

ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 in the Arden Centre Alveley commencing at 7.45pm, preceded by an Open Forum at 7.30pm.

139. 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, Cllr. Mrs. A. Preece, Cllr. Mr. B. A. Punchard and Cllr. Mr. F.D. Voysey

140. IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. D. H. Rawlinson (Clerk), Cllr. Mrs. T. Woodward (Shropshire Councillor), Mr. P. Thompson (Footpaths and Rights of Way Officer)

141. OPEN FORUM

Shropshire Local Plan – Partial Plan Review

One resident was in attendance and spoke about the impact on Alveley of the Review proposals. He was disappointed about the prospect of two sites being removed from the green belt, he was most concerned for the residents of Maple Crescent, which was adjacent to one of the sites, given that some of them are elderly and infirm. He urged the Parish Council to press for any new houses on this site to be aligned east/west rather than north/south. He also suggested that the Parish Council should establish a sub-committee or working party to oversee future developments before detailed plans are drawn up. In response to his concern that not many residents realise what is going on, and many aren't in a position to comment, the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs. Woodward pointed out that information about the consultation had been published on the Council's website and in the local press, and notices have been posted at several locations in the Village.

Central Garage Site - Cllr. Ms. Barker reported that she had received a number of complaints about the state of the site. Cllr. Mrs. Woodward advised that the ownership of the site had changed and that she would consult with the new owners.

Crime Prevention – Cllr. Voysey reported a further incident of car theft in Daddlebrook Road. It was agreed to invite a representative of the Safer Neighbourhood Team to a future meeting.

Street Lighting – it was noted that there were still some complaints about the new lanterns shining into windows. The Chairman advised that shades could be fitted if absolutely necessary.

Speeding along Daddlebrook Road – Cllr. Mrs. Hall reported that this was a continuing problem. Various options, including sleeping policemen and a 20mph

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speed limit, were suggested and it was agreed to raise with the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Winter Grit Bins – the Clerk confirmed that the suggested numbering of bins and provision of notices to discourage private use of grit had been raised with Shropshire Council. Cllr. Mrs. Woodward advised that this was not in line with current county-wide policy, and was not therefore likely to be approved in the short term.

142. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were tendered.

142. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

143. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2018 were a true and accurate record.

144. TO CONSIDER PARISH MATTERS

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

1. Highways - condition of road surfaces – there were no written reports. After discussion, it was agreed to take no further action with regard for the request for a bus shelter for south bound travellers on the Top Road opposite the former post office.
2. Public rights of way – Cllr. Mrs. Woodward reported that Ed Andrews, on behalf of the Severn Valley Country Park, has agreed to take over the access footpath. She also advised that Shropshire Council were reviewing white gateways with the intention of establishing a county-wide policy, which could take some time.
3. Crime Prevention - The Clerk reported that he had been in communication with Graham Oliver the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Community Ambassador for Shropshire. Following these discussions the Clerk had arranged to meet with the Town Clerk at Cleobury Mortimer, where CCTV is in place.
4. Environmental matters – Cllr. Voysey advised that Shropshire Council’s limited budget might soon be fully committed, so there is a risk in delaying any application for environmental maintenance grant.

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5. Romsley Matters – Cllr. Mrs. Potter reported that the new kissing gate has now been installed.
6. Matters brought to the attention of the Council not requiring a decision – Councillors were reminded of the imminent closure of Daddlebrook Road for investigative drainage work.

145. ELECTION BY CO-OPTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that there was one expression of interest in the vacant position and that the applicant was eligible for appointment. The Chairman proposed that Mr. Paul Donald Thompson be co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Miss Jakeman and **agreed unanimously**.

146. APPLICATION FOR GRANT – ALVELEY CRICKET CLUB

The Chairman noted that the stated purpose of the application was to enhance access to active sport for females, youngsters and those with disabilities. He felt this was worthy of some support but advised that the budget was almost fully committed. After further discussion he proposed a grant of £100, which was seconded by the Vice Chairman, and **agreed** by six votes to three.

147. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN – PARTIAL PLAN REVIEW

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

The arrangements for local consultation in advance of the 31st January deadline for responses were confirmed, but there was no discussion of the Parish Council's response.

148. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS.

1. Planning Applications received from Shropshire Council – to make recommendations.

18/05607/FUL Erection of first floor side extension, 8 Hazelgrove, Alveley, WV15 6JW.

It was **agreed** to recommend approval.

18/05709/FUL Erection of single storey side extension, Kilma, Alveley, WV15 6NG.

