

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:45pm****24th February 2025 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley**

Present: Councillor T Burton (Chairman) Councillor Grove
Councillor M Davies Councillor Liam Gilleran
Councillor I Farrar Councillor Les Swann
Councillor V Parry Councillor A Hobson

Ward Councillors: 0

Public: 2

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

Councillor Burton was in the Chair

The Chairman opened the meeting.

724. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Brandreth attended to talk through the initial arrangements for the National Ploughing Championships.

- Event to take place on 11th and 12th October
- 200 acres of the land will be full of different things including horses and tractors
- Road and transport - work required to establish the best logistics for road closures
- Located main hub on land in Clay Lane and Bridle Brook Lane
- Road crossing – tractor and trailer transport for spectators
- Car parking – Clay Lane on the left, exit on to Oak Lane, gateway at the bottom
- Potential one-way system due to the width of the lanes
- Mr Brandreth will speak to CCC in the next week or so
- Volume of people unknown but weather dependant
- Keen to get local businesses involved/trade stands/anyone who would like to be involved
- Will be well advertised

Members requested sight of the road traffic plan, once it is designed –

ACTION: APC to have sight of plan.

Fencing in breach of planning, Wall Hill Road – resident concerned that the fence needs to come down, but no action seems to have been taken. Fence is on the Highway belonging to CCC.

Concern with smell and rat infestation from property on Wall Hill Road – parish council are unable to engage a pest control as this is on private land. Resident advised to do so.

ACTION: Cllr Davies to provide the resident with Councillor Christopher's and MP's contact details to ask for assistance with the smell and rat infestation.

725. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ward Councillors Birdi, Jandu and Christopher.

726. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

727. RESPONSES FROM CCC to CEO OF WALC IN RELATION TO OUTSTANDING ISSUES FOR APC

- **Issues with CCC Planning Portal**
- **Breach of CCC Injunction**
- **Lack of any communication with Rob Back**

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk and Chairman are working on the issues and are awaiting legal input. A meeting between the Chairman, Clerk and MP was awaiting confirmation of a mutually convenient date.

728. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS

None present. No reports sent.

ACTION: Clerk to remind Ward Councillors to send written reports.

729. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2025 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th January 2025 be approved.

730. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that were not listed on the agenda.

731. PLANNING MATTERS – Cllrs Hobson and Grove to lead**731.1 Development over the A45 – Eastern Green SUE**

It was noted that there was evidence that local residents had been consulted, but this consisted of putting leaflets through doors. But no meeting attendance.

731.2 PL/2025/000013/PAAF - Land East of Wall Hill Hall (Wall Hill Shetlands) Wall Hill Road

The Clerk had contacted the Case Officer for the above development. Stating that we noted that the application is a "Prior Approval Application" and not a full application, however the PC formally registered the following.

"The Parish Council disputes the grounds for Permitted Development for application PL/2025/000013/PAAF.

The site was until recently part of 'Wall Hill Hall', which was sold by the applicant AFTER planning consent had been gained to demolish the house and outbuildings including an agricultural building suited for the purposes stated and build 5 new houses on the site. As the buildings were used under Class Q the permitted development rights are suspended for 10 years.

The applicant may submit a full planning application without prejudice, but NOT a prior approval.

We would remind the department that a similar mistake was made recently on a local site, this error was admitted to and confirmed by Mr Back in person at the Parish Council's May 2024 meeting and has involved significant legal costs which Mr Back also agreed to reimburse at the same meeting."

ACTION:

- (i) monitor the planning application.
- (ii) Matter to be added to the legal issues.
- (iii) Legislation to be reviewed.

Brownhill Green Conservation Area – A response to the Freedom of Information request had not been received.

732. FLOODING

Councillor Swann – no issues to report.

Councillor Davies updated on the issues on Oak Lane - some unblocking of ditches had be undertaken. The ditches had been blocked with leaves and “cannisters”. Issues identified at the entrance to Oaklands Farm, Clay Lane.

ACTION: Councillor Davies to progress.

733. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE – Cllr Parry to lead

ACTION: Clerk to re-mail the petition details to Cllrs.

ACTION: Councillor Hobson to put the Watery Lane petition details to go on the Facebook page.

734. POLICE AND CRIME UPDATE – Cllr Farrar to lead

Nothing to report.

735. FLY TIPPING – Cllr Parry to lead

All incidents have been reported to CCC for removal.

Hollyfast Lane – continued to be a hotspot for incidents.

Pikers Lane - bottles of wine and gas cannisters frequently present.

Watery Lane – barrels and a Henry Hoover. Reported and cleared.

736. CCTV

Nothing to report.

737. CORRESPONDENCE**737.1 Complaint from Parishioner on Hollyberry Way**

A resident from a newbuild property on the Eastern Green side of the Parish had raised a complaint with CCC asking why they were having to pay precept. This was noted by the Parish Council and the matter was left for Liz Reid, Elections Manager to respond.

The resident was unhappy with the response received from Mrs Reid, and further complaint sent to the Parish Council. Resident has requested that the PC raises a petition to change the boundary of the parish to remove the houses located in that area.

It was noted that a considerable amount of background work was required to prepare a boundary review proposal prior to the Parish Council raising a petition to request a Governance boundary review. Consultation with parishioners was required.

