Alton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7pm
At Alton Village Hall

Present:Councillor J. Shepherd, Councillor (Chair), Councillor A. Forrester, Councillor P Ballard, Councillor E Bailey, Councillor R. Wood, Councillor E.Brindley, Councillor S. Hollins, Councillor P. Gwinnett.

Mr S.J. Burton (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor E. James, Councillor M.Worthington (SCC), Councillor H. Plimley (SMDC) With her apology Cllr Plimley had sent an email detailing that she has spoken to the Planning Officer at SMDC planning regarding the Walton Homes planning application (SMD/2019/0486), she will be sending her comments about the concerns of the parish council and residents in the next few days. This was read out by Cllr Shepherd.

In Attendance: 4 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Shepherd at 7pm.

128/19. Declarations of Interest.

i. Cllr Forrester declared an interest in the planning application SMD/2019/0506 as his son prepared the plans. He would not take part or vote on that item of business.

129/19. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th August 2019 and the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 28th August 2019.

i. The minutes of the last meeting were declared a true record proposed by Cllr Shepherd and seconded by Cllr Forrester and agreed by all and were signed by the Chair and the Clerk. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting were declared a true record proposed by Cllr Shepherd and seconded by Cllr Forrester and agreed by all and were signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

130/19. Matters arising.

i. Cllr Shepherd reported the dangerous fallen tree in the cemetery had been removed by a tree surgeon and made safe (minute 121/19 ii refers).
ii. Cllr Shepherd he has arranged for the handrail in Glen Drive to be re-painted silver (minute 117/19 ii refers).

131/19. Alton Towers.

i. Cllr James was unavoidably absent and no-one else had anything to report for this item.

132/19. Footpaths.

i. Cllr Bailey had nothing to report for this item.

133/19. Village Hall.

i. Cllr Ballard had nothing to report for this item.

134/19. Lengthsman.

i. The Lengthsman Kate Woods was not present.

ii. Cllr Bailey reported that the pump area in Dimble Lane and the Roundhouse need weeding and tidying up. **Action: Clerk to notify the lengthsman.**

135/19. Highways and Road Safety.

i. Cllr Wood reported he is making every effort to have the hedging cut back in Dimble Lane which has still not been resolved with SCC Highways. In addition to reporting on line, which has also been done by the clerk, he has been in touch with Ms Helen Fisher at SCC and has pointed out a number of near accidents he is aware of and the demolished street sign at the top of Dimble lane at the junction with the B5032. **Action: Clerk to further report to Ms Fisher. Cllr Wood to speak to Cllr Worthington to see if he can help.**

ii. Cllr Wood stated he has reported the faded white road markings the SCC, but they believe they are sufficient at the moment. Cllr Wood will monitor this.

iii. Cllr Wood reported that the Gulley's in the parish need clearing, but they are classed at category 3, meaning they are not classed as urgent. **Action: Cllr Wood will monitor and pursue this issue.**

iv. Cllr Gwinnett mentioned that the new traffic signs at the junction of Saltersford Lane, Uttoxeter Road and the B5032 has not been replaced yet. Cllr Shepherd stated that Cllr Worthington had told a previous meeting that the signs were due to be replaced and had been approved. **Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Worthington for an update.**

v. Cllr Shepherd reported that a small manhole belonging to an electricity company had sunk in the High Street outside Byatt's tile shop. **Action: Clerk to report.**

136/19. Parish Cemetery and St. Peter's Church Yard.

i. Cllr Forrester reported that the Church yard and cemetery are in best condition they have been for a number of years.

ii. Cllr Wood mentioned the brick store in the cemetery which has previously been mentioned as requiring some attention. **Action: Cllr Shepherd will inspect and advise on any maintenance required.**

137/19. Councillor Shepherd declared an open forum to allow parishioners present to ask questions/raise issues.

i. A member of the public mentioned the road direction sign at the junction of Denstone Road and Uttoxeter Road is pointing the wrong way. **Action: Cllr Shepherd to attend to this issue.**

138/19. Planning and Licensing Applications.

i. SMD/2019/0506. Mr and Mrs Burrows, High View, Lime Kiln Lane, Alton. Rear extension, enlarged kitchen and additional bedroom. **No objections.**

ii. SMD/2019/0461. Alton Towers. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission SMD/2013/1047. **No objections.**

iii. SMD/2019/0555. Carole Bray, Land off Cedarhill, Alton. Outline planning application for the erection of up to 4 dwellings. **Although the clerk had received email notification of this application he has not yet received copies of the plans. It was decided to discuss this next**

month after the clerk has received the plans in the post. The clerk will arrange with SMDC planning for an extension if necessary.

iv. SMD/2019/0509 and 0510. Mr P. Worthington and Ms E. baker, Rickyard Barn, Bradley Lane, Threapwood. Alterations and refurbishment to convert to single residential building. **Again although the clerk had received email notification of this application he has not yet received copies of the plans. It was decided to discuss this next month after the clerk has received the plans in the post. The clerk will arrange with SMDC planning for an extension if necessary.**

139/19. Planning decisions.

i. SMD/2019/0363. Brian Knox, 2, The Hempbutt, Knight Lane, Alton. Listed building consent for removal of existing modern timber front door and frame**. Listed building consent approved.**

The planning decision was read out by Cllr Shepherd.

140/19. Correspondence requiring response.

i. None for this meeting.

141/19. Correspondence for Information.

i. August planning application recommendations to SMDC.
ii. Email thanking external auditor.

The correspondence was read out by the Clerk.

142/19. Finance.

i. Clerk salary £459.60. Expenses £6.96 (stamps)
ii. Lengthsman wages no invoice received.
iii. Buxus Green £495.00 (paid)
iv. Invoice Michael Johnson, tree surgeon £200.00 (paid authorised by minute 121/19 ii)
v. Authorised payments for August 2019 were signed off by the Council.
vi. Current bank balances were presented to the Council.

The finances were proposed by Cllr Shepherd and seconded by Cllr Forrester and carried.

There being no other business the meeting was closed by The Chair, Councillor Shepherd at 7.35pm.

Signed..... Chairman 9th October 2019

Signed..... Clerk