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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY 23rd JULY 2018 AT 7 PM

AT ALVECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

This meeting commenced at 7.06pm

18/050 Present: Councillors A Humphries (Chairman), M Ball, R Chima, J Cypher, P Freeman, A Helmore, S Lambert, A Smith, N Wise, M Worrall, A Wallis & A Willetts

In attendance: Tammy Williams (Clerk), the Parish Lengthsman and 3 members of the public

18/051 Apologies for Absence
None

18/052 Declarations of Interest
None noted

Members of the Public were allowed to speak before the start of the meeting (see Appendix 1). The Parish Lengthsman also related some observations (see Appendix 1)

18/053 To consider the Parish Council's response to a proposed resident's parking scheme on Bear Hill, Alvechurch

The Chairman advised all in attendance that the Parish Council are only Consultees on this subject and would not be involved in the final decision.

Councillors, having heard from residents, debated at length the merits and concerns about the implementation of such a Parking Permit Scheme within the village centre. In particular, concerns were raised that this scheme would be exclusively for Bear Hill residents on a 24/7 basis rather than providing for other motorists to park at certain periods of the day. This type of scheme would have a parking problem knock on effect for other residential areas in the vicinity and reduce the number of available parking spaces for people to access the retail and business centre of the village. Councillors understood that the Parking Permit Scheme had been initiated from the proposal for a Simply Fresh outlet at the junction of Bear Hill and The Square and that there is a Planning Appeal underway at present for this shop but Councillors also noted that this site had also been a retail unit bringing shoppers to Bear Hill/The Square for a number of years.

Drawing on all the views expressed at the meeting, Alvechurch Parish Councillors considered the timing of this proposal as premature given that it had come prior to the adoption of the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan which contains policies relating to an Alvechurch Village Centre Improvement Plan including the Provision of Adequate Parking.

The Parish Council **agreed unanimously** to object to the Bear Hill Parking Permit Scheme proposal because all village centre parking arrangements should be reviewed under the umbrella of the Neighbourhood Plan as adopted, subject to a Parish referendum, later this year.

18/054 Date and time of next meeting: the next meeting will be the Parish Meeting on 10th September at 7pm at Hopwood Community Centre, Redditch Road, Hopwood

This meeting ended at 7.40pm.

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman, Alvechurch Parish Council

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