

ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 in the Arden Centre Alveley commencing at 7.45pm, preceded by an Open Forum at 7.30pm.

084. PRESENT

Cllr. Mr. K. R. Stanton, Cllr. Ms. P. M. Barker, Cllr. Mrs. J.M. Hall, Cllr. Miss I. D. Jakeman, Cllr. Mr. R. J. Narburgh, Cllr. Mr. C. D. Noble, Cllr. Mrs. S. L. Potter and Cllr. Mr. B. A. Punchard

085. IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. D. H. Rawlinson (Clerk), Cllr. Mrs. T. Woodward (Shropshire Councillor)

086. OPEN FORUM

Cllr. Miss Jakeman advised that some residents have expressed the wish for a footpath/pavement along the A442 from Bower Grange to the Roundhouse at Fenn Green. Cllr. Mrs. Woodward agreed to raise this with Shropshire Council, but was not optimistic, given that there is no link to any other footpath.

087. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It **was resolved** to accept apologies for absence from Cllr. Mrs. A. Preece (personal), Cllr. Mr. D. Preece (personal) and Cllr. Mr. F.D Voysey (personal).

088. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

089. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2018

The Chairman reported that he had agreed with the Clerk a suggested addition to the final sentence of the fourth paragraph of draft minute 063 which would now read "There was concern that his agent had previously approached the Council to canvass support, and had advised the applicant to approach individual Councillors". This addition was agreed and it was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2018, as amended, were a true and accurate record.

090. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS

To discuss and make decisions as required. The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Mrs. Woodward to contribute.

1. Highways - condition of road surfaces – there were no written reports.

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The Clerk reported that he had received notification from Shropshire Council of the closure of Little London Lane from 12th to 16th November 2018 because of drainage works.

2. Public rights of way – none.
3. Environmental matters – none.
4. Romsley Matters

Cllr. Mrs. Potter reported that a defibrillator would be installed in the Romsley telephone kiosk during the week. She also advised that the First Responders will deliver a training session in a few weeks and it was agreed that this should be open to all. Cllr. Noble reported that the Patients Group is producing a laminated information/instruction sheet for defibrillator users in the New Year.

5. Matters brought to the attention of the Council not requiring a decision – none.

091. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS

1. Planning Applications received from Shropshire Council – none received.
2. Planning Applications received since the Agenda closed Council to make recommendations to Shropshire Council

18/04291/TCA Removal of 1 no Ash and 1 no Pine trees within Alveley Conservation Area at Tilton House, Alveley, WV15 6NB.

The Clerk reported that this application was notified on 14th September 2018 with a 14 day deadline for responses.

It was **agreed** to note the application.

18/04149/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use comprising livery and cross-country schooling business; erection of machinery store; formation of manege; formation of water complex; erection of pigeon housing; dog kennels for dog breeding business and secure container; creation of trout lake, access track and parking area; change of use of two agricultural buildings to stabling; general/fodder store; installation of septic tank drainage system. Applecross Farm, Alveley, WV15 6NB.

It was noted that this is a retrospective application and that there was no evidence of previous complaints about the operation or any activities on site. The Chairman expressed concern about the frequency of events which generated increased traffic, including heavy traffic, on the routes through the village leading to the site. It was **agreed** to recommend approval subject to

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conditions limiting the frequency of activities and events which would entail a significant increase in traffic through the village.

3. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council

17/05720/FUL Land south of Royal Oak, Alveley, Conversion of stables to two holiday lets

Parish Council recommendation – Refuse permission; Decision – Grant Permission.

18/03146/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act for the installation of replacement ATM pod and refurbishment of existing 5 in no bollards.

Parish Council recommendation – Grant permission; Decision – Grant Permission.

18/03147/ADV Retention of non-illuminated decal signage to ATM pod.

Parish Council recommendation – Grant permission; Decision – Grant Permission.

4. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council since the Agenda closed

17/02756/FUL Erection of one affordable single-plot exemption dwelling and associated works NW of High House Farm, Fenn Green, Alveley.

Parish Council recommendation – Grant permission; Decision – Grant Permission.

5. Other planning matters - none

092. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Mrs. Woodward to speak.

Cllr. Mrs. Woodward briefly reviewed the current Shropshire Council information and guidance on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding, and highlighted the distinction between CIL Local Funding and Neighbourhood Funding.

She reported the Shropshire Council Officer response to concerns regarding two trees alongside the connecting footpath to Bridge Road. This indicated that no action was considered necessary at this time.

She was also continuing to pursue Shropshire Council in relation to the drainage problem in Daddlebrook Road.

