

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
draft Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 29th June 2015 at 7.45 pm
at All Saints Church, Allesley

Present: Cllr L Swann (Chairman)
Cllr T Burton
Cllr Mrs J Colledge
Cllr W Shakespeare
Cllr Ms V Smith
Cllr I Farrar

The Clerk

Ward Cllr Birdi

MINUTE 37/2015 – ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN for 2015/2016

Cllr Swann indicated that he would be prepared to be nominated as Chairman for the remainder of the Year. Cllr Shakespeare Proposed Cllr Swann as Chairman. The Chairman asked if there were any further nominations. Cllr Farrar indicated that he would be prepared to be Chairman.

RESOLVED:that Cllr Swann be elected Chairman until the Annual Meeting 2016. Cllr Swann signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

PUBLIC FORUM

No issues raised.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Shakespeare advised that Ward Cllr Galliers had been hoping to attend the meeting, but had another engagement.

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTEREST

There were no declarations.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

MINUTE 38/2015 - MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th May 2015 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th May 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record, Cllr Viridi to be amended to Birdi.

MINUTE 28/2015 – CO-OPTION

It was agreed to defer this item until Cllr Burton arrived.

MINUTE 36/2015 - COVENTRY NORTHBROOK 10K RACE

Members advised that this matter had now been resolved.

Cllr Burton arrived.

MINUTE 32/2015 – TREE SURGERY IN THE PARISH – OAK TREES

Cllr Farrar advised members that in response to a request by the Clerk he had spoken to the City Council's Tree Officer to let him know the location of the oak trees which had been cut down along Oak Lane. He had also provided the name of the Agent who had acted for the owner of the land on which the oak trees were located. The Tree Officer had confirmed that it is the City Council's policy to replace any mature trees felled with a young tree, but the oak trees which had been felled were on private land and he had no authority to insist on replanting on private land, but as the City Council work with the Agent, the Tree Officer would contact the Agent to discuss this.

The Clerk advised members that if trees are covered by a Tree Preservation Order, work required to such trees require a planning application and that the City Council would have a list of all trees in the parish covered by Tree Preservation Orders. She advised that she would obtain advice and guidance on Tree Preservation Orders.

MINUTE 28/2015 – CO-OPTION

Cllr Burton indicated that a local resident was interested in being co-opted onto the parish council, but was unsure of the parish boundary. Cllr Shakespeare confirmed that the map of the parish with the parish boundary marked on it, was one which had been provided by the City Council.

MINUTE 37/2015 – PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE A45/BROAD LANE JUNCTION

Members considered the proposals for modifications to the A45/Broad Lane Junction. It was felt that the proposals to improve the existing junction between the A45 and Broad Lane to be replaced with a roundabout did not address the problems with queueing traffic and bottlenecks, and should be considered further. There was a bottleneck coming out of town where the feeder lane changed from 2 to 1 lanes at Broad Lane and queueing to get onto Broad Lane. It was considered that the only way the proposed modifications could work was to make it a one way system between Sainsburys and the junction.

The Chairman closed the meeting to enable Ward Cllr Birdi to update members on the proposed modifications.

In response to questions from members, Ward Cllr Birdi referred to the use of S106 money being put towards improvements at the A45/Broad Lane Junction. The proposals had gone out to consultation and were on the City Council's website. Anyone could make responses to the Consultation on the website. He advised that Ward Cllr Galliers was dealing with this and it would likely be addressed at the Ward forum to which local residents were invited to attend.

The Chairman reopened the meeting.

MINUTE 38/2015 – SPORTS CLUB – HAWKESMILL LANE – LACK OF PARKING FACILITIES

Cllr Burton referred to a number of complaints from residents over people attending the Sports Club and parking their cars on both sides of Hawkesmill Lane and the recent incident where emergency services could not gain access to the club and a youth requiring medical attention had had to be carried to an ambulance. Members considered that whilst parking was not normally a problem as parents dropped children off and did not stay, if there were events at the club which people stayed for, then parking was an issue and needed to be addressed.

The Clerk advised that this was a matter to be raised with the Police and Highway Authority, but members requested the Clerk write initially to the Club expressing concern about the situation.

RESOLVED: that a letter initially be sent to the Sports Club referring to a number of complaints from local residents at parking taking place on the highway along Hawkesmill Lane which was posing a danger, particularly for emergency vehicles to gain access and asking how the problem of parking can and will be addressed by the Club.

MINUTE 39/2015 - PLANNING SEMINAR – LEAMINGTON SPA

Cllr Farrar reported on the planning seminar which had covered formalities and funding to implement a Neighbourhood Plan. He advised that if the Parish Council had a Neighbourhood Plan then any proposed development in the parish should have regard to this. Cllr Shakespeare referred to the City Council's existing planning guidelines which covered development in Coventry's Ancient Arden which was a historic landscape area.

RESOLVED:that a) the fee of £45 for Cllr Farrar to attend the Planning Seminar organised by Leamington Spa Town Council be ratified, b) Neighbourhood Plan be placed on the next Agenda for discussion, c) the Planning Consultant be approached to see if he would be prepared to talk to the Parish Council about a Neighbourhood Plan and d) an up to date map of the parish be requested.

MINUTE 9/2015 – PARISH COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED:that this item be deferred to the September Parish Council Meeting.

MINUTE 40/2015 - HIGHWAYS MATTERS -UPDATE

a) Cllr Shakespeare suggested the Parish Council request a copy of the Browns Lane Speed Survey. Cllr Burton advised that the Parish Council had received a hard copy of the speed survey and this had been circulated recently.

b) Wall Hill Road Potholes

Cllr Burton advised that the potholes now extended along the full length of Wall Hill Road and if the road had been resurfaced properly then the potholes would not have come back so soon. The Clerk confirmed that she would pursue this.

MINUTE 41/2015 - WALC – UPDATES

Recent updates received from WALC had been circulated to members.

MINUTE 42/2015 - PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning applications

List dated 19th June -No applications

List dated 12th June -No applications

List dated 5th June - No applications

List dated 29th May- No applications

List dated 22nd May -No applications

b) Cllr Shakespeare referred to the recent planning application for the local church and advised that the City Council's Planning Committee are to consider a request for the Church to be a listed building.

MINUTE 34/2015 –CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE

RESOLVED:that a) the allowance of £50 for 2014/2015 for the former Chairman be paid and b) the allowance for the Chairman for 2015/2016 of £50 be approved in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972.

MINUTE 43/2015 – FINANCE

a) Payments

W J Robinson	£60.00
Internal Audit fee	

Ian W Geddes	£26.25
Website updates April / June	

Executors of W A Jeffery £50.00
former Chairman's allowance

WALC£15.00
10 copies of Good Councillor's Guide

Leamington Spa Town Council £45.00
Planning Seminar – 27th June - Cllr Farrar

RESOLVED: that the payments presented for payment be approved.

b) The External Auditor had acknowledged receipt of the Council's Accounts

c) Balance of current account as at 29th May 2015 £4,695.75.

MINUTE 44/2015 – NEXT MEETING

The Clerk advised that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 7th September 2015 and asked members if they wished for a meeting of the Parish Council to be called prior to that date. Members did not feel this was necessary.

MINUTE 45/2015 - COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

a) Local Council Review – Summer issue.

Members requested a letter be sent to West Midlands Police regarding resurgence of rural crime.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm.