouraging with 16 journeys over the first weekend of which 12 originated in Alfrick and Lulsley. Further promotion and advertising would take place in October with offers of free vouchers covering a specific time period.

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

Members of the group met Mr R Harrison of Harrison Russell and Mr J Robinson, Owner of land at Leigh Road on 3 September 2007 at 19.00 in Alfrick and Lulsley Village Hall. For notes of this meeting see appendix -c

The clerk was asked to write formally to Mr R Harrison noting that the Parish Council had received a report of the meeting and confirming that any future discussions about potential development would need to await completion of the Parish Design Statement in the New Year.

The Group continues to work on a Parish Design Statement and expects to present a draft to the council early in the New Year.

The clerk reported that Nigel Potter, Worcestershire's Rural Housing Enabler had offered to visit the Parish Council to review progress on affordable housing projects. The clerk was asked to write to him suggesting that this review should wait until the Parish Design Statement was agreed and complete, some time in the New Year.

10. Report; Parish Plan Portfolio Holders and possible re-allocation of portfolios

Members agreed on these as follows;

CW - (Recreation, Leisure & Communication), RJ - (Planning & Statistics), PB - (Planning), BF - (Highways), GL - (Environment), ST - (Young People), SG - (Highways and Young People), PT - (Planning & Health), BR - (Health)

Members agreed to review the actions and objectives set out in the Parish Plan and report at the next meeting.

11. Report; Playing Field equipment etc - Cllr Mrs S Tolley

Cll. Mrs S Tolley reported that there was difficulty in getting younger members of the community to decide on new equipment for the Playing Field and the uncertainty of the future redevelopment of the Village Hall also contributed to this.

12. Report; Correspondence & Publications Received

The clerk drew members' attention to the following;

- a) WCC Lengthsman Training
- b) WCC Flood Damage and Rights-of-Way
- c) South Worcs JCS Core Strategy Workshop Report
- d) MHDC Flood Relief Scheme
- e) MH AONB Annual Report etc - The clerk was asked to draw the attention of the AONB secretariat to the state of the Pivany Bridge over Leigh Brook in the Knapp and Papermill Reserve.
- f) W F Sharp Litter etc The clerk reported that he had replied stating that the Council had discussed these matters in the past and could not consider the very high installation cost of additional litter bins in the parish.
- g) R Barnes et al Request for support - Right of Way - Churchyard - The clerk was asked to reply noting that this matter was now subject to a Public Inquiry and was particularly a matter of legal interpretation of the law. It was not something to which council could contribute.

13. Report; Village Hall Committee - Cllr B Fishwick - Circulated in advance

Noted. See appendix- d

14. Items for the next meeting.

- a) Parish Plan Portfolio Holders' reports
- b) Review Half-Year accounts and confirm membership of the Informal Finance Group to review the 2008-9 Budget
- c) Update - pavement repairs.

15. Confirm the date of the next meeting; - Tuesday October 16th 2007

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman... *C. H. Williams* 16/10/07

Subsequent to the closure of the meeting Cllr P Brown noted that he would be unable to attend the next meeting.