

The Parish of Alfrick and Lulsley

Annual Report of the Parish Council - 2007-8

Presented at the Annual Parish Meeting May 13th 2008

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Chairman's Report.

This has been another busy year for your Parish Council;

Local Council Elections: The Parish Council elections in May 2007 left the council two members short therefore the council had to begin the process of co-opting councillors. Your council was pleased to be able to welcome Stephen Glazzard and Bruce Roscoe to join the council to represent Alfrick.

Highways: Road maintenance continues to be an issue with potholes still causing concern. Flooding is also a recurring problem. Locally the parish lengthsman has kept ditches clear and this has improved drainage greatly, however flooding on major roads and other access routes into our parish can only be addressed by the highways authority.

Flooding: July 2007: Roger Thomas did an excellent job clearing the damage done to the road at Bridges Stone. W.C.C. paid for the extra work that was carried out. Many homes and property were badly affected by Leigh Brook becoming a raging torrent within a very short time. Parishioners were unable to get home or leave the parish as all routes were impassable. This was an exceptional weather occurrence. The Parish Council was informed by the District Council on how those whose homes were affected could get compensation.

Sphere Taxi Bus: New funding was granted and the name changed to "Sphere Taxi". It offers more flexibility within the three parishes with a door to door service when possible. Tokens for free journeys were issued with the November 07 and April 08 publicity leaflet, the November take-up being greater than for April. **Public Transport** remains a key issue in rural areas however it is a challenge to make public transport as flexible and convenient as the private car.

Parish Plan: Jan 2008: each area highlighted by the plan was addressed and progress measured against the desired outcomes. The January Parish Council newsletter reported on the actions taken.

Parish Design Statement: The informal committee have worked hard during the year developing the Design Statement. You will hear more about this tonight and be able to view and comment on the recommendations more fully during the Design Statement Open Weekend scheduled for 30th May – 1st June.

Jubilee Plantation: Your council commissioned an arboriculturist to inspect the trees in the plantation. The trees are healthy and no work needs to be carried out in the foreseeable future.

Tree Warden: The council welcomes Derek Bradley as the new tree warden for the parish. He has attended the required course at WCC and he is now able to carry out his duties.

WCC, District Councillors: The Council is always pleased to welcome your representatives from the County Council and District Council. They keep us up to date with the work of their councils and offer us advice, guidance and support when needed.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow councillors and Geoffrey, the Parish Clerk, for their hard work and support throughout the year.

C. H. Williams

C. H. Williams, Chairman of Alfrick and Lulsley Parish Council.

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