

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at 7:45pm

13th November 2023 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley

Present: Councillor T Burton (Chairman) Councillor V Parry
Councillor M Davies Councillor Hobson
Councillor S Grove

Ward Councillors: Councillor Keogh

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In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

Councillor Burton was in the Chair.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Condolences were given to the family of Janet College, former Allesley Parish Councillor, who sadly passed away recently.

519. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public present.

520. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

Councillor Keogh updated:

Development on Browns Lane – the Ward Councillors had objected to the proposed development at the Planning Meeting.

Speeding issues Wall Hill Road – a speed watch would take place later this month on Wall Hill Road but not in the area of concern raised previously by the Parish Council.

521. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Swann and Farrar and City Council Councillor Jandu.

522. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

523. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2023 were received and discussed.

Parishioner update

Correction to September's minutes were noted.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th October 2023 were approved.

524. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

525. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**Hollyfast Lane no through road –**

Councillor Davies reported that with the continuous traffic using Hollyfast Lane and the relentless fly tipping, the Chairman had proposed that the Parish Council consider balloting the residents to ask CCC for a physical “through-road closure”.

The approval of the new development at the Tamworth Road junction made it even more essential that this was carried out as soon as possible.

On 11th November there was an RTA between a car and a van, the car came to rest wedged against the bank of the hedgerow, trapped alongside the van. Contact was made with a knowledgeable resident (former Countryside Project Officer) seeking their thoughts on the above proposal. The response was shared with Councillors but in essence was in favour of such a closure.

It has been originally suggested that replacement of better signage at either end of the road is needed, as they are very dirty and out of sightline to motorists. However, it is felt this would be a futile attempt to prevent traffic using this rat run.

A closure is required to

- Prevent vehicle collisions
- Prevent accidents with pedestrians, cyclists and, especially, horse riders who legally use the lane. A riding yard is situated on the lane
- Prevent fly-tippers who drive through and empty commercial waste from vehicles regularly
- Prevent the additional traffic from the Tamworth Road (and other) developments and future link road to/from M6/Prologis/A45

Councillor Davies had written directly to Ayesha Saleem to object to the developments on behalf of the Parish Council. Coventry City Council has not considered the Parish Council’s concerns regarding the additional traffic generated from such developments.

Consideration should be given to contacting the Transport Officer to ask how Hollyfast Lane is considered when assessing applications. If they regard it as no risk due to the access-only signage, it may be worth contesting this.

ACTION:

- (i) Councillors Davies and Parry to start the consultation process with Hollyfast Lane residents about plans to install physical barriers to prevent through traffic.
- (ii) Agenda item for January.

Noticeboard –**ACTION:**

- (i) It was agreed to move the Parish Council noticeboard next to the bench.
- (ii) Councillor Davies to liaise with the CCC Rangers.

Oak Lane Flooding/Discharge to ditch - On 27th October, Onsite contractors for CCC attended Summerfield and Saxondale on Oak Lane and carried out extensive CCTV investigations into the culvert and drains. It was apparent there is a collapsed culvert beyond the recently repaired culvert outside these properties (as previously been advised) and the subcontractors would submit a report for proposed remedial works to the council.

On 10th November resident chased Mirwise Omar (CCC) for the results of the report and was told they were being reviewed with Neal Thomas (CCC).

On Friday October 27th response received from Frances Ireland, Environment Officer at the Environment Agency after being chased for information relating to the ditch alongside 8 Oak Lane Cottages.

Although she originally advised that dye testing was to be carried out to ascertain the route of the problem with the discharge, she then wrote to apologise and inform that no such testing would now be carried out, due to restrictions on the EA resources. Councillor Davies responded that we were disappointed with this decision and that as a rigorous inspection of the drains and culverts alongside Summerfield, Saxondale and No 8 had been carried out by a subcontractor for the Council, once available to us, we would share the findings with the EA.

