

## ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley

**Present:** Councillor T Burton (Chairman) Councillor V Parry  
Councillor M Davies Councillor A Hobson  
Councillor I Farrar Councillor L Swann

**Ward Councillors:** 0

**Public:** 5

**In Attendance:** Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

*Councillor Burton was in the Chair.*

The Chairman opened the meeting.

### **556. PUBLIC FORUM**

#### Northbrook Athletic Club

Two Members of the Northbrook Athletic Club attended the meeting to update the Parish Council on their annual event, which would take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. This is a 10k run which will require closure of Coventry roads including some within Allesley Parish.

The Club have acknowledged previous issues experienced by residents which the road closures cause and have made some adjustments to the timings this year. The children's run will start earlier and so in turn will be the main race. The roads would be opened by the race marshals as soon as the last runners had passed through.

The Club worked with the organisers of Allesley Festival so the administration costs, including road closures, could be shared, without this it is likely that the events would not take place.

The Parish Council explained that, while they supported local events, these did cause inconvenience for parishioners who needed to get to work, religious attendance, care givers and those who needed to tend to livestock with it being a rural parish. It was acknowledged that Northbrook Athletic Club were a local organisation to Allesley Parish so the parish council were more supportive than towards larger events which always seem to involve longer road closures within the parish.

The Club promised to keep the parish council updated.

#### Attendance by the Police

PSCO Kris Underwood and 2 colleagues attended the meeting to listen to concerns and provide updates.

#### Injunction made at Birmingham High Court – A90BM232 – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014

#### Made between Coventry City Council and Allesley Resident

The Chairman had previously obtained a response from the Police but for the benefit of Members, PSCO Underwood was asked to explain the situation with regards to the enforcement of the Injunction.

PSCO Underwood confirmed that she had checked with her supervisor who reiterated that as CCC had taken out the injunction against the resident then they were the party with the responsibility for upholding it and dealing with the current blatant breaches.

It was also acknowledged that this is a civil matter, and the police only deal with criminal offences.

The Parish Council are still receiving a high volume of complaints in relation to noise nuisance. The persistent dog barking being reported by residents on Watery Lane, Wall Hill Road and Common Lane (Corley Parish). The level of barking at all hours is having a very negative impact on residents and there is an increase in disappointment and concern that nothing is being done.

Numerous dogs have been observed at the property despite no more than 3 being permitted including visiting dogs at any one time. Reports of activities in relation to dog breeding and dog training have also been received.

**ACTION:** Allesley Parish Council to write formally to the Legal Department at CCC and update them on the current situation, requesting an explanation as to why they are failing to enforce their original injunction.

Fly tipping – The Chairman updated that during a recent incident of fly tipping the gate to the property was removed to enable the offender to enter a field with a vehicle. Items were found in the adjacent roadside ditch. Some of the identifiable items recovered were passed to the Police.

**ACTION:** Councillor Burton to provide PSCO Underwood of the “what3words” for the location.

#### WMnow

**ACTION:** join for the weekly updates for the Bablake Ward.

#### Traffic Calming on Wall Hill Road

**ACTION:** Involve the Ward Councillors for consideration of safety measures.

#### **557. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

None present.

#### **558. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor, Councillor Grove and Ward Councillors Birdi and Jandu.

Councillor Keogh was not present and had not sent apologies.

#### **559. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **560. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be approved.

#### **561. MATTERS ARISING**

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

**562. PLANNING MATTERS – Cllrs Hobson and Grove to lead**

<b>562.1 Application number:</b>	<b>PL/2024/0000368/FUL</b>
Site:	The Cottage Pickford Green Lane
Proposal:	Erection of detached house and garage (Self Build)

**RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Council OBJECTS to the application.

**562.2 Development on Wall Hill Road (Former Wall Hill Hall site)**

Concern was raised at the level of external lighting to the buildings. This gives an urban affect and not in keeping with the rural setting.

**ACTION:** Councillor Grove to investigate conditions applied to the permission.

**563. FLOODING**Flooding Wall Hill Road at the junction of Bridle Brook Lane

It was confirmed that maintaining the ditch and culvert are the landowner's responsibility as covered by the 'Riparian Responsibility' guidelines.

**ACTION:** Councillor Swann to provide the contact details for the landowner.

BT pole Wall Hill Road

Pole previously reported to be blocking the ditch but no response or action from Openreach.

**ACTION:** Clerk to send information to Councillor Davies.

Fly tipping – garden waste

It was reported that a professional gardener is dumping his waste on Bridle Brook Lane on a regular basis.

Issues on Oak Lane

It was reported that problems with the blocked culvert on Oak Lane have continued in the last month and the dates for repair works to be carried out by the City Council have changed yet again. As advised at February's meeting, the work was due to be carried out last week but is now booked for the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March.

The works are covered by a road closure permit for two weeks. Councillor Davies has spoken with Mirwise Omar about this, he advised that they hoped the road will only be closed for one week, with the second as a safety net.