It was **agreed** to recommend approval.

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2. Planning Applications received since the Agenda closed

18/05885/AMP Affordable dwelling NW of High House Farm, Fenn Green, Proposed amendment to planning permission 17/02756/FUL – rotation and slight relocation of proposed dwelling.

It was **agreed** to make no objection.

3. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council

18/03476/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of toilet block, shower block and change of use to glamping and touring caravan site, Royal Oak, Alveley, WV15 6LL
Parish Council recommendation – Grant permission (minute 068.1 of 4th September 2018 refers); Decision – Refuse permission.

18/05316/FUL Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of kennelling to work agricultural dogs, Fairfield, Fenn Green, Alveley, WV15 6JA.

Parish Council recommendation – Refuse permission (minute 130.1 of 4th December 2018 refers); Outcome – Application withdrawn.

4. Planning Decisions received from Shropshire Council since the Agenda closed - none

5. Other planning matters - none.

149. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr. Mrs. T. Woodward - the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Cllr. Mrs. Woodward to speak.

Cllr. Mrs. Woodward reported that surface water was running down the pavement at the eastern end of Daddlebrook Road. This had been reported to both Shropshire Council and Severn Trent Water but the cause had not yet been established. There was concern about the ability of residents to use the footpath on the other side of the road because of an overgrown hedge, and it was suggested that, if necessary, Shropshire Council, as Highway Authority, should trim the hedge and charge the resident. Cllr. Mrs. Woodward advised that this would only be done as a last resort.

In response to a question from Cllr. Mrs. Hall about a possible new winter grit bin in Birch Grove, Cllr. Mrs. Woodward confirmed that a decision from Shropshire Council was still awaited.

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150. PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Cllr. Miss Jakeman referred to the previous decisions that:

(a) the next newsletter would be posted on the website with paper copies being provided in suitable locations around the village, but with no delivery to individual houses except by special request - minute 053 of 3rd July 2018 and minute 114 of 6th November 2018 refer.

(b) the January/ February newsletter would focus on the Local Plan Review - minute 132 of 4th December 2018 refers.

She proposed that, given the importance of the Local Plan Review proposals and the limited usage of the Parish Council website, the next newsletter should be delivered to individual households in line with previous practice. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Voysey and, after discussion, was **agreed** by seven votes to three.

151. TO RECEIVE A FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Deposits and Bank Balances at 31st December 2018 - these were **noted**.
2. Periodic Examination of Accounts to November 2018 – Cllr. Narburgh and Cllr. Mrs. Potter were appointed to carry out the quarterly examination of accounts prior to the next monthly meeting.
3. Invoices for Approval and Cheques for Signature – the schedule of invoices/direct payments was **approved** and Cllr. Mrs. Hall and Cllr. Mrs. Preece were instructed to sign the invoices, cheques and schedule.
4. Bank Reconciliation December 2018 – this was **noted**.
5. Street Lighting
 1. Contract for the Supply of Electricity – the Clerk updated Members on the problems associated with reletting the electricity supply contract from 1st February 2019. These were the result of extreme volatility in the market, and had eventually obliged the Clerk to accept a new tender from SSE which involved a 32% increase in unit charges. The Parish Council **endorsed** the Clerk's actions in this matter.
 2. The Chairman reported that there is outstanding work relating to the most recent order for street lighting replacements and advised that additional costs would need to be incurred. It was **agreed** to vire £1,000 from contingency to the Street Lighting Replacement programme.
6. Parish Noticeboards – the Clerk reported that four of the five noticeboards were in need of some maintenance and that the noticeboard on Daddlebrook Road next to the Primary School was in especially poor condition. There

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was some concern about potential costs but the Clerk was **authorised** to seek quotations for the necessary work from local craftspeople.

7. Play Area – the Chairman noted that significant costs would be incurred in the coming months to address priority issues raised in the annual inspection. It was **agreed** that the Play Area Committee should meet after the end of January. Issues concerning Play Area maintenance and the possibility of a joint contract with Alveley Recreation Association for the whole of the recreation ground were also discussed.

152. SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Parish Council Newsletter

153. TO CONFIRM THE DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS.

The Annual Finance Meeting of Alveley and Romsley Parish Council will be on Tuesday 22nd January 2019, commencing at 7.30pm in the Arden Centre Alveley.

The next monthly meeting of Alveley and Romsley Parish Council will be on Tuesday 5th February 2019 commencing at 7.45pm preceded by an Open Forum at 7.30pm in the Arden Centre Alveley.

The meeting closed at 21.45.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.