

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 7th September 2015 at 7.45 pm
at All Saints Church, Allesley

Present: Cllr L Swann (Chairman for part of meeting)
Cllr T Burton (Chairman for meeting from item 5.)
Cllr Mrs J Colledge
Cllr W Shakespeare (left after item 14 on the Agenda)
Cllr Ms V Smith
Cllr I Farrar
Cllr A Deakin
The Clerk

2 members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public was present to raise concern at a planning application. Members noted concerns raised.

The Chairman asked members if they wished to bring planning application HH/2015/2490 forward to discuss and this was agreed.

MINUTE 46/2015 - PLANNING MATTERS

List dated 21st August 2015
Proposed Development HH/2015/2490 Millbourne House, Washbrook Lane

Members discussed this application and consideration of concerns raised during Public forum.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council object on the following grounds:

- a) it is considered there is no justification for any changes since the previous planning application was submitted in 2006 and the grounds of objection submitted by the Parish Council to the previous application in 2006 are still relevant in that the application site is an attractive area of Coventry's Ancient Arden landscape in the green belt. It can be viewed from rising ground on the public footpath network by runners, horseriders and cyclists, and is on the Coventry cycle route.
- b) The original barn conversions were permitted on the basis that the appearance of the barn and curtilage would be altered as little as possible in order to retain the original functional character and surrounding of the buildings as reflected in the City Council's guidance on 'Conversion of Redundant Farm Buildings'.
- c) The proposed extension would therefore cause harm to the green belt because it is inappropriate, would diminish openness and is visually detrimental by reason of the siting, whilst failing to contribute to the achievement of any objectives for the use of land in the green belt. It is also felt that the proposed development is over intensive and that extensions to these locally listed barns would dilute their original functional character and encourage similar applications, which will then be more difficult for policy to be applied.

APOLOGIES

Received from Ward Cllr Birdi.

MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTEREST

There were no declarations.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

MINUTE 28/2015 – CO-OPTION

Members considered the application for co-option received from Mr A Deakin. Mr Deakin was present at the meeting. He advised that he had lived in the parish for 7 years, was self employed, interested in parish matters and the local community and concerned about local crime. He outlined his family interests and hobbies. He looked forward to working with the Parish Council if co-opted.

RESOLVED: that Andrew Deakin be co-opted onto the Parish Council. He signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took office.

At this point the Chairman had to leave due to an urgent matter which had arisen and the Vice Chairman, Cllr Burton took the chair.

MINUTE 47/2015 - MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th June 2015 were submitted as circulated and read.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th June 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

MINUTE 48/2015 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) MINUTE 38/2015 – SPORTS CLUB – HAWKESMILL LANE – LACK OF PARKING FACILITIES

The Clerk advised that a letter had been sent to Hawkesmill Sports Club, but no response had been received. She confirmed that if the Parish Council wished to pursue the matter, it should raise it with West Midlands Police or the Highway Authority.

Cllr Ms Smith advised that she was likely to go to the Sports Club regarding a particular matter and should the opportunity arise, she would raise the matter on an informal basis.

RESOLVED: that the matter be placed on the next Agenda.

MINUTE 49/2015 - BABLAKE WARD FORUM – JULY

Cllr Shakespeare and Cllr Mrs Colledge had both attended the Ward Forum and found it interesting and informative, although there had been a low attendance. Cllr Shakespeare advised a presentation had been given on the options for a combined authority. The presentation had been given by a junior officer, and the impression given was that it was still in a formative stage and officers did not know the full impact.

With regard to the Warwickshire/Coventry Consultation, it was noted that Warwickshire had voted against joining the proposed new West Midlands combined authorities.

RESOLVED: that consultation on the options for a combined authority be placed on the next Agenda for discussion.

Cllr Shakespeare expressed concern about difficulties in obtaining information from the Crown Court Service, in particular a local fatality where he wanted to know the outcome. The Clerk pointed out that it was not a matter for the Parish Council.

MINUTE 50/2015 - WALC – NEWSLETTER ‘COUNCIL COURIER’ / NALC LEGAL UPDATES

Recent updates received from WALC had been circulated to members.

RESOLVED: that the correspondence be noted and that correspondence received just before the meeting relating to Transparency be placed on the next Agenda.

MINUTE 51/2015 – COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Members noted the invitation from the City Council to a meeting on the 8th September, 2015 when an update on the Local Plan progress would be given.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Ian Farrar and Cllr Bill Shakespeare attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

MINUTE 32/2015 – TREE SURGERY IN THE PARISH – OAK TREES

Members noted the position regarding the request for the Parish Council to write to individual landowners asking them to replace trees which had been cut down, but that this was the responsibility of the City Council who could request landowners replace trees in accordance with the City Council's policy.

Cllr Farrar updated members on discussions he had had with Godfrey Payton who would be talking to their trustees about trees in September.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Farrar be delegated to look at options for free trees to be provided within the parish and the formalities for volunteers to be approached to plant such trees, and for links to be developed with other stakeholders in general within the parish with a view to increasing the number of trees within the parish.

MINUTE 33/2015 – REQUEST BY KERESLEY PARISH COUNCIL FOR LETTER TO BE SENT BY THAT COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF PARISH COUNCILS, INCLUDING ALLESLEY, TO CRAIG TRACY MP EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER DAW MILL AND THE PRESSURE ON THE GREEN BELT IN NORTH WARWICKSHIRE

Members noted that a copy of the draft letter by Keresley Parish Council had been requested for the Parish Council to approve, but no such letter had been received.