Land North A45 - the agricultural land off A45, with access from the layby, has historically caused issues for the Parish Council. On Tuesday 7th November Councillor Davies received a message from Ian Lewis asking if we knew who owned the herd of goats on the A45 as they had escaped. Some of the team had managed to herd them back into the field but, as the fencing was broken, assumed they would escape again.

Site visit to Pickford gate - a few residents are keen to join the Pickford Gate site visit. This would take place during the day and ideally by the New Year, when the planting of the earthworks will be taking place.

ACTION: date to be arranged.

Finger Post/Parish Sign Painting -

ACTION: Clerk to ask Keresley PC if they have had their finger posts and parish signs repainted. If so, could they advise who/how. If not, Councillor Davies will approach Roland Mackie from the Rangers.

Cannabis fly tipping – on Saturday morning there was a cannabis dump on Oak Lane. A large amount of waste covered the verges, ditches, road and even top of hedges from Clay Lane to Harvest Hill Lane. A resident had had to move some of the waste to the verge to be able to drive past. This had been reported online to CCC. It had not been removed prior to the PC meeting.

Potholes – there are some dangerous potholes on the A45 in the area of the single lane traffic past the roadworks. Councillor Davies has asked Ian Lewis to deal with any of concern. However, on Saturday 4th November a car drove through one by the junction with Oak Lane and had a blowout. Contact was made with Highways as an emergency, and they said it would be repaired immediately. Some hours later there were two more cars having tyres replaced and only then were bollards put in place to move traffic to another lane.

If anyone is aware of any potholes beginning to appear in the coming months, residents were asked to contact the Parish Council via the Clerk or Councillor Davies, so that they can be reported before they become dangerous.

525.1 Closing off of Watery Lane

ACTION: Clerk to chase an update from Rachel Goodyer/David Kearnes and David Edwards.

525.2 HGV signs

ACTION: agenda item for January's meeting.

525.3 Speeding issues Wall Hill Road

ACTION: Clerk to contact Highways to find out why there are data capture cables on Washbrook Lane.

526. PLANNING MATTERS

Nothing to discuss.

527. FLOODING

Nothing further to report.

528. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

ACTION: Clerk to create a new Facebook page.

529. POLICE AND CRIME UPDATE

Nothing to report.

530. FLY TIPPING

Nothing further to report.

531. CCTV

Thanks was given to a resident for modifying one of the poles.

ACTION: signage needs installing.

532. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk updated that the pay award for April 2023 had been received from NALC.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to send the information to the payroll provider.
- (ii) Back pay would be included in December's salary.

Issues with CCC officers – the Clerk had emailed Adrian West, Assistant Director, Scrutiny and Transformation, highlighting the issues with Officers not responding to emails. Mr West had been invited to attend November's meeting but due to other commitments was unable to do so. He had promised to respond to issues raised.

ACTION: update to be circulated once received.

533. FINANCE**533.1 To approve payments****Expenditure****2023-24**

DATE	REF	CHEQUE	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
30.09.23	E37	BACS	Unity	Service Charge	£18.00
09.10.23	E38	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary October	DPA
09.10.23	E39	BACS	HMRC	Tax & NI Clerk October	DPA
09.10.23	E40	BACS	J Chatterton	Clerk expenses Sept & Oct	£72.00

**inc VAT*

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

534. Budget and Precept Request 2024-25

The draft budget and Precept request for 2024-25 was received and discussed in detail.

The Precept for 2024-25 was agreed as £16,896.76.

RESOLVED THAT the Precept request for 2024-25 be approved.

535. Parish area and boundary/Government Boundary Review – North Warwickshire**ACTION:**

- (i) the Chairman to send a response to the boundary review to the Clerk for circulation.
- (ii) Councillor Grove to circulate the link for the conservation areas and maps to Councillors.

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

Asian Hornet - information was shared in relation to the Asian Hornet.

537. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 22nd January 2024.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN
Councillor Thomas Burton

22nd January 2024