

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:45pm****24th March 2025 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley**

Present: Councillor T Burton (Chairman) Councillor Les Swann
Councillor M Davies Councillor I Farrar
Councillor L Gilleran Councillor V Parry

Ward Councillors: 0

Public: 0

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

Councillor Burton was in the Chair

The Chairman opened the meeting.

746. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public present.

747. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Hobson and Grove. Ward Councillors Birdi, Jandu and Christopher.

Councillors are reminded that apologies for absence should be sent to the Clerk in writing prior to the meeting.

748. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

749. RESPONSES FROM CCC to CEO OF WALC IN RELATION TO OUTSTANDING ISSUES FOR APC

- **Issues with CCC Planning Portal**
- **Breach of CCC Injunction**
- **Lack of any communication with Rob Back**

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk and Chairman are working on the issues and are awaiting legal input and input from the MP.

749.1. MEETING WITH MP

The Chairman updated that Councillors Burton, Davies and Gilleran had met with Taiwo Owatemi, MP last week. The meeting was very productive and covered many of the existing issues faced by the Parish Council whilst trying to get the required assistance and support from their Principal Authority, Coventry City Council.

It was noted that the MP was shocked by the conduct of CCC Officers and their lack of response and the continual barriers they put in place whilst Elected Members of the Parish Council endeavoured to carry out their statutory duty, working for the betterment of parishioners.

It was noted that this was the second meeting as the Chairman and Clerk had met with the MP in May 2024, she was surprised that nothing had been progressed in almost 12 months.

It was acknowledged that the MP shared our concerns with communication with the Planning Department, in particular Rob Back.

Further examples of poor internal communication at CCC were discussed.

750. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

None present. No reports sent.

ACTION: Clerk to remind Ward Councillors to send written reports.

751. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th March 2025 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th March 2025 be approved.

752. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not listed on the agenda.

753. PLANNING MATTERS – Cllrs Hobson and Grove to lead

753.1 Application no: PL/2025/0000555/FUL

Site: Hogs End Farm, 260a Hawkes Mill Lane, Coventry, CV5 9FJ
Proposal: Erection of two dwellings with associated development

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) the Parish Council submits a Conditional Objection.
- (ii) Request to see the lighting plan.

Councillor Parry joined the meeting.

754. FLOODING

Nothing to discuss.

754.1 Oil spillage

It was reported that the Chairman had raised the oil spillage (Bridle Brook Lane/Pikers Lane) at the meeting with the MP. Photos and a chronology of events had been sent.

755. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE – Cllr Parry to lead

ACTION: Councillor Gilleran to be added as Facebook Administrator. (Councillor Hobson).

756. POLICE AND CRIME UPDATE – Cllr Farrar to lead

It was noted that more discarded number plates had been found in hedges on the parish lanes.

An incident with a car entering the parish on one set of plates and leaving shortly after on another set had been reported to the Police.

757. FLY TIPPING – Cllr Parry to lead

All incidents had been reported to CCC for removal.

Washbrook Lane – bonfire. The residents on Washbrook Lane had started preparing the nuisance bonfires again.

ACTION: report to CCC Environmental Health.

758. CCTV

New site Wall Hill Road – Cllr Gilleran to contact the resident and assess their internet connection and general suitability.

Covered under police and crime.

759. CORRESPONDENCE**759.1 Coventry Local Plan**

It was updated that the Parish Council had submitted a response to the Coventry Local Plan. Submission was only accepted by CCC if responses were made via their Planning Portal. During the response timeframe the Portal had been unavailable due to technical difficulties. The Clerk had sent the PC response via email which was rejected by the Team.

The online form was not easy to use, which no doubt would have made making representation difficult for many. The form had been shared with the MP for comment.

759.2 Email Addresses

It was noted that councillor email accounts must be considered as property of the parish council, and as such can be monitored if a councillor leaves or is unable to fulfil their duties for any period of time. The Chairman asked Cllr Gilleran to investigate the provision of '.gov.uk' addresses to members.

