

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:45pm
2nd September 2019 at Bree Hall, All Saints Church, Allesley

Present: Councillor T Burton (Vice Chairman) Councillor Mrs V Parry
Councillor A Hobson Councillor W Shakespeare
Councillor Mrs L Hegarty Councillor L Swann (Chairman)

Ward Councillors: Councillor Williams

Public: 2 (part)

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

Meeting Commenced at 7:45pm

298. PUBLIC FORUM

289. Building on Pikers Farm field

Following discussion at July's meeting in relation to the large field shelter on Pikers Farm's field the owners attended to question why this was raised and to discuss. They confirmed the shelter was 20' x 12' (approximately) and they felt was in-keeping with the area.

It was noted that the Clerk had requested clarification from the Planning Department as to whether the building required planning permission.

ACTION: Clerk to email Martin Potts.

(members of the public left the meeting)

Councillor Glenn Williams updated on the following:

260 Hawkes Mill Lane

The Planning permission had been refused by CCC officers and would not be going to Planning Committee.

Road Closures

Full Cabinet Meeting would take place on 3rd September. Due to the by-election taking place on Thursday 4th September, Councillors were under the purdah period and only written questions were permitted, if they were deemed too political, they would be revoked. Councillor Williams confirmed that he would raise the issue of road closures in the Parish for events such as cycle races etc.

Question:

"Roads across Coventry have to be closed to support various events throughout the year, such as the Coventry Half Marathon, Northbrook Run, and the new 'Velo' event; yet it always seems to be the same roads that are closed, especially in Coundon, Allesley and the rural areas. Residents would like to know if the Cabinet Member would consider using different routes for certain events so that it isn't always the same residents who have to suffer consistent inconvenience."

Answer:

The Cabinet Member is aware of the need to consider the impact on residents and businesses of the road closure plans for events. Event organisers propose the routes and all proposed road closures are considered in-depth and consulted on with our partners and internal colleagues. Road closures have to be approved by the Highways service. Whilst routes are determined by the organisers, the Council influences the routes and aims to ensure stewarding and publicity inform and assist residents during periods when roads are closed. These events are predominantly held on Sundays, to mitigate impact on residents as far as possible. While events make a significant contribution to the city, the Cabinet Member is mindful of the need for balance, and alternative routes are being considered for some events, including Velo in 2020.

ACTION: Councillor Williams would request that the Cabinet Member meets with a sub-committee of the Parish Council to discuss the impact of road closures.

White Lodge – planning permission had been refused.

299. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor I Farrer and Councillor Mrs J Colledge.

300. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

301. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd JULY 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd July 2019 were discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2019 were approved subject to the amendments.

302. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

303. Highways**Trees**

Request was made for CCC tree officers to carry out a tree survey throughout the Parish.

ACTION: Clerk to contact CCC.

Japanese Knotweed

Issue with Japanese Knotweed raised again.

ACTION: (1) Councillor Mrs Parry to send photographs to the Clerk.
(2) Clerk to send to CCC for action.

304. PLANNING MATTERS

To Consider Planning Applications received since the last meeting

Weekly list for the period 28 July to 3 August 2019

Nothing to discuss

Weekly list for the period 4 August to 10 August 2019**304.1 Application Number: TP/2019/1772**

Application Site: Post Box 14m From Middlemarch Environmental Ltd. Triumph House
Birmingham Road

Application Type: Works to TPO Trees

Proposal: Ash (T1) - crown lift to 5m above ground level.

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

Weekly list for the period 11 August to 17 August 2019

Nothing to discuss

Weekly list for the period 18 August to 24 August 2019**304.2 Application Number: H/2019/1624**

Application Site: Saxondale Oak Lane

Proposal: Single storey side extension

RESOLVED THAT: No comment.

Weekly list for the period 25 August to 31 August 2019**305. PLANNING COMPLAINT**

Following a complaint sent to CCC Planning Department a response had been received from Tracey Miller. The Parish Council agreed that the response was not acceptable.

RESOLVED THAT the Clerk contact WALC and ask for advice.

306. CORRESPONDENCE**306.1 Letter from Highways England**

Notification had been received from Highways England in relation to conducting some bridge inspection work on the M40 and M42. This work would help them to determine if any bridges had any structural issues and need immediate work doing. While these inspections are being undertaken a diversion would be in place diverting traffic off the motorway through the Parish local area. This work would take place on 09/09/2019. The diversion would be in place from 21:00 09/09/2019 to 04:30 10/09/2019.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

306.2 Meeting with CCC

The Clerk updated that a meeting was being held on Tuesday 1st October in the Council House with key members of CCC.

On the agenda, it was proposed to include:

- Developing protocols/arrangements for working together – particularly to pick up the annual cycle around elections, precept setting etc
- Communications and the potential for establishing regular meetings between the councils.
- Code of Conduct issues including registers of interests and complaints

Councillors were requested to let the Clerk know if there was anything else that would be useful to include.

RESOLVED THAT the update be noted.

307. Finance

307.1 to approve payments: -

Cheque Payments (Current Account)				
Date	Reference	Payee	Details	Value
02.09.19		J Chatterton	Clerk Salary August DPA	
02.09.19		J Chatterton	Office Allowance & mileage Sept	£16.00
02.09.19		J Chatterton	Clerk Salary September DPA	
02.09.19		DM Payroll	Payroll Services	£45.50
02.09.19		Allesley Village Hall	Defibrillator donation	£200.00
02.09.19		Freeola	Quarterly web hosting	£13.86

RESOLVED THAT the above payments be approved.

308. POLICE & CRIME

308.1 Response from Ashley Bertie, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

A letter had been received from Ashley Bertie, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner which said:

07 August 2019

Dear *Councillor Williams,*

Thank you for your letter received on 29 July 2019.

We have reviewed reported crime in Allesley. Since 1 June 2019 there have been 18 reported offences, which equates to 2 per week. This is very low when compared to many other places across the City. Allesley is not considered a rural location, and is covered by the Holbrooks, Radford, Sherborne and Bablake team.

There have been some serious incidents of violence over the last few months, which has understandably seen us prioritise the deployment of resources to elsewhere in the City. The threat and risk associated with these incidents, the prevalence of young people being involved and the tension this has caused to local communities has meant we have had to reduce the investment in policing other areas of crime for short periods.

There continues to be patrols by both the local teams and force resources. Across the South and North West of Coventry, we have achieved a year to date reduction of 12.6% at this point in time. This is a real positive, particularly at this challenging period when schools are out and public place violence continues to remain a significant challenge for the City.

We look forward to your continued support in ensuring the concerns of local communities are being heard and acknowledged.

Yours sincerely

The Parish Council were unhappy with this response.

RESOLVED THAT

- (1) Councillor Williams would raise at the Full Council meeting.
- (2) Councillor Williams would request that David Jamieson attended a future meeting of the Parish Council.

308.2. CCTV

Discussion took place about the actions that could be taken to help safeguard residents of the Parish from what they considered to be an epidemic of burglaries in the rural area. The Parish Council had been trying to engage with West Midlands Police, as previously discussed, David Jamieson's response said he considered the average of two burglaries a week to be low compared to other parts of the city, and that he does not consider Allesley Parish to be a Rural location.

The Parish was therefore not considered a priority for police resources. Parishioners were requested to take the opportunity to ask anyone affected by crime to report it immediately as it really was important to give the statistics which govern our available resources.

Crime prevention was to form part of the neighbourhood plan which itself had so far received very limited support. It was decided that it would be in the best interests of the residents of the parish to cancel the neighbourhood plan project and divert all the funding which had been put aside for this to a new project – CCTV.

We know from past data that it is most likely that vehicles used in rural burglaries were themselves stolen, or that they are uninsured or wanted from some previous incident. It was the Parish Council's intention to monitor as many roads in and out and within the parish as possible with standalone ANPR camera systems. We hoped to be able to feedback data in real time to the police to alert them of vehicles worthy of their attention, with the hope of preventing crime before it occurred, or at least identifying suspect vehicles following an incident. This would, we hoped, also help with fly tipping which was a regular problem also.

Although in the early stages, we hoped to progress this project quickly. To do so there was a need for volunteer households to host the camera systems. They would need to have a suitable location close enough to the road, and to provide access to power and an internet connection. Any other help which can be offered would be gratefully received.

RESOLVED THAT work progressed to start the project. Clerk to contact Corley Parish Council requesting the possibility of a joint venture.

309. NHP

Discussion took place to divert the budget set aside for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan to the installation of CCTV within the Parish.

It was agreed that this would be a more proactive approach, provide a quicker improvement to the Parish.

Proposed Councillor Burton Seconded Councillors Mrs Hegarty Unanimous

RESOLVED THAT it was agreed to spend the NHP budget on a CCTV project.

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

CIL Monies

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Interim Clerk to Keresley in relation to the CIL Working Group.

Blocking of public right of way

It was noted that a resident of Pikers Lane was putting up notices which state that the public right of way is closed due to the them holding a private party on the land.

ACTION: Clerk to write to the Rights of Way Officers at CCC.

311. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 14th October 2019.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

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