

MINUTES

Meeting of Kinwarton Parish Council Alcester Academy, Kinwarton, on Monday February 5th 2024 at 7:30pm

Present

Cllr K Rees

Cllr J Langdon

Cllr W Barnett

Cllr N Loomes

Z Illes-Cody (clerk)

Cllr M Moore (chairman)

Cllr G Forman

Cllr M Giddings

Cllr S Barley

MOP

Information provided by MOP:

Community Speed Watch by Alcester Town Council (ATC) will be relaunched tomorrow. Gary Strain, the Road Safety Liaison Officer demonstrated a new device – the Bushnell's speed device – which doesn't require training/speed calibration. This will speed up the process of volunteering and running Speed Watch sessions. There are two observation points in Kinwarton: on Captain's Hill and Kinwarton Farm Road.

1. Apologies

None received.

2. Disclosure of interests

None disclosed.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes signed as a true record of the meeting in January 2024. Proposed NL, seconded JL.

4. Ongoing matters

a) The Pastures ownership of hedges. No further information received. ZIC has followed up queries to Cllr Juned and ACJ at WCC but had no further responses.

Straggly hedge remains unfinished across pavement. ZIC to follow up further.

b) Trees on Captains Hill central reservation. Awaiting further updates from ACJ and PD at WCC. Communications with residents will take place after confirmation from WCC that they intend to proceed with the trimming works and removal of conifer trees.

c) Seymour estate hedge tidy (Alcester Estates)

Quotation received from Limebridge:

End of Rufford Close - trees to be cut so they do not overhang fence. £135 +VAT

Purton Close pavement clearance - £110 + VAT

All councillors on favour and quotation approved. ZIC to contact Limebridge to confirm.

Overgrown hedges are still a problem in the parish, perhaps particularly the properties owned by landlords. Councillors suggested noting particular problem hedges, noting the house numbers and writing to them.

d) St Mary's Park

- HAGS inspection report – report satisfactory. No action required.
- Quotation from John Clarke for pathway resurfacing: £2000 for tarmac and £2600 for concrete. Cllrs to look at the pathway and email questions/ thoughts on how to proceed before Mon 12th Feb 2024.
- Tree replacement provided and planted by Limebridge quotation: £135 copper beech (follow up with PD for re-imburement if possible). Councillors in favour.

Proposed ivy removal from around tree trunks: £90. Councillors in favour.

e) KPC Credit card. ZIC setting up telephone banking with details provided by bank signatories to enable KPC to proceed with credit card application.

f) Parking on central reservation on Captain's Hill

Suggestion for 'no parking' signs to keep cars off the grass and protect bulbs agreed by councillors, to try to protect grass while bollards proposal is with WCC.

2 signs to be purchased – one to be situated opposite Gerard road junction and one closer to the top of the service road opposite no.44. ZIC to purchase. Cllr Barnett agreed to install signs.

g) Tree/hedge needing cutting near ATC boundary - Warwickshire Rural Housing Land registry detail.

h) Tything rd name plate – replacement included in SDC list to be sent off next week.

5. Planning applications

- 23/03253/FUL 8 Fenwick Close, Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 6JZ

Construction of new single storey rear extension and new personnel in existing Garage – permission granted

- 23/01925/FUL Planning appeal 84 Seymour Road, Alcester, B49 6EF

Alterations and extensions including a loft conversion with front and rear dormer windows and raised roof, the enclosure and extension of the front porch structure, the replacement of the rear conservatory and a shed, linked to the house by a covered seating and clothes drying area (retrospective application for work already carried out).

6. Financial Matters

a) Budget meeting feedback

ZIC outlined the budget meeting figures, including the precept request of £29,000.

ZIC to send budget document to all councillors.

b) Invoices:

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| • 1&1 internet (DD) Jan | £18.00 |
| • HSBC monthly charge (CHG) | £8.00 |
| • ZIC wages Jan (rise plus half backpay) | £718.80 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) Jan | £453.08 |
| • Yu Energy electricity (DD) Jan | £30.24 |
| • HAGS inv 093609 (park inspection Dec – paid) | £84.00 |

- Receipts (petrol) W Barnett

£11.29

All payments approved. Proposed MG, seconded GF

7. Correspondence

Email about the large conifers on Captains Hill. Residents are concerned about the size of these trees and their considerable movement in high winds. ZIC to Report It as a danger to WCC via website.

8. A.O.B.

- Planter for Alcester in Bloom at 'Welcome to Alcester sign' – plastic replacement to reduce maintenance required. MM and ZIC to liaise with Alcester in Bloom.
- Alcester Academy (AA) have been having problems with dog walkers leaving dog mess in their bin on the bus turn. They are having to ask cleaners to empty the bins and dispose of hazardous waste without the appropriate equipment. AA request an additional bin be provided by KPC on the pavement near the bus turn.
Councillors do not feel that there is an appropriate place for another bin as there is currently already one on Captain's Hill, and one outside the school gates. Councillors suggest a sign is placed on bin requesting dog walkers do not use it for dog mess.
- Hairdresser on Industrial Estate - landlord suddenly increasing rent dramatically and making the business there almost untenable. Cllrs sympathetic but unable to offer any assistance.
- Notice of application for an order stopping up part of the public highway at Kinwarton Workshops. Notice noted by councillors. ZIC to return receipt form to WCC.
- Wooden post at start of footpath on Captains' Hill is rotten and leaning against the tree branch. ZIC to contact Heart of England Way to request a replacement.
- ZIC to pass on thank Great Alne parish council for their part in getting the drain cleaned out on B4089 to help with flooding problems.
- Trimming back hedge by gravel store on B4089. Cllr Barnett unable to get quote from farmer. The hedge continues to be a danger to pedestrians. ZIC to report danger again via Report It on WCC website.
- Fibre optic poles Warwickshire - Full Fibre Limited. Cllr Langdon following up on the plans to install tall poles for the fibre optic broadband in the parish, to discover whether the proposals are cancelled or postponed.
- Speeding signs on Pastures – residents met Cllr PD several months ago, had some discussions about traffic control measures required and PD agreed to put forward the suggestion of speed humps to Highways. Recently, a bend in road sign has been erected on the lamp post, and SLOW painted on the Kinnersley road. This has been completed without further consultation with residents and the bend sign does not seem to be necessary or suitable to solve the problem. Concern that this was a waste of money. ZIC to contact PD to discuss further.
- Disappointment expressed by KPC not to see either District or County Councillor attending meetings for some time.

- Street lamp not working – opposite end of Seymour Road. ZIC to report to WCC.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday March 4th 2024