ACTION: Councillor Gilleran to progress.

760. Parish area and boundary

ACTION: Councillor Grove to design the proposed new map.

761. Government Boundary Review – North Warwickshire

Ongoing, awaiting further clarification of the intended future make up of Warwickshire County Council with regard to the plans to scrap two tier authorities.

762. HIGHWAYS MATTERS – Cllr Davies to lead

Fallen tree on Bridle Brook Lane – the main trunk which posed a safety hazard had been removed by contractors organised by the parish council from the grass verge. The brash remained. Cllr Farrar to liaise with a friend of the resident who owns a wood chipper.

2 Wall Hill Farm House, Wall Hill Road – the owner of the property had removed the hedge and felled a large tree. The work was carried out in March during the nesting season. Residents had raised the issue with the Parish Council, saying how disappointed they were that the native hedge had been removed. It was indicated that the hedge would be replaced with a high fence and a new access road installed.

ACTION:

- (i) report to the Enforcement Team.
- (ii) suggest an on-site meeting.
- (iii) check ownership of the hedge – resident or Highways.

Coundon Cycle way extension – It was noted that the MP had managed to stop the building of the cycle way through Coundon Wedge as residents were very angry that the council proposed to do so without consultation.

Defuncted bus stop A45 - Three years had passed since the Parish Council had discussed in face-to-face meetings with Highways Officers, including follow up in writing to CCC, the concerns in relation to the defuncted bus stop on the A45. Clearly the message had not been passed on internally. Despite stating several times, CCC misunderstood that the defuncted bus stop on the A45, was not a “layby”.

This week the area had been resurfaced, new cats eyes and markings had been installed. A new bin had also been installed. This was not fixed to the ground and therefore posed a significant risk to traffic as it had the ability to blow into the live lines of the A45.

762.1 Closing off of Watery Lane

It was noted that the CCC online petition had now closed.

ACTION: Clerk to contact David Keaney.

762.2 Broken and missing road signs

It was reported that Councillor Parry was currently surveying all signage within the Parish.

ACTION: report to May’s PC meeting.

762.3 Improvements to Hollyfast Lane (currently no through road)

This matter was being supported by the MP. She was concerned that the City Council may have an alternative plan for Hollyfast Lane. She was also made aware that Rob Back had said (in person at the May 2024 meeting) that the Parish Council could apply for S106 funds from the Keresley development to fund this, but had failed to turn up to the meeting in July 2024 where he was due to give a presentation on this, and had ignored all correspondence since.

762.4 75th British National Ploughing Championships & Country Festival

The Clerk updated that she had received an information update from the National Ploughing Championships organisers.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to circulate the email to all PC Councillors.
- (ii) Clerk to request involvement in the road safety plan.

763. FINANCE

763.1 To approve payments

Expenditure

2024-25

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
20.02.25	E63	Unity	Monthly Service Charge	£6.00
03.03.25	E64	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary March	DPA
03.03.25	E65	HMRC	Tax & NI inc Employer NI	DPA
03.03.25	E67	J Chatterton	Expenses March	£36.00
18.03.25	E68	J Chatterton	Paperstone reimbursement	£64.48*
18.03.25	E69	J Chatterton	Meeting room booking	£27.00

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved and the income noted.

764. Coventry City Council Complaint

To be dealt with as part of the issues with WALC and progressed with assistance from the MP.

765. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:

- Extra meeting to be arranged for 14th April to progress the outstanding legal issues.
- Clerk and Chairman to attend Keresley Parish Council's April meeting to find out whether they have the same issues with CCC officers as Allesley and Finham.

766. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next parish council meeting was confirmed as 12th May 2025. This would include

- the Annual Parish Council meeting
- Annual Parish meeting and
- May's PC meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillors Swann, Farrar and Gilleran.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.