

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at 7:45pm
26th February 2024 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley

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

Ward Councillors: Councillor Jandu, Councillor Keogh

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In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

Councillor Burton was in the Chair.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

538. PUBLIC FORUM

Dog nuisance and neglect – Property on Wall Hill Road

The problem continues and the Parish Council has received further complaints from residents living nearby. Dog noise has been reported to NWBC.

Boundary Fence - has been reported to CCC.

ACTION: Councillor Grove to chase.

539. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Councillor Jandu updated:

Council Tax 2024-25 – the Full Council meeting took place last week and a 4.9% rise in the Council Tax was approved.

Petition for issues with business parking on Pickford Green Lane – the petition had been presented last week.

540. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Birdi.

541. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Grove declared a Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 7.2.

542. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd January 2024 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2024 be approved.

543. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not listed on the agenda.

544. PLANNING MATTERS – Cllr Hobson to lead

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting

544.1 Application: PL/2-24/0000229/PAQ

Site: Slashpitts Farm Wall Hill Road

Proposal: Prior approval application for change of use - existing barn to dwellinghouse

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

544.2 Application: PL/2024/0000194/FUL

Site: New Home Farm Church Lane, Eastern Green

Proposal: Extension of existing caravan storage

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

544.3 Application: PL/2-24/0000162/HHA

Site: Newlands Tamworth Road, Coventry, CV7 8JJ

Proposal: Application for 2 storey side and rear storey extension with porch/canopy, loft and garage conversion with rear dormer window and additional gable to front elevation.

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

544.4 Application: PL/2024/0000142/PAPW

Site: Land At Watery Lane

Proposal: Prior Notification for the formation of a private way

It was reported that the Parish Council had previously lodged an Objection against the planning permission. Confirmation had been received today from CCC that they had *REFUSED* the application for the following reasons:

Insufficient evidence has been submitted to satisfy officers that the land relates to an agricultural unit of 5ha or more and the access and track is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agricultural within the unit. The basis for the application (Part 6 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning) (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (SI 2015/596) (GPDO 2015).

Insufficient evidence has been provided regarding:

- The materials to be used in the construction of the access and access track
- Details of the existing and finished ground levels
- The siting of the access and access track in relation to the PRoW
- The vehicle tracking to allow the proper and accurate assessment of the property in relation to highway safety
- Details of any drainage works and
- The impact of the Ancient Arden and the wider locality

RESOLVED THAT: The Refusal be noted.

544.5 Application: PL/2024/0000299/FUL
 Site: Ainsley Grange, Pickford Green Lane
 Proposal: Application for the erection of 4 semi-detached dwellings with associated access, parking and landscaping

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

544.6 Application: PL/2023/0002541/FUL
 Site: The Hawthorns, Wall Hill Road
 Proposal: Application for proposed demolition of existing stables and erection of new outbuilding to serve as holiday let

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

544.7 Application: PL/2023/0002572/FUL
 Site: Pond Farm House, Upper Eastern Green Lane
 Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and erection of 9 new build dwellings including associated access, car parking and landscaping. Demolition and re-building of brick wall fronting 6 Pond Farm Mews [232 Upper Eastern Green Lane].

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

544.8 Note issues with Planning Application Notices

It was noted that issues with the CCC Planning System continue, when issues occur these are forwarded to Rob Back as requested at the CCC/PC meetings. No response is received, so therefore the question was asked as to why are we bothering to highlight issues?

The Clerk had contacted Rob Back, CCC requesting he attended February's meeting but again no response was received.

Issues included:

- Statutory Notices are not received. (recently APC would have sent Objections had the Statutory Notice been received).
- Statutory Notices for Allesley are sent to Finham Parish Council
- Statutory Notices for Finham Parish Council are sent to Allesley
- Statutory Notices for Keresley Parish Council are sent to Allesley
- Planning Applications for Allesley Parish are listed in the incorrect Parish on the weekly list

ACTION: The Clerk was requested to compile a list to be included in the formal complaint to CCC and then to the Ombudsman.

545. FLOODING

All incidents of flooding in the Parish had been reported.

A ditch had been overflowing badly on Wall Hill Road on the section approaching the White Lion. Information had been sent to Mr Omar at CCC including the number of the BT pole. BT had put the pole in the middle of the ditch and installed something underground. This has totally blocked the ditch, all the water is running down the road.

A ditch on Wall Hill Road adjacent to Bridle Brook Lane was overflowing, in need of clearing and the culvert under the field entrance clearing. A resident who knew the owner (identity not known by the Parish Council) had agreed to pass on a request for works to be carried out.

Tedd Pitts Lane – flooding as the ditches and culvert couldn't cope with the amount of water.

546. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

It was noted that there was the requirement to increase Admin access to allow more members to update the Facebook page.

ACTION: Councillor Hobson to progress.

547. POLICE AND CRIME UPDATE

Nothing to report.

548. FLY TIPPING

All incidents have been reported to CCC and is collected quickly. It was noted that there is an increase in Hollyfast Lane.

The Parish Council thanked Councillor Davies for organising the litter pick. The event was attended by volunteers who did a great job. The equipment for the litter pick was provided by CCC and the rubbish would be collected.

549. CCTV

Following issues with power, internet etc the decision had been made to remove the system located on Clay Lane. The installations on Hollyfast Lane and Washbrook Lane were being progressed.

550. CORRESPONDENCE

Various emails to CCC

It was reported that emails from the Chairman to Ann Lynch, Head of Development Management, Rob Back, Head of Planning Policy Environment, Adrian West, Scrutiny Team and Julie Newman, City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer remained unanswered despite several chases over the last few months.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the above for a reply.

551. Parish area and boundary/Government Boundary Review – North Warwickshire

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk and Chairman to progress.
- (ii) Councillor Grove to produce a "pros and cons" list for circulation.

552. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Verges – ditch clearance on Oak Lane. The landowner had cleared out the ditch and dumped the material on the verge, this has made the verge very high and covered any vegetation growing below. The ancient hedgerow and the Oak tree may have been damaged. The irony is that this was one of the best verges in the Parish that had the most variety of plants growing.

The verge is now covered in clay, rubbish and mulch. This has also caused the flooding to be worse.

Replacement trees on Oak Lane – Land Agent has refused to replace the Oak trees and will remove any trees that are along the hedgerows as they are worried about trees falling onto the highway. They are happy for new trees to be planted on the land as long as they are away from the boundary with the highway.

TPOs – Councillor Davies has written to Robert Penlington about the various TPOs, awaiting a response.

ACTION:

- (i) Councillor Grove to liaise with Robert Penlington.
- (ii) Full list of trees to be provided.

Right of Way Footpath closure – right of way has been closed by a resident on Pikers Lane. This is to prevent people walking through his land. This is an illegal closure.

ACTION: report to the PROW Officer at CCC.

552.1 Closing off of Watery Lane

Meeting had taken place in January with David Keaney and Councillors. The procedure to close the road was in progress and would be advertised shortly.

552.2 HGV signs

Nothing to report.

552.3 Speeding issues Wall Hill Road

The incidents/accidents continue.

ACTION: further discussion at a future meeting when the Police are present.

552.4 Traffic Issues Hollyfast Lane

ACTION: Clerk to re-circulate the letter and petition

552.5 Coventry Half Marathon

The Coventry Half Marathon would take place on Sunday 28th April. Yet again no formal consultation had been made with the Parish Council. These events were always taking place on the parish roads at the inconvenience of the residents.

553. FINANCE

553.1 To approve payments

Expenditure

2023-24

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
15.01.24	E60	J Chatterton	Clerk Expenses January	£65.88
25.01.24	E61	ICO	Membership	£35.00
06.02.24	E62	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary February	DPA
06.02.24	E63	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk February	DPA
06.02.24	E64	J Chatterton	Clerk Expenses February	£36.00

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

553.2 Internal and External Audit

It was noted that the Auditor had been engaged to carry out the Internal Audit for the financial year ending 31st March 2024. Work in preparation would commence shortly.

554. Coventry City Council Complaint

ACTION: Clerk and Chairman to progress.

555. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 25th March 2024.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm

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