

Parish Of Alfrick And Lulsley

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 16th September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Alfrick.

Present:

Chairman; Mrs C Williams

Mrs S Tolley

Messrs; P Brown, B Fishwick, G Lowe, P Tebbit, D Hughes (District Councillor), G M Brewin (Clerk), Dr D Bradley (Parish Tree Warden)

Apologies: S V Glazzard, R Jackson, C Smith (County Councillor), A Warburton (District Councillor),

Visitors: Three

Public Question Time prior to the formal meeting: appendix -a

The formal meeting began at 7.40pm.

1. Apologies for absence from members.

The apologies from Cllrs S V Glazzard, R Jackson, were accepted.

2. Members' declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

3. Reports; County & District Councillors, Parish Footpaths' Warden. Parish Tree Warden.

Reports; County and District Councillors, Parish Paths Warden, Parish Tree Warden, Village Hall committee member; See appendix - b

4. Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2008 circulated in advance.

These were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

5. Financial Matters;

a) Consider a Donation to; Vitalise - information circulated in advance. There was no proposal for this.

b) Consider a Donation to; MH Citizens Advice Bureau (note 2007 - £75) After discussion £100 agreed.

c) Note Clerk's payments (delegated action)

MHDC Village Hall Planning Application Fee £177.50

Cllr Mrs S Tolley £249.82 - Playing Field Equipment.

Noted

6. Planning Matters;

Note Clerk's Delegated responses to planning applications;

a) 08/00907/FUL Garden Shed at Hayley Cottage Green Street - 'No Comment'

b) 08/01077/FUL Alterations, Village Hall, Alfrick

'There is a pressing need for the Village Hall to be renovated and extended to meet the needs of the village.

There has been extensive consultation in the village and this application is the outcome of this. This council fully supports this application'.

c) 08/01162/FUL Wickenberry, Folly Road, Alfrick - 'No Comment'.

Noted

7. Consider progress towards a Parish Design Statement and future briefing arrangements.

The severe storms on the day of the Horticultural Show prevented the consultation being carried out. The Housing Group would meet shortly to review the situation and re-plan the consultation process.

8. Review results of Post Office Closure Questionnaire etc - Circulated in advance.

The clerk reported that of 615 Questionnaires printed and circulated by the Post Office 181 had been returned completed. As the Post Office was not in the closure schedule there was no need to take further action. It was agreed that a summary of the returns would be published in the Autumn Newsletter.

9. Consider a Parish Health Questionnaire.

Cllr P Tebbit presented the results of the questionnaire included in the summer newsletter. For the full report see appendix - b

A questionnaire was circulated to all households in the last part of July with a request to be returned by 31 July. In the event 42 questionnaires were returned. This represents about 14% of households in the Parish. The number of persons in those households amounts to 84.

The low response rate would indicate that the provision and/or quality of local dental services is not a high priority for the majority of parishioners. It is doubtful therefore whether there is a strong enough case to be made for provision of a service based at Knightwick. Only 13 out of the 42 respondents supported specifically such a development. The level of satisfaction with services currently accessed is generally good or excellent i.e. 79% of respondents. Only 5% of respondents considered services to be poor or very poor. Satisfaction with private practices is higher than for NHS services i.e. 92% of those registered with private practices rated the service excellent or good compared with 65% in respect of NHS services

He recommended the following actions be taken by the Parish Council:

1. Communicate the results of the survey to the parish. - This would be done in the Autumn Newsletter
2. Send the results of the survey to the South Worcestershire Primary Care Trust as information that may be helpful in the planning of local dental services. This would be done by the clerk.

10. Report - WCC Highways Review Meeting Cllr S Glazzard

In the absence of Cllr S Glazzard the clerk was asked to arrange for a summary to be included in the Autumn Newsletter.

11. Report; Sphere Taxi/Bus project; Cllr C Williams

Cllr Mrs C Williams reported; The Sphere Taxi Committee has introduced a new fare structure. There had been some improvements in usage but hardly enough to justify a continuation of the project past the end date of 28th March 2009 but the committee would keep this under review. Advantage West-Midlands would be conducting a comprehensive survey to identify key features for future projects.

12. Consider the Parish Tree Warden's Reports on the Jubilee Plantation - circulated in advance.

This was taken in conjunction with the Parish Tree Warden's Report see 3. above taking into account comments made by the parishioners present. For the Parish Tree Warden's report in full see appendix -a

After a considered discussion the following actions were agreed;

1. The 1.5m path around the plantation to be cleared as already arranged by the clerk
2. On completion of this pathway the Parish Tree Warden would organise working parties to clear the scrub and undergrowth
3. Once individual trees could be reviewed a comprehensive plan would be developed as to what work should be proposed ie. tree surgery and replanting.

13. Clerk's Report and Correspondence & Publications Received - circulated in advance

The clerk drew members' attention to the following items

R Barlow	Conference - Funding for Rural Projects 19 th Sept - Cllr B Fishwick would be attending
NALC	Invitation -'Neighbourhoods in Action' Conference For Larger councils!
WCC	Children & YP Strategic Partnership Newsletter
SWJCS	Consultation Events
MHDC	Flooding Questionnaire Returned
MHDC	Various items re Land at Sandcroft The Planning Enforcement team at MHDC were involved
West Mercia Police	Public Meeting 1 st Oct Abberley Village Hall
Cabinet Office	Questionnaire - National Survey
WCC	Concessionary Bus Travel The Clerk had the documentation if needed.
West Mercia Police Auth.	Combined Equality Scheme

14. Items for the next meeting.

- d) Autumn Newsletter
- e) Half-year finance report.
- f) Parish Design Statement

15. Confirm the date of the next meeting.

October 21st 2008

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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Chairman