

**ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:30pm****11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley**

**Present:** Councillor T Burton (Chairman) Councillor V Parry  
Councillor L Swann Councillor A Hobson  
Councillor M Davies Councillor I Farrar  
Councillor S Grove

**Ward Councillors:** 1 – Councillor Jandu

**Public:** 4 (Finham Parish Councillors Davies, Fryer and Bush)

**In Attendance:** Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

*Councillor Burton was in the Chair.*

The Chairman opened the meeting.

**Head of Planning Policy and Environment, Chris Styles**

Mr Styles had attended the meeting to talk about the Coventry Local Plan Review. The closing date for comments is 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the large number of documents from the CCC website.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Councillors to review the relevant documents and a collective response from the Parish Council would be sent.
- (ii) Councillors were able to make their own submission.

**477. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of public present for public forum.

**478. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

Proposed development off Browns Lane - Councillor Jandu updated on the proposed development off Browns Lane. This was for 350 dwellings. A petition against the development with 900 signatures had been presented to the relevant Cabinet member.

Councillor Jandu would be speaking in Objection to the application at Thursday's Planning Committee meeting.

**479. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keogh and Birdi.

**480. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**481. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved.

**482. Matters arising**

Road signs – Mike Murray, previously conservation officer for Coventry City Council and responsible for the instigation of the local parish signs, had provided useful information including that the signs and fingerposts were manufactured by *Leander Architectural*, who should still have the original templates. Their contact details had been provided. He advised the Rangers would be able to repaint the finger posts. He also requested that any camera posts were painted black or dark green, rather than left as galvanised, to fit in with the parish guidelines.

Cllr Davies had thanked Mr Murray for his involvement and assistance with these matters.

**ACTION:** Rangers to be requested to refurbish and paint the road signs. Camera posts to be painted.

**482. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Hollyfast Lane – an Objection to the Fivefield Road/Tamworth Road development had been sent to Ayesha Saleem stating traffic issues using Hollyfast Lane as a rat run.

The 'access only' signage is inadequate and needs addressing.

Brick Hill Lane/Oak Lane - the temporary 'road closed' signage at Brick Hill Lane/Oak Lane had been stolen again. Ian Lewis' colleague, Pete O'Brien, arranged for replacements after an HGV became stuck at the blocked end and had to reverse.

Sewage discharge - Frances Ireland from the Environment Agency had contacted Cllr Davies after CCC passed on the responsibility of die testing. The sewage discharge into the ditch on Oak Lane continues. The EA have advised they are taking action on this and will report back. Reference 2182013.

Japanese Knotweed – the Japanese Knotweed on Wall Hill Road/Pikers Lane had been reported to the City Council and acknowledged, but no update given.

**ACTION:** Councillor Davies to check.

Parish Verge Mowing –

Ted Pitts Lane had finally been cut, after a resident complained they had been ignored again.

A review of the contractor for the verge mowing would take place.

**ACTION:** Councillor Burton to discuss further with local contractors. Further discussion at October's meeting.

**483.1 Closing off of Watery Lane**

An update had been received from David Edwards which was discussed. The update contained information of consulted groups and affected properties on Watery Lane.

Final permission was needed from Warwickshire County Council to install an advance sign at the Watery Lane/ Wall Hill Road junction, but CCC would proceed with the project given that all regulatory signing would be installed within the City Council boundary.

Quotations for the bollards, signing and road markings had been received. In total this amounted to £9,700 plus £2,300 for the various advertisement and administration costs associated with the Traffic Regulation Order. The correspondence stated that the Parish Council had previously agreed to pay 25% of the cost being £3,000.00. This was not the case, in fact the Clerk had been told recently by an officer that the funding was in place.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Clerk to reply to David Edwards and point out that the Parish Council had not agreed to finance the work associated with the closure.
- (ii) Further update at October's meeting.

**483.2 HGV signs**

Meeting with Ian Lewis -

**ACTION:** site meeting to take place with Ian Lewis or his team member. Information on the A45 bridge and road signage would be discussed.

Road closure notices –

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact the CCC Officer asking for consultation on road closures as the local knowledge would eliminate the regular chaos.

**483.3 Welcome to Allesley signs**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

**483.4 Speeding issues Wall Hill Road**

Complaints about speeding vehicles on Wall Hill Road were being received.

**ACTION:** discussion at October's meeting.

**484. PLANNING MATTERS**

**The Glass House, Harvest Hill Farm.** - A non-material change to the planning permission was given to this development but a local resident has complained that both the roofing material and the elevation cladding have been changed to plastic and neither are within the Ancient Arden guidelines.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact the enforcement officer.

**484.1 Questions to and response from Rob Back**

**ACTION:** Carry over to October's meeting.

**485. FLOODING**

The issue with flooding alongside Summerfields on Oak Lane has yet to be resolved. The flooding/drainage team have not responded to Councillor Davies' letter with details of the tenant farmer, Mr Martin Brandreth, or the Agents.

It has been suggested trees could be planted in the corner of the adjoining field. This will need addressing by the winter when the property is again at risk of flooding. It was noted that Summerfields is now on the market.

The sewage discharge issue on Oak Lane has been updated – see Highways.

**486. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

**ACTION:** Clerk to complete setting up a New Facebook page.

**487. POLICE AND CRIME UPDATE**

Nothing to report

**488. FLY TIPPING**

All incidents of fly tipping had been reported.

**489. CCTV**

Clerk updated that all June’s CCTV hosting payments had been made.

**ACTION:** agenda item for October’s meeting.

**490. CORRESPONDENCE**

It was reported that Clerk and councillors were receiving complaints from Allesley Parishioners (and those living in Corley Parish) when the Bull & Butcher were holding outdoor music events at the pub. The frequency of the events had grown over the summer along with the increase in noise.

Inconsiderate parking including blocking the footpaths on Common Lane resulting in pedestrians having to walk in the road. People leaving the events were also noisy and disturbing locals. The Clerk had tried to contact the Landlady of the pub, leaving messages at the pub and via the Corley Parish Clerk but not response had been received.

Mr Mike Murray had contacted Councillor Davies re signs and various issues. See Highways.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Report the issue to the Pollution Control Officer at NWBC.

**491. FINANCE**

**491.1 To approve payments**

**Expenditure**

**2023-24**

DATE	REF	CHEQUE	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
26.07.23	E21		Heritages	Inv10235	£660.00*
26.07.23	E22		DM Payroll	Invoice 2906	£60.00
26.07.23	E23		J Chatterton	Paperstone 781694	£89.40*
26.07.23	E24		J Chatterton	Correction to E23	£0.09
09.08.23	E25		Peter Llewellyn	CCTV June	£50.00
09.08.23	E26		Dan Jackson	CCTV June	£50.00
09.08.23	E27		J Chatterton	Clerk Salary August	DPA
09.08.23	E28		HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk August	DPA
09.08.23	E29		J Chatterton	Expenses August	£36.00
14.08.23	E30		J Chatterton	Reimb 2024 Meeting venue	£243.00

\*inc VAT

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**491.2 Drone Footage**

**ACTION:** further discussion at October’s meeting.

**492. Coventry Local Plan Response**

**ACTION:** Clerk to send Councillor Parry the link to the CCC Local Plan for Facebook.

**493. Parish area and boundary**

Councillor Burton and the Clerk had arranged a meeting with Julie Newman Chief Legal Officer, City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer and Liz Reed, Elections Manager to discuss the possibility of changing the Allesley Parish Boundary.

**ACTION:** Agenda item for October's meeting.

**494. Government Boundary Review – North Warwickshire**

As above.

**495. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:**

- Verge mowing contractor
- Closing off of Watery Lane
- Drone Footage
- Boundary Review
- Speed limit on Wall Hill Road
- Discussion of response to questions sent to Rob Back

**496. Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm