

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:45pm****11th October 2021 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley**

Present:	Councillor T Burton (Chairman) Councillor Mrs M Davies Councillor Mrs L Hegarty	Councillor A Hobson Councillor Mrs V Parry Councillor L Swann
Ward Councillors:	Councillor Birdi and Councillor Jandhu	
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In Attendance:	Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO Mr Colin Knight, Director Transportation & Highways, Coventry City Council (part)	

Meeting Commenced at 7:45pm

Councillor Burton was in the Chair.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Attendance by Colin Knight, Director Transportation & Highways, Coventry City Council

The Parish Council had invited Mr Knight to provide an update on the construction of the new link road. Mr Knight last attended the Parish Council meeting in February 2019.

Mr Knight updated:

- CCC had been looking at the various options for the installation of a single roundabout or a double roundabout on the Tamworth Road near the new housing development currently under construction.
- A larger single roundabout proved difficult due to landowners not willing to sell the land required.
- There would be one roundabout at the junction with Long Lane, the second roundabout at the entrance to the development, between the boundary to the houses and the Royal Court Hotel.
- Unfortunately, it was confirmed that there would be a “pinch point” on the corner adjacent to the land at the Royal Court.
- CCC were not willing to go down the route of Compulsory Purchasing the land at the Royal Court – process too lengthy and expensive.
- A cycle lane would be installed, and this was work in progress. Still working through the issues. The cycle route being considered would go down Long Lane, through Coundon Park. The aim was to make the cycle lane more attractive for the cyclist to use the cycle lane and not the highway.
- The link road would be a single road, and 30mph. No desire to build a high capacity or high-speed road link.
- Not designed as a Coventry bypass.
- The houses built would be set back but there was never the intention to widen the road.
- It was CCC’s view that building roads was not the way forward. Other sustainable transport links would be built.

- If there was to be a Coventry bypass, then it would be further out to the west. At this stage unlikely, but if it was built, it would be almost on the Solihull border.

Mr Knight was asked that from a transport point of view did CCC consider that the Keresley and the Eastern Green developments were sustainable. He believed they were.

Mr Knight believed that within 20 years the majority of journeys will be by bicycle.

- CCC have been looking at a mode shift of transport. Eastern Green has an area to allow a very light railway through the site.
- CCC to think about where the links need to be. Coventry has a lot of edge developments and CCC were thinking about picking up these sites. Eg JLR, Giga Factory, Ansty Park. Looking at the edge of the City and thinking about linking them. Looking at the best fit.
- There was an expectation that people would use the new cycle route. Advertising will take place to try and get people to use it.

Mr Knight was asked what was the percentage usage of people ditching the car and using the bike – what was the expectation of people doing this?

- Not high at the minute due to the weather turning and the time of year. It was anticipated that more would use it in the Spring.
- The new cycle route would be the same as the one on Barkers Butts, the same construction and quality from the Eastern Green development to the City Centre.

Bridge Closure in Meriden

Mr Knight confirmed that CCC were working with Solihull.

Conflicting information was causing confusion in relation to when the work would commence and the duration of time. Councillor Mrs Davies referenced an article in the Meriden Parish Magazine stating that the diversion route that was planned to take place on the parish roads would be in place for 9 months.

Mr Knight confirmed that the information he had stated that there would be full closure of the A45 on 21st January, and full closure of the Fillongley Road on 4th January. One day only. Other night-time and weekend closures would also apply.

ACTION:

- (i) Mr Knight would discuss the proposals with Stephen Callow, the officer responsible at CCC.
- (ii) Mr Callow would be invited to attend the next parish council meeting on 22nd November.
- (iii) The relevant officer from Solihull MBC be invited to attend and provide an update.

The Chairman thanked Mr Knight for attending the meeting.

532. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public present.

533. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**Councillor Birdi**

Watery Lane – blocking off the lane was still being considered. Consultation with residents was taking place.

Coundon Wedge – the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Coundon Wedge Road was being considered.

ACTION: Clerk to resend the email to the Ward Councillors requesting assistance with:

- (i) The installation of bins on Watery Lane. One at the junction with Green Lane, the second at the entrance to Elkin Woods.
- (ii) New road signs at the entrances to the Parish.
- (iii) Planters to be attached to the road signs.

Keeping our Green Belt Green (KOGG) – Councillor Birdi enquired as to the status of the Judicial Review, Cllr Davies updated that papers had been served by the barristers.

Councillor Jandhu

Community Speed watch – had taken place on Browns Lane on 26th July.

Any suggestions for the Parish to be sent to councillors. It was noted that Browns Lane was outside the Parish and that the speed limit on many of the roads within Allesley Parish were too high to carry out a speed watch.

534. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence received.

Councillor Ian Farrar was not present.

Councillor Keogh

Disappointment again that Councillor Keogh had still not made contact with the Parish Council. It was noted that he didn't drive and had to rely on public transport. This would prove difficult to support the rural parish of Allesley. It was noted of course, that this did not excuse his total silence and failure to respond to the emails from the Parish Council. The lack of support was in complete contrast to the member that he replaced.

ACTION: Councillors Birdi and Jandhu were requested to speak with Councillor Keogh and express our concern and disappointment at his lack of commitment to Allesley Parish.

535. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

536. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th September 2021 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2021 were approved.

537. MATTERS ARISING

Broken telegraph pole – this had been reported to BT Open reach. An engineer had attended the site but the pole remained.

ACTION: Update to be requested again.

538. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Overhanging hedges on Tedd Pitts Lane – this had been reported to CCC.

Sign on Hollyfast Lane – no fly tipping sign has been knocked over and required sorting.

ACTION: Councillor Mrs Davies to progress.

538.1 Overhanging hedges

Rebecca Archer, Senior Highways Inspector at CCC had carried out site visits and identified the worst areas where some maintenance would be of benefit. CCC were in the process of writing to the residents informing them that they were required to carry out the work.

RESOLVED THAT: the situation to be monitored.

Riparian Responsibilities - An article outlining Riparian Responsibilities to be prepared for the next Allesley parish magazine.

ACTION: Councillor Mrs Davies.

539. PLANNING MATTERS**539.1 Application Number: FUL/2021/2698**

Application Site: Ainsley Grange Pickford Green Lane
Proposal: Erection of five dwellings; partial demolition and extension of Ainsley Grange to form an extended access road and improvements to the site entrance off Pickford Green Lane.

RESOLVED THAT: The Parish Council Objects to the planning application.

539.2 Application Number: FUL/2021/2574

Application Site: Magnolia View Wall Hill Road
Proposal: Change of use from Sui Generis (dog training/kennels) to C3 (the erection of No.9 dwellings plus No.1 replacement garage).

RESOLVED THAT: The Parish Council Objects to the planning application.

539.3 FUL/2021/1301

It was noted that the above application had been passed under delegated authority. The Parish Council had not been consulted on the application. The application was on Wall Hill Road and involved the installation of a building behind the historical building, a track had been laid through the field.

ACTION: To be discussed with Rob Back when he attends a PC meeting.

539.4 Property on Wall Hill Road/Dadleys Wood

It was reported that complaints had been made by residents that unauthorised work was taking place at a property on Wall Hill Road/ Dadleys Wood and the matter had been referred to CCC planning enforcement for investigation.

540. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from David McElroy, Senior Technical Manager at Piper Homes PLC in relation to planning consent FUL/2020/1059 - Development of 115 dwellings including 25% affordable housing provision, and associated works and infrastructure including vehicular and pedestrian access and diversion of public right of way - Land at Pickford Green Lane.

The development scheme included the proposal for an area of public open space, including a SUDs attenuation pond. The developer invited the Parish Council to express an interest in adopting the open space including the pond. The letter received included the proposed engineering layouts.

It should be noted that the land would be subject to a SUDs easement, allowing Severn Trent Water to legally flood and drain the land as they required.