737.2 ICO – note the increase in fee

It was noted that the ICO had increased their annual fee from £35.00 to £52.00 per year.

738. Parish area and boundary

ACTION: Cllrs Grove and Burton to design the proposed new map.

739. Government Boundary Review – North Warwickshire

Ongoing.

740. HIGHWAYS MATTERS – Cllr Davies to lead

Heritage “no Through Road sign” – Tedd Pitts Lane - bracket requires tightening.

Welcome sign corner Wall Hill Road and Stonehouse Lane – requires a new bracket.

ACTION: Councillor Gilleran to check signs on Tedd Pitts Lane, Wall Hill Road junction with Stonehouse Lane and Bridle Brook Lane.

Painting of finger posts – when the Rangers dropped off the litter pickers Cllr Davies asked about repainting the finger posts in the Parish. The Rangers asked Cllr Davies to write to their new Manager, Abi Foster to make an official request.

Broken and dirty signs - many of the footpath signs had broken or disappeared. The advice from the Rangers was to write to Lex Le Marinel, Public Rights of Way Officer. However, emails had been ignored for some considerable time!

ACTION: Councillor Davies to write to Abi Foster to progress the issues.

Dirty road signs – the idea of requesting parishioners and Allesley residents to volunteer to take part in sign washing of the parish signage was discussed. This could be a community event which wouldn't be too onerous if a few people volunteered. Ward Councillors would be invited to help out.

ACTION: Councillor Davies to decide on a date and advertise. Include invitation the Ward Councillors and MP's Office.

Coundon Cycle Way Extension – Councillor Davies attended the second information session. The event was well attended. Ian Lewis and his whole team were there with plans and explanations of the Keresley Relief Road linking to the Coundon Cycle Route. The main issue was with regard to traffic diversions during the works. These are due to start shortly.

There would be traffic lights at Tamworth Road/Long Lane. The queue of HGVs has the potential to reach back to the roundabout by the Garden Centre (as happens when lights are installed here). This would encourage Amazon traffic (and others) to cut through Coundon and Brownhill Green/Allesley to avoid the queues.

Ian Lewis was asked to discuss this with the TM Team, and he agreed that ANPR cameras would be installed to catch perpetrators, and they WILL be enforced. He agreed this situation will be monitored.

The MP would also offer support with this.

It was noted that there has been no consultation on this project, the lawfulness of this was questioned. Concerns were raised about traffic issues where the cycle path crosses Brownhill Green Road which will block the entire roundabout very quickly.

The question as to why this work was starting before the relief road and its junction(s) had even completed the design stages was raised.

The path is to be lit all night, which was felt to be unnecessary, polluting and inappropriate especially as streetlights are being switched off in many parts of the city.

Weight restriction signs – these needed to be installed in the Parish as soon as possible, preferably before the works start for the cycle routes and the first phase of the new link road roundabouts.

Councillor Davies had liaised with Ward Councillor Christopher about the above issues. She confirmed that she had already chased CCC on the issues for other parishioners and has agreed that both the A45/Oak Lane junction needs restriction, and that the Watery Lane Road closure should go ahead.

It was also noted that the MP was also on board with this.

Litter pick – the litter pick went ahead on Sunday 16th February - it had been well promoted on social media and with the usual laminated signs around the parish and some in Allesley village. The turnout was disappointing but those that did join in worked very hard. Councillor Bea Christopher helped out at the litter pick.

A large number of new number plates were found. It was suggested that cars are being stolen and plates changed locally.

ACTION: Police to be informed of the number plates.

Verge mowing – it was agreed that the final verge cut of the year had been successful, with little extra growth since and the verges looked tidy. The hedgerows had received a hard cut back this year.

740.1 Closing off of Watery Lane

The CCC online petition was live. Councillors were encouraged to inform parishioners and provide the details.

ACTION: when complete request Ward Councillors to present the petition.

740.2 Broken and missing road signs

Discussed previously.

740.3 Improvements to Hollyfast Lane (currently no through road)

ACTION: Councillor Davies to talk to Ian Lewis about ANPR on Hollyfast Lane.

740.4 75th British National Ploughing Championships & Country Festival

Covered during public participation.

741. FINANCE**741.1 To approve payments****Expenditure****2024-25**

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
30.01.25	E59	Unity	Monthly Service Charge	£6.00
03.02.25	E60	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary February	DPA
03.02.25	E61	HMRC	Tax & NI inc Employer NI	DPA
03.02.25	E62	J Chatterton	Expenses February	£36.00

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved and the income noted.

742. GOVERNANCE

The following policies were circulated for approval.

1. APC Risk Assessment Policy February 2025 (*no update*)
2. Internal Financial Controls February 2025 (*no update*)
3. Health & Safety Policy February 2025 (*no update*)
4. Asset Register 2024-25

RESOLVED THAT the above policies be approved.

ACTION: Councillor Gilleran to survey the parish council benches.

743. Coventry City Council Complaint

To be dealt with as part of the issues with WALC and progressed with assistance from the MP.

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

Update on Ploughing Championships (11th and 12th October)

745. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 24th March 2025

Meeting closed at 9:35pm.