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Cllr. Mrs. Woodward reported high levels of residents' concern about car parking in the village, especially parking on pavements. She was not sure how best this problem could be tackled and invited suggestions from Parish Councillors. During the discussion it was agreed that double yellow lines and other road markings were not the answer, given the absence of policing. One suggestion for the longer term was to increase the planning requirement for new housing from two parking spaces to three.

Looking forward to the winter, there was reference to requests for new grit bins and possible additions to the route schedule for gritting lorries. Cllr. Mrs. Woodward confirmed that she is pursuing these with Shropshire Council Highways, but is having difficulties because of reduced staffing. Cllr. Noble suggested that the Christmas edition of the Parish Council newsletter should include a request that grit from grit bins should only be applied to the highway, not to private drives or pathways.

Cllr. Mrs. Hall thanked Cllr. Mrs. Woodward for sorting out the problem of weeds in the roadway.

093. GRANT APPLICATION – ALVELEY RECREATION ASSOCIATION

1. There was agreement that the information provided with latest application was better, although still not wholly satisfactory. The Treasurer of the Recreation Association was still not using the No. 2 Account for grounds maintenance expenditure so the spending profile was not clear, and it appeared that, to the end of August, only £1,500 had been paid out.
2. The Chairman suggested that the previous provisional offer of £475 be confirmed, but some Members continued to express reservations. Cllr. Punchard noted that, based on the figures provided by the Recreation Association, the grounds maintenance cost which could not be met by the Recreation Association was £285 i.e. £2,385 less £2,100. Cllr. Miss Jakeman proposed that a grant of £285 be confirmed and this was **agreed**.
3. During subsequent discussion, the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the responsibility for grounds maintenance for the whole of the Recreation Ground, not just the Play Area, was raised, and it was **agreed** to consider this formally at the next Parish Council meeting, and to ask Cllr. Ms. Barker to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Alveley Recreation Association.

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094. APPLICATION FOR GRANT SUPPORT THROUGH COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVEY (CIL) LOCAL FUNDING – ALVELEY CRICKET CLUB

Members gave careful consideration to the Clerk's report and the Business Plan provided by the Cricket Club, as summarised in the draft expression of interest. They were also briefed verbally on the most recent information and advice from Shropshire Council.

There was general agreement that:

- (a) The Business Plan, if implemented, would conflict with a key condition attached to the approval of the Club's recent planning application (17/05871/FUL), and would not therefore be acceptable to Shropshire Council;
- (b) Although the project might be of some benefit to the local infrastructure, it is not necessary to support the development of the local area, and does not therefore qualify for CIL Local funding;

and it was unanimously **agreed** not to support the application.

095. SILENT SOLDIER AND BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

It was **agreed** that the Silent Soldier would be erected as soon as possible in the Memorial Garden and the Chairman and Clerk agreed to undertake this task. It was also **agreed** to make a donation of £200 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal, including a wreath.

096. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S TERM OF OFFICE

On the recommendation of the Chairman, it was **agreed** unanimously to amend paragraph 5.f. of Standing Orders to read:

"The Chairman of the Council, unless he has resigned or becomes disqualified, shall continue in office and preside at the annual meeting until his successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Council, **except that an individual may not serve as Chairman of the Council for more than four years in any eight year period.**"

097. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY ENABLEMENT TEAM

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Mrs. Woodward to speak.

It was confirmed that the Team was being disbanded and that consideration was being given to the future deployment of remaining staff.

098. ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE GRANT

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Mrs. Woodward to speak.

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Cllr. Mrs. Woodward confirmed that future arrangements were still under review and undertook to seek further information from Shropshire Council.

099. TO RECEIVE A FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Invoices for Approval and Cheques for Signature

The schedule of invoices/direct payments was **approved** and Councillors Narburgh and Mrs. Potter were instructed to sign the invoices, cheques and schedule.

2. Examination of Quarterly Accounts

Cllr. Ms. Barker and Cllr. Miss Jakeman reported that the outcome of their examination of the quarterly accounts from April to July 2018 was entirely satisfactory.

3. Outcome of External Audit of 2017/18 Accounts

The Clerk's report was **noted**.

100. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Christmas Newsletter
Grass cutting of Recreation Ground
Minutes of Street Lighting Committee
Neighbourhood Planning

101. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Alveley and Romsley Parish Council will be the monthly Parish meeting on Tuesday 6th November 2018, preceded by an Open Forum, at 7.30pm in the Arden Centre Alveley.

The meeting closed at 9.27 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.