RESOLVED THAT: The Parish Council agreed not to pursue the adoption of the land offered.

541. FINANCE

541.1 To approve payments

Expenditure

DATE	REF	CHEQUE	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
13.09.21	E24	DD	Freeola	Web hosting	£13.86
13.09.21	E25	100282	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary September	DPA
13.09.21	E26	100283	J Chatterton	Expenses September	£106.38
16.09.21	E27	100283	J Chatterton	Flowers for JC	£29.99
29.09.21	E28	100284	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary September	DPA

INCOME

16.09.21	R	100282	CANCELLED	BY BANK	£305.60
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RESOLVED THAT: the payments be approved.

541.2 Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2021

The Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2021 was received and discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 30 th September 2021:	£	£
	£33,566.11	
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Less: any unpaid invoice cheques at 30 th September 2021		
	£305.60	
	£305.60	
		(£305.60)
Add: any un-banked cash at 30 th September 2021	£0.00	
Net balances as at 30 th September 2021		£33,260.51

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows:

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 st April 2021	£22,571.39
Add Receipts up to 30 th September 2021	£14,992.60
Less: Payments up to 30 th September 2021	(£4,303.48)
	£33,260.51

RESOLVED THAT the Bank Reconciliation 30th September 2021 was approved.

541.3 Quarterly Report 30th September 2021

The Quarterly Report 30th September 2021 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the Quarterly Report 30th September 2021 be approved.

541.4 Draft Budget 2022-23

The draft budget for 2022-23 was discussed. Updates were identified and the budget would be discussed further at November's meeting. It was noted that due to the houses being built within the Parish this would have a positive impact on the base rate figure and it was anticipated that this would reduce the amount due per household.

ACTION: Agenda item for November's meeting.

541.5 Police and Crime update

ACTION: Invite the Local Police to January's meeting. West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner to be invited to a future meeting.

542. CCTV

The quotation had been received from the appointed CCTV installation contractor.

It was agreed to install some of the equipment before the end of 2021. These would be at the main entrance points to the Parish.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) It was agreed to order 6 systems (delegated to Councillor Burton).
- (ii) All members were asked to research locations and make contact with any suitable candidates if known to them BEFORE November's meeting. If sites are identified where the occupiers were not known to a Member, the details to be given to the Clerk so that a letter can be sent.
- (iii) Sites to be agreed at November's meeting.
- (iv) Councillor Burton to obtain the annual running cost.
- (v) Process for obtaining information to be confirmed.
- (vi) Signage to be investigated.

543. Task Groups

Updates from task groups

- **Highways & Verges** – (Councillor Mrs Davies)

Councillor Mrs Davies had met with George Scott, CCC and identified the area of the Japanese Knotweed. The first treatment had been carried out. Further work would be undertaken when appropriate.

For sale signs

Councillor Mrs Davies had contacted the Estate Agents whose signs remained on the god cake/verge outside the Park Homes site. Notice had been given that if they were not removed within 2 weeks, then these would be removed by the Parish Council.

- **Flooding** – (Councillor Swann)

Nothing to report.

- **KOGG/CPRE** – (Councillors Hobson, Farrar and Mrs Davies)

CPRE were pursuing the crowd funding to raise funds to support the Judicial Review. More leaflets had been printed and circulated throughout Coventry.

Meetings continued to take place every 2 weeks.

- **Facebook** – (Councillor Mrs Parry)

Councillor Mrs Parry updated that the Parish Council Facebook page was up and running. Information was being uploaded as and when relevant. This was increasing interaction with parishioners.

ACTION: Information on Riparian Landowner Responsibilities to be added when ready.

- **Police & crime** – (Councillor Farrar)

Nothing to report

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

Clerk to start the process to fill the vacancy.

Parish Council Chairman Chains

The whereabouts of the Chairman's Parish Council Chains was unknown.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the former Clerk and widow of the former Chairman, asking if she knew where they were.

545. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 22nd November 2021, Corley Village Hall. It was agreed to start the meeting at 7:30pm due to the number of attendees.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm