

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:45pm
12th April 2021 the meeting was held via Zoom

Present: Councillor T Burton (Vice Chairman) Councillor A Hobson
Councillor Mrs M Davies Councillor Mrs V Parry
Councillor Mrs L Hegarty Councillor I Farrar

Ward Councillors: Councillor Williams, Councillor Jandu

Public: 1 (Christine Macpherson)

In Attendance: Jane Chatterton, Clerk & RFO

Meeting Commenced at 7:45pm

Councillor Burton was in the Chair.

468. PUBLIC FORUM

Fly tipping

Councillor Williams updated on the increase in fly tipping taking place throughout the parish. Coventry City Council insist that incidents in other areas in the City are higher, the highest being Foleshill. Councillor Williams confirmed that he will investigate further to ascertain where Allesley is ranked on the list.

Despite requests, CCC continue to refuse to install CCTV cameras. Evidence was seized from a recent incident of fly tipping and sent to CCC with a view to prosecution.

It was confirmed that the booking system in operation at the Coventry Tip was working well, with no significant delays in obtaining appointments.

The Parish Council agreed that more intervention and action was required.

Death of the Duke of Edinburgh

Councillor Jandu gave a tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh who had died on 9th April 2021. Thoughts and prayers were extended to the Royal Family and the Queen. CCC were flying the flag outside the Council House at half mast as a sign of respect.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations continued to be administered to Coventry residents. Drop-in clinics were available to those who met the qualifying criteria. Centres included the Coventry Muslim Centre in Red Lane and Foleshill Family Hub.

469. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Les Swann and Councillor Mrs Janet Colledge.

470. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

471. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd February 2021 were discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd February 2021 were approved.

472. MATTERS ARISINGAttendance from Rob Back

Information on the link road had been received but the information relating to the s106 Eastern Green SUE remained outstanding.

ACTION: Clerk to chase a response from Rob Back.

Oak Lane – Cllr Davis requested signage saying “no access for HGVs” but CCC had stated the road was perfectly suitable to be used by HGVs. In light of concerns about Oak Lane becoming a ‘rat run’ once the Keresley Link Road is opened Cllr Burton suggested that access from Oak Lane to the A45 (but not vice versa) should be cut off completely. A discussion was left inconclusive.

Planning application S73/2021/0337 - Land to the North and South of A45. Removal of condition 19 to remove the requirement for layby imposed on planning permission FUL/2019/2671 for construction of grade separated junction with associated access roads, landscaping, drainage and engineering works granted on 25/06/20. It was noted that this would be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting being held on 22nd April 2021.

473. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**473.1 Flooding**

Councillor Mrs Davies updated that she had attended a meeting on 8th April with Officers from CCC and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Flood Team. Discussion had taken place in relation to who held the responsibility in relation to flood prevention.

Further discussion took place in relation to circulating a document to parishioners providing information on land drainage rights and responsibilities. The legislation confirmed that landowners held the responsibility to maintain the ditch along their hedge line and this was not the responsibility of CCC.

Further information could be found at:

www.api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-1039-69

ACTION:

- (i) Details to be included in the Allesley Parish Magazine.
- (ii) Check to see if Pickford Green Lane still has flooding issues.

473.2 Tamworth Road carriageway condition

It was noted that the Tamworth Road near the Horse and Jockey required resurfacing, large potholes had developed. The surface is also rapidly deteriorating in the vicinity of the new development site near Long Lane as a result of construction traffic and regular sweeping.

ACTION: Report to CCC for action.

473.3 Wall Hill Road – Road Closure

ACTION: Request details for the reason for the road closure.

474. PLANNING MATTERS**Sandpitts Cottage – Oak Lane/Brick Hill Lane**

Several complaints had been received from residents in relation to work being carried out at Sandpitts Cottage. The house was being developed. Planning permissions could not be found, and it was not known if the work fell within permitted development rights.

The people carrying out the work were lighting nuisance bonfires.

The bonfire issue had been reported to Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement had been requested to investigate the building work.

FUL/2020/2879 - Land Adjacent to Spring Cottage, Watery Lane

The above application was on the agenda of the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 22nd April 2021. The agent representing the applicant had requested that the Parish Council attend the meeting to speak in support of the application.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, no one was available to attend. A further letter would be sent to CCC confirming the Parish Council's support of the application.

Property located on the A45 (The Gables, Birmingham Road)

Concern was raised at the size of the extensions being built.

ACTION: Check relevant permissions are in place.

475. CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to discuss.

476. MEETING WITH CCC on 29th March 2021

The Clerk updated that she had attended a meeting with Officers at CCC, representatives from WALC and the 3 Parish Council's in Coventry.

Discussion took place on:

Communications and working arrangements

- (a) Development of a Charter
- (b) Planning Communications
- (c) Development of a Coventry Area Committee for WALC

Updates from the City Council, including

- (a) Code of Conduct for Elected and Co-opted Members
- (b) Public Authority Meetings: Post May

The next meeting was scheduled for June 2021.

ACTION:

- (i) Clerk to circulate links and documents for Councillor comments.
- (ii) Code of Conduct to be updated.

477. FINANCE**477.1 To approve payments**

Date	Ref	Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
13.01.21	E42	100256	WALC	Training 21199	£18.00
15.01.21	E43	100257	CPRE	Donation for Judicial review	£1,500.00
01.03.21	E44	100259	J Chatterton	Salary March	DPA
01.03.21	E45	100260	J Chatterton	Stationery reimbursement	£16.89
01.03.21	E46	100261	J Chatterton	Expenses Feb & March	£45.00
11.03.21	E47	DD	Feeeola	Web hosting	£13.86
18.03.21	E48	DD	ICO	Membership	£35.00

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Date	Ref	Cheque No	Payee	Details	Amount
01.04.21	E1	100262	J Chatterton	April Salary	DPA
01.04.21	E2	100263	J Chatterton	Expenses April	£48.80
01.04.21	E3	100264	WALC	Subscription	£326.00

RESOLVED THAT the payments be approved.

477.2 Bank Reconciliation 31st March 2021

The Bank Reconciliation 31st March 2021 was discussed.

Balance per bank statements as at 31 st March 2021:	£	£
	£22,571.39	
	_____	£22,571.39
Less: any unrepresented cheques at 31 st March 2021	£0.00	
	£0.00	
	_____	(£0.00)
Add: any un-banked cash at 31 st March 2021	£0.00	
Net balances as at 31 st March 2021		_____ £22,571.39

The net balances reconcile to the Cash Book (receipts and payments account) for the year, as follows:

CASH BOOK

Opening Balance 1 st April 2020	£17,867.01
Add Receipts up to 31 st March 2021	£13,023.00
Less: Payments up to 31 st March 2021	(£8,318.62)
Closing balance per cash book as at 31 st March 2021	_____ £22,571.39

RESOLVED THAT the Bank Reconciliation 31st March 2021 be approved.

477.3 Quarterly Report 31st March 2021

The Quarterly Report 31st March 2021 was received and discussed.

RESOLVED THAT the Quarterly Report 31st March 2021 be approved.

478. Mowing of Verges within the Parish

Clerk updated that the Service Level Agreement from CCC was still outstanding.

ACTION: Chase CCC.

479. Police and Crime update

Nothing to report.

480. Fly tipping increase

Further to previous discussion, actions to alleviate the problem were explored.

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) The Parish Council to purchase cameras and signage.
- (ii) Councillor Farrar to provide the Clerk with information on which cameras to purchase.
- (iii) Clerk to order the signage, 12 in total.

481. CCTV

Nothing further to report.

482. KOGG Update

Councillor Hobson updated on the recent KOGG meetings. KOGG were chasing the ONS figures. The next meeting was scheduled for 13th April. Further updates when known. Councillor Hobson was asked to request feedback on the Judicial Review for which the council had donated £1,500. He was also asked to express concern that KOGG should keep to their key objective of preventing excessive greenbelt development and not be getting involved in an argument with the Forestry Commission about woodland maintenance, which it was felt would damage their credibility at a crucial point.

483. Date of the next meeting

The Clerk updated that due to the legislation not being extended by the Government, the ability to hold Parish Council meetings virtually (via Zoom) would cease on 7th May 2021. A court hearing was taking place in April, where a Parish Council had taken the Government's decision to the High Court in an attempt to overturn the decision. The result was awaited.

NALC and WALC advice was to complete all necessary Parish Council business ahead of the 7th of May, thereafter the Clerk would continue to run the Parish Council under a Scheme of Delegation until such time that it was safe to resume face to face meetings. These meetings would be in line with the Government Road map (after 21st June).

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 26th April 2021 to enable members to complete the Audit process. The Clerk also reported that this had caused increase pressure on time constraints with the added issue that the Audit Timeframe had not been extended like it had in 2020. Failure to complete the Audit prior to the set date would result in a financial penalty.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN
Councillor Thomas Burton

26th April 2021