CCC have suggested the road will open from 4pm each day and at the weekend, for vehicles to access. They have reassured APC that they have changed their traffic management team, so hopefully this will actually happen.

Road Closures

In addition to this (potential) two-week closure, there is a permit for a closure of Oak Lane at the junction with Brick Hill Lane between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April and another from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April for pipe repairs by Severn Trent Water, which will carry on from the council work. The permit states 'closure'. Councillor Davies has contacted ST to enquire if this will actually be managed by traffic lights and access over the weekend period.

The closure scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> March had not yet begun.

There are also mystery closure signs on Oak Lane, between Lilac Cottage and Harvest Hill Lane, for 1<sup>st</sup> April. ST say they have no knowledge of this. The signage appears unprofessional, and 1<sup>st</sup> April is a bank holiday, so perhaps this relates to a sporting event?

The latest updates also include a ST closure for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May for 'comms pipe repairs' on Oak Lane. This would result in a total closure of Oak Lane of four and a half weeks within a 6 week period. This is felt to be unacceptable and needs to be raised with Highways at CCC.

**ACTION:** Councillor Davies to liaise with CCC.

#### **564. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

**ACTION:** Councillor Hobson to share the admin rights so members can post.

#### **565. POLICE AND CRIME UPDATE – Cllr Farrar to lead**

Congratulations to Councillor Farrar for reuniting a member of the public with her possessions which were stolen in a burglary, having investigated some suspicious items fly tipped on Hollyfast Lane.

#### **566. FLY TIPPING – Cllr Parry to lead**

All incidents have been reported and removed by the Council.

#### **567. CCTV – Cllrs Hobson and Burton to lead**

The system at Washbrook Lane had been installed but was not yet operational. A dummy camera had been installed at an undisclosed location.

#### **568. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing further to discuss.

#### **569. Parish area and boundary/Government Boundary Review – North Warwickshire**

Ongoing.

#### **570. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

##### Tree Concerns

Councillor Burton confirmed he has sent the tree measurements to the Tree Officer, Robert Penlington on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and discussed the problems with him. Having heard nothing from Mr Penlington, Councillor Burton contacted him again on 13<sup>th</sup> March.

##### Ancient Arden Guidelines

With so many issues in the parish relating to abuse of the trees and hedgerows, it was suggested that APC print copies of the "Ancient Arden Guidelines", to give to all Councillors and land users within the parish.

**ACTION:** cost to be obtained for printing.

##### Goats

Over recent months there have been reports of escaped goats on the A45 opposite the new development at Pickford Gate. This week reports were received from residents that they had escaped twice and on the second occasion a team from the CCC (based at the site) kindly investigated to see if the goats were still at large (as they had herded them back in previously).

The fences on the owner's land are inadequate and need repairing to prevent the goats from escaping again.

Councillor Davies has spoken with the landowner to has promised to engage a contractor to repair the fence as soon as possible. APC have also requested the parish holding number required to keep livestock. This information is awaited.

#### 570.1 Closing off of Watery Lane

Further update expected from CCC after 29<sup>th</sup> March.

#### 570.2 HGV signs

Nothing further to report.

#### 570.3 Speeding issues Wall Hill Road

Nothing further to report.

#### 570.4 Traffic Issues Hollyfast Lane

Progressing.

### 571. FINANCE

#### 571.1 To approve payments

##### Expenditure

##### 2023-24

DATE	REF	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
08.03.24	E65	Freeola	Website	£14.76*
01.03.24	E66	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary March	DPA
01.03.24	E67	HMRC	Tax & NI March	DPA
01.03.24	E68	J Chatterton	Expenses March	£36.00

\*inc VAT

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

### 572. GOVERNANCE

The following policies were reviewed:

1. APC Risk Assessment Policy March 2024
2. Internal Financial Controls March 2024
3. Health & Safety Policy March 2024
4. Asset Register 2023-24

**RESOLVED THAT** the polices be approved.

### 573. CCC and PC Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The Clerk and Chairman reported that they had attended the quarterly meeting with CCC on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. Items discussed included:

The outstanding issues regarding Watery Lane development. Wall Hill Road Injunction and Fence, Rob Back committed to respond to the Chairman by 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

The City Boundary Review had postponed reporting back on the consultation until after the May elections to avoid confusion

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to confirm Rob Back's statement that most of the housing allocation called for in the local plan review had already been allocated in the previous plan.

Issues with communication were raised, and we were asked to use the parish council queries email address. Rob Back claimed not to have received any correspondence from the Clerk, and agreed that he would attend the next Allesley PC meeting in person.

**574. Coventry City Council Complaint**

Members of the Parish Council were disappointed to learn that after today's CCC and PC meeting that nothing has changed and the issues to continue.

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

Nothing further to add.

**576. Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 following the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting would also take place on this date.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm