

ALMELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Almeley Parish Council held on 3rd September 2014. In Almeley Village Hall.

Three Councillors were present: Claire Price (Chair), John Hope, James Edwards.

1. **APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Jean Jones
2. **MINUTES** of the meeting held on May 2014 were approved and signed.
3. **MATTERS** arising out of the minutes:
 - a. Lengths man Scheme. Monthly reports are submitted by Mr Watts. Recommendations for action by Herefordshire Council were made available. Mr Hope agreed to discuss these with Mr Vince Playdon, Balfour Beatty
 - b. It was noted that the bins are now being emptied on a regular basis.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. It was noted that because of a short of GPs, it is proposed to close GP surgeries in Eardisley and Pembridge and centralise services in Kington.
- b. A consultation document had been received inviting comments of the Parish Council on provision of services for gypsies, travellers and travelling show people. As access to main roads, health care, employment and education for older children could not be provided in the parish, and it is a farming community, no recommendations for sites were recommended.

5. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN. A brief report was submitted. A draft plan will be presented at a public meeting.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was proposed by Mr Hope seconded by Mr Edwards and agreed unanimously that the following accounts should be paid:

- a. Internal audit fee £30
- b. Hire of Village Hall £18
- c. Second half year payment for mowing Spearmarsh Common and War Memorial £900.
- d. External audit fee £120
- e. Expenses for NDP £239.95
- f. Lengthsman scheme July and August £393.75

Noted that the following accounts were paid at the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2014.

- a. Hire of Village Hall £18.00
- b. Lengths man Scheme £198.75(July)

- c. Smiths of Derby – repair of Church Clock £180.00
- d. Mowing of Common and War Memorial £900.00

Noted that £511.24 has been withdrawn from the Parish Account by the Public Works Loans Board (refurbishment of Village Hall Scheme)

5. PLANNING MATTERS

Noted the following planning applications to which no objections were raised:

- a. Land at Old Shop, Almeley. Proposed cottage on the site.
- b. Upper Woonton Farm, Proposed dwelling for farm worker.
- c. Almeley House, Almeley. Proposed internal alterations and installation of roof lights, re-introduction of the original front door, opening up a window to form an opening.

Noted Herefordshire Council's decisions on planning applications:

- a. East Cottage, Almeley. East Cottage, Almeley. Proposed single storey garage with vehicular access. APPROVED with conditions.
- b. Land at The Old Shop, Almeley. Proposed cottage. Application REFUSED because of proximity to War Memorial and Church Barn (Listed building).
- c. Almeley House, Almeley. Listed Building consent. Proposed internal alterations. APPROVED with conditions.
- d. Fayreholme, Almeley. Proposed extension and replacement of sunken garage. APPROVED with conditions

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8pm