MINUTE 52/2015 – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members considered the appointment of the WALC sponsored Planning Consultant to attend a Parish Council Meeting and give a presentation on neighbourhood plans, the first two hours of the Consultant's time to be met by WALC.

RESOLVED: that the offer be accepted and the Planning Consultant sponsored by WALC be asked to give a presentation to the Parish Council on undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan at the next Meeting, his travelling expenses to be reimbursed. A budget of £100 including travelling expenses was approved.

MINUTE 37/2015 – HAMLET SIGN (HARVEST HILL) UPDATE

Members noted that the missing sign had been found by Norman Slater. He and Cllr Shakespeare had returned the sign to the City Council, but unfortunately the sign had been damaged and it will not be re-erected. With regard to a request for a replacement sign, the City Council advise that it has a small budget to maintain street furniture, but will consider a replacement sign at the end of the financial year.

MINUTE 53/2015 – COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL – APPLICATION UNDER S53 OF THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 TO ADD A PUBLIC FOOTPATH FROM COUNDON WEDGE DRIVE TO HOLLYFAST ROAD, CHURCH WALK TO COUNDON WEDGE DRIVE, BIRMINGHAM ROAD TO CHURCH WALK AND WINSFORD AVENUE TO BIRMINGHAM ROAD

Members considered four Definitive Map Modification Order applications to have the route recorded on the Definitive Map as public footpaths.

RESOLVED: that the applications be noted.

MINUTE 9/2015 – PARISH COUNCIL’S STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED:that this item be deferred to the October Parish Council Meeting.

MINUTE 53/2015 - HIGHWAYS MATTERS -UPDATE

Wall Hill Road Potholes

Members considered the written report submitted by Ward Cllr Birdi with regard to progress on the surface of Wall Hill Road. Members expressed their appreciation at his action taken in progressing the matter.

The Chairman, Cllr Burton, advised that he considered work was required to Wall Hill Road as a matter of urgency as the road surface would be lethal in the winter, half of the road had disappeared. Cllr Farrar stated that resurfacing of roads and pothole repairs had been undertaken, but Wall Hill Road had been ignored. Cllr Burton indicated that he was happy to meet City Council Officers with Ward Councillors on site if this would assist.

RESOLVED:that the Clerk advise the City Council that notwithstanding it's funding arrangements, the state of the road is considered to be dangerous now having regard to the winter months approaching and to request urgent remedial work be undertaken.

Wall Hill Road – Overhanging Trees

The Chairman advised that the trees needed further pruning as they had not been cut back hard enough.

Cllr Shakespeare left the meeting.

MINUTE 54/2015 – ANNUAL PROMOTION OF HONOURS AND QUEEN’S AWARDS

Members noted receipt of email dated 10th August 2015 from the West Midlands Lieutenancy requesting any nominations for next year’s Queen’s Awards for Voluntary Services to be submitted by 18th September and for Enterprise which need to be submitted by 30th September.

MINUTE 46/2015 - PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning applications

List dated 4th September 2015

Application Number:PA/2015/3024 Application Site: Land North Of A45 Birmingham Road Near Brick Hill Lane Post Code: CV5 9BU N. Proposal: Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development-proposed building for storage of livestock, feed and agricultural machinery.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council object and that Cllr Farrar be delegated to draft the objection for the Clerk to submit to the City Council.

List dated 28th August 2015 No applications

External Consultation :Proposal: Listed building consent for reinstatement of 2no. bays to balcony due to defective floor. Re-joining existing balcony and external stairs.. At: Windmill Village Hotel Birmingham Road Coventry together with Proposal: Reinstatement of 2no. bays to balcony due to defective floor. Re-joining existing balcony and external stairs.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council note the applications.

List dated 21st August 2015

Application Number:HH/2015/2490 Valid date: 07/08/2015 Application Site: Millbourne House WashbrookLane Proposal: Single storey rear and two storey side extension.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council object on the grounds considered earlier:

List dated 14th August 2015

Application Number:AD/2015/2747 Application Site: Hawkes End Farm Hawkes Mill Lane CV5 9FP.Proposal: Submission of non-material amended details involving alteration to the fenestration and roof lights and using PV solar panels instead of solar slates on the roof slope to planning application reference number FUL/2014/4080 granted permission on 12 February 2015 for removal of existing agricultural buildings and replacement with a new single dwelling with separate single garage / log store.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council note the application.

List dated 7th August 2015

No applications

List dated 31st July 2015

No applications

List dated 24th July

No applications

List dated 17th July

No applications

List dated 10th July

No applications

MINUTE 55/2015 – FINANCE

a) Payments

All Saints Church	£78.00
Hire of Bree Hall - 13 meetings	

Warwickshire Training Partnership	£15.00
Good Councillors Guide – 10 copies	

Warwickshire Training Partnership	£45.00
Seminar – 10 th October	

D M Weir	£68.00
Use of home as office allowance – 6 months	

RESOLVED: that the payments presented for payment be approved.

MINUTE 44/2015 – NEXT MEETING

Date of next Meeting: 19th October 2015.

MINUTE 45/2015 - COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Reminder: Seminar for new members at Corley Village Hall on Saturday, 10th October 2015.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm.