

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:45pm****11th February 2026 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley**

Present: Councillor T Burton (Chairman) Councillor S Grove
Councillor M Davies Councillor L Gilleran
Councillor I Farrar Councillor A Hobson
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.

952. Public Forum

There were no members of public present.

953. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Swann and CCC Councillor Jandu.

Councillors Birdi and Christopher were not present.

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

954. Members' Code of Conduct – Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

955. Updates from Ward Councillors

Councillor Birdi – absent.

Councillor Jandu – absent.

Councillor Christopher – absent.

956. Correspondence**956.1 Traffic safety A45 Oak Lane Junction**

The Clerk updated that she had received emails, photographs and videos of accidents at the A45 and Oak Lane junction since the last meeting.

One accident in the last week had involved a black car and white van turning from the A45 into Oak Lane. The car behind those turning became impatient and pulled out into the outside lane, knocking a motorcyclist off his bike. The car failed to stop. Fortunately, no-one was seriously injured. Emergency services attended the scene.

Members discussed possible options which would involve some form of closure. This had been proposed previously but there was backlash from some residents and Councillors. Based on the

changing situation and the imminent opening of the new bridge an inforheld;ote was held, Councillors were unanimously in favour of a total closure of the junction.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk and Councillor Davies to raise the concerns at the Highways meeting.
- (ii) Councillor Davies to liaise with Mr Dan O'Neill at CCC. (Clerk to provide the contact details).
- (iii) Public opinion to be sought to see whether a closure would be an acceptable solution with parishioners. Cllr Parry to advertise to social media.

956.2 CCC Right of Way Signage (RoW)

Councillor Davies had asked if Mr Murray had had any luck with the CCC RoW signage (he advised in September he was going to complain about the awful state of footpath signage.)

It was suggested that APC contact Neil Benison, Transport Planning Manager who is now also responsible for RoW issues (Ian Lewis also recommended he was the correct contact).

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Councillor Davies and write to Neil Benison.

956.3 Completed the Design Code Questionnaire (circulated)

It was recommended that APC completed the Design Code questionnaire and the Cycling/Walking questionnaire.

ACTION: Councillors to read and complete.

957. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2026 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2026 be approved subject to the amendments identified.

958. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not listed on the agenda.

959. Coventry City Council Complaint

Note no response from Julie Nugent to attend meeting despite being sent the dates.

The Chairman updated that he had met with the MP on another matter but had raised the lack of response from CCC since the June 2025 meeting. The MP had confirmed that they would be in touch to arrange a meeting with APC to help progress issues.

ACTION: Clerk to send an email to MP's Office to ask for an update.

960. Planning Matters

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting and discuss any enforcement matters

960.1 Review of outstanding applications and planning enforcement matters

960.2 Application No: PL/2025/0002316/HHA
Site: Waverley House, Tamworth Road

It was noted that the application had been refused. An appeal was expected.

960.3 Application No: PL/2025/0001991/PIP
Site: 236 Hawkes Mill Lane, Coventry, CV5 9FJ

It was noted that the application had been refused.

ACTION: APC to note the reasons for the objection for future use.

960.4 Land used for livestock A45

ACTION: Write to enforcement, development on the land.

961. Flooding

961.1 Wall Hill Road – opposite 141

Councillor Davies reported that she had found Wall Hill Road flooded when posting Litter Pick signs. This had been reported to CCC flooding last year. Councillor Davies had spoken to the neighbouring resident, they were not happy, especially during ice/snow.

Councillor Davies had called the Flooding Team at CCC and had left a message, requesting a call back.

ACTION:

- (i) Councillor Davies to email Flooding and Highways re this problem.
- (ii) Councillor Davies to email BT – re the pole installed in the middle of the ditch.

Bridle Brook Lane flooding had continued to worsen because the road had subsided and was considerably lower than the ditches. It was suggested that the road needed to be built up to its original level.

ACTION: Clerk and Councillor Davies to discuss at the Highways meeting.

It was noted that due to ongoing issues with road closures on Oak Lane and Brick Hill Lane, Councillor Davies had made an official complaint to CCC re road closures. She had also written to the contractor for Saxondale/Summerfields, advising that the road closure of 3rd February 2026 had not gone ahead, so there was a possibility of piggy backing onto revised closure dates.

961.2 Connection to sewerage system

It was reported that the owners of Summerfields and Saxondale had asked the Parish Council to help with their need to be connected to the main sewerage system. Their contractor was unable to get CCC to agree to traffic lights half closure (better for residents).

They had requested that APC liaise with CCC regarding the works to connect to the sewer. Councillor Davies had written to Nicola O'Donnell who is CCC's NRSWA (New Roads and Street Works Act) Officer. Unfortunately, she would not meet with contractor on site or agree to the use of Traffic Lights or even allow them to piggyback onto the three-day Severn Trent closure on Oak Lane booked for the 3rd of February.

962. Police and Crime update

It was noted that a car had been stolen from the Red Lion pub car park (Wall Hill Road) on Sunday night. Contents from the car including boots had been discarded on Bridle Brook Lane.

ACTION:

- (i) Information in relation to the vehicle theft to be passed to Cllr Burton for CCTV review.
- (ii) Request Wayne to look at the recording times on the CCTV equipment.

963. Fly Tipping

Photographic evidence had been supplied to APC showing the resident at the Park Homes who was currently causing safety issues with inappropriate parking fly tipping. The footage showed the minibus being driven into the Parish from the A45, the minibus pulled across to the opposite side of the road and dangerously parks on the verge to throw from the vehicle an empty Ad Blue canister.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to send evidence and request CCC prosecute for fly tipping of chemical waste.
- (ii) Clerk to write to the owner's employer.
- (iii) Clerk to write to the Licencing Authority.

964. CCTV

ACTION: Councillor Grove took the signs to arrange their installation.

964.1 Wildlife cameras (Cllr Hobson)

Information in relation to standalone solar CCTV cameras were discussed.

ACTION: Councillor Hobson to obtain a quotation for 2 cameras.

965. Creating a video of the Parish

Councillor Davies updated that she had liaised with Lois Simpson and sent her a Parish map. She had sent photos that she had taken previously of both the Parish and Allesley Village/Coundon Wedge.

They were very good and perfect for our use. She will take more as the weather improves. She advised she would only require a donation to a charity (Allesley Festival) in acknowledgement of her work.

A PowerPoint presentation could be created for the videos, or they could be added to the website.

ACTION: Further update at March's meeting.

966. Parish Area and Boundary

ACTION: monitor the situation

967. Government Boundary Review – North Warwickshire

Nothing further to report.

968. Hedgerows and trees

ACTION: Councillor Farrar would meet with Beechwood.

968.1 Verges

Nothing further to report.

969. Highways Matters**969.1 Parish Litter pick**

The Parish litter pick signage had been printed and laminated ready to display.

It was noted that this is not a PC event but a Community Event which had been run by Councillor Davies in a resident's capacity for 16 years. All required Risk Assessments had been completed.

It was also noted that this was not an opportunity for political campaigning and anyone trying to use this to enhance their election campaign or political party would be advised not to attend especially with the up-and-coming May elections.

969.2 Finger Post painting

Councillor Davies had intended to discuss the Parish finger post painting with the CCC Rangers on Friday when they delivered the pickers, but this hadn't been possible. Painting of road signposts was discussed, it was suggested that painting black with reflective white stripes might make signposts more visible to motorists. It may be more feasible to wrap the whole post.

Councillor Davies had also found a company online who repair the metal signs – information had been sent to the Clerk.

ACTION:

- (i) Councillor Davies to obtain a quotation for the posts to be wrapped in black and white reflective covering.
- (ii) Single post to be completed as a test and review quality, finish and effectiveness.
- (iii) Try to complete the process prior to the Coventry Half Marathon on 19th April.

969.3 Metal sign repairer

ACTION Councillor Grove to collect the signs from the Chairman and take to the contractor.

969.4 Hedge Cutting

Councillor Davies reported that the hedges on the land belonging to Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, the Park Homes, Oak Lane and Hawkes Mill Lane/Tedd Pitts Lane had been cut by the contractor. This had been arranged for safety reasons.

ACTION: Clerk to write to resident on Hawkes Mill Lane to request reimbursement

969.5 Potholes/carriageway condition

At a previous meeting Councillor Davies had advised that reporting potholes online as a Councillor was much more efficient than directly contacting the relevant CCC dept. The works were carried out the next day or so.

In light of problems with Corley and Solihull potholes, CCC were doing a good job. Councillor Davies had written to CCC and thanked them for their prompt work on Washbrook Lane last week, as suggested by CEO Julie Nugent.

It was reported that there were now more deep potholes on Oak Lane and Bridle Brook Lane where a reflective cone had been placed in the hole by Cllr Parry to warn motorists.

969.6 Cracks in the carriageway

It was noted that the cracks are getting progressively worse.

ACTION: Include a list of the affected roads at the Highways Meeting.

969.7 Footpaths

It was noted that the Clerk had written to Bostocks twice with no reply or action. It was suggested that the Parish Council contacted Lawrence Arnold directly (as contractor) to ask for suggestions when this would be possible to carry out.

The footpath was blocked by a tree at the junction with Brick Hill Lane and had now been cleared by Rick Davies. This was informed on APC Facebook page, but residents had advised they still can't connect to the bridge via the field.

ACTION: Clerk to write to Lawrance Arnold.

969.8 Broken and missing road signs

Councillor Parry had carried out a survey of broken and missing signs in the Parish.

1. Junction of Browns Lane and Hawkesmill Lane - Parish sign broken
2. Junction of Clay Lane & Oak Lane - sign in verge
3. Oak Lane - sign leaning over
4. Oak Lane - right of way pointer broken
5. Washbrook Lane opposite dog waste bin in pull in - one sign lying in grass verge, one sign leaning
6. Washbrook Lane opposite 'The Old Stables' - Sign chopped off
7. Washbrook Lane opposite 'Sherbourne House Farm' - Sign chopped off, post leaning
8. Bridle Brook Lane Parish sign broken (APC removed for repair)
9. Junction of Wall Hill Road & Hollyfast Lane - Larger signs required for 'Access Only Road'
10. Wall Hill Road opposite 'Tidbury Castle Farm' - Tractors Turning sign and post missing
11. Pikers Lane opposite 'Pikers Farm' - Bend sign broken
12. Watery Lane near 'Highfield Farm' - Horses sign leaning

ACTION: Clerk to report to CCC for repairs/replacements.

969.9 Closing off of Watery Lane

The Chairman updated that a meeting had taken place with Highways Safety Officers from CCC to finalise the type, locations and number of bollards along with appropriate signage.

A follow up email had confirmed that Mr Edwards was liaising with local bollard manufacturers and Mr O'Neill was finalising the legal side of the work. It was anticipated that the work would commence in the new financial year as dryer weather conditions were required.

ACTION: Clerk and Chairman to monitor progress.

969.10 Speed of traffic on Wall Hill Road

Nothing further to discuss.

969.11 Agenda items for meeting with Highways staff

Councillors Davies and Burton to progress.

969.12 Gritting update

ACTION: Agenda item for September's agenda.

970. Election Update

The Clerk updated that she had spoken with Liz Reid, Elections Manager at CCC in relation to the 2026 and 2027 elections. Mrs Reid had confirmed that the 2027 Parish Council elections would go ahead as normal with no impact on the 2026 elections.

971. Finance

971.1 To approve payments

Expenditure - 2025-26

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	VAT
30.01.26	E64	Unity	Bank Charges	£6.00	£0.00
04.02.26	E65	DM Payroll	Inv 4732	£72.00	£12.00
04.02.26	E66	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary February	DPA	£0.00
04.02.26	E67	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk	DPA	£0.00
04.02.26	E68	J Chatterton	PC Office expenses and phone	£36.00	£0.00
04.02.26	E69	Heritage Contracting Ltd	Inv0607	£1,128.00	£188.00

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

972. Councillor’s Reports and Items for Future Agendas

- CCTV quotation discussion

973. Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 11th March 2026.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.