

ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 20thOctober 2014 at 7.45 pm
at All Saints Church, Allesley

Present: Cllr W Jeffery (Chairman)
Cllr N Slater

Cllr T Burton
Cllr J Colledge

Cllr L Swann
Cllr V Smith
Cllr W Shakespeare
The Clerk

Ward Cllr Birdi
7 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting commencing with Public Forum.

PUBLIC FORUM

Local residents from within the parish and outside the parish were present to raise concerns with the Parish Council regarding proposals contained in the City Council's draft Local Plan and to request the Parish Council's support in objecting to proposed development within the Green Belt. Mrs Davies, Brickhill Lane, advertised that she had only just found out about the Local Plan Consultation which finishes on 31st October 2014. Residents were concerned about proposed development identified in the draft Local Plan in the proximity of Oak Hill Lane and Brick Hill Lane. Cllr Shakespeare referred to Government policies which had weakened protection of the green belt. Cllr Shakespeare suggested the City Council should adopt Option 1 to minimise the impact of development proposed in the Local Plan.

Reference was made to potholes in Oak Lane and new street lighting provided by Coventry City and why was this needed when existing lighting had been switched off. Mrs Davies referred to the problem of the oak trees in Oak Lane which an Arboriculturist was going to inspect. The Chairman suggested sending a copy of any report to the Clerk.

Cllr Shakespeare passed a draft letter to Mr Farr. The Clerk queried whether the response was on behalf of the Parish Council and asked for a copy of the draft letter. Cllr Shakespeare indicated that he had circulated the draft letter not as a parish councillor, but as a private individual.

Following extensive discussion from members of the public regarding the draft Local Plan the Chairman opened the meeting commencing with Apologies.

APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mrs T Astbury. Cllr Shakespeare advised that he had not attended meetings due to not being given due notice of the meetings.

The Clerk advised that he received the same notice that all members received in accordance with statutory requirements. It had also been indicated at meetings that he would be attending when he had not done so.

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

None declared.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The **Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 9th September 2014** had been circulated.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th September be approved subject to amendments made to the Minutes at the Meeting and passed to the Chairman to initial and sign.

MINUTE 56/2014 - COVENTRY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

A copy of the next stage in the development of the City Council's new Local Plan had been emailed to members on the 15th September. Working jointly with the City Council's neighbouring authorities through the duty to cooperate the City Council advise that they believe the way forward for the city lies in sustainable growth on brownfield sites where possible and where appropriate and sustainable, growth on land currently within the greenbelt. Cllr Shakespeare proposed a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

Local residents in attendance then left the meeting and the Chairman thanked members of the public for attending the meeting.

Cllr Burton stated that the Parish Council was here to support local resident's views, but felt that all residents' views should be considered.

Following consideration of resident's views during Public Forum, and the proposal by Cllr Shakespeare:

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council respond expressing a view about the poor level of awareness locally and it was felt that the City Council's performance in this area was not as good as it might be. It was felt that the Council should adopt a plan which minimises the threat to the openness and attractiveness of the area. The rural aspect was now threatened by the City Council adopting a plan which includes building on green belt.

The City Council previously resolved it would not build on green belt and the Parish Council urge the City Council to adopt Plan 1 which minimises the impact on the parish and the city.

MINUTE 39/2012 - HIGHWAYS MATTERS -UPDATE

Cllr Burton advised that the surface of Wall Hill Road was now dangerous because of so many potholes. Members noted that a response was awaited from the City Council with regard to issues raised regarding Wall Hill Road.

MINUTE 57/2014 - WALC – NEWSLETTER – August-September 2014 / NALC - Legal Topic Notes

Members had been circulated with an email copy of NALC Legal Topic Notes and correspondence received from WALC, including Notice of the AGM on 4th November 2014 and requirement for members attending to be authorised to vote. Cllrs Shakespeare and Jeffery indicated that they may attend.

RESOLVED: that Cllrs Shakespeare and Jeffery be authorised to attend the WALC AGM and to vote should they be able to attend.

MINUTE 58/2014 - THE PENSIONS ACT 2008

Members considered the WALC Newsletter emailed to all members on 15th September 2014, setting out the Council's obligations under the Pensions Act 2008 with regard to "Entitled Workers" which are workers aged 16 - 74 who earn less than £5564. Entitled Workers can require the employer to arrange for them to join a pension scheme. The scheme does not have to be a "qualifying scheme" and the employer does not have to contribute to it." Cllr Burton asked the Clerk to check the position with regard to the Parish Council's employee.

MINUTE 59/2014 -BABLAKE WARD FORUM

The Chairman reported to members on the Ward Forum he had attended on the 10th September 2014.

MINUTE 60/2014 - PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning applications

List dated 12th September – no applications

List dated 19th September – no applications

List dated 26th September

Application Number: NOT/2014/3148

Application Type Agriculture and Forestry - Prior Notification -Land North Of A45 Birmingham Road -
Erection of an agricultural building

Members advised they had been unable to find this application on the City Council's website. Concern was expressed over the access/egress arrangements from the field.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk request further information regarding this application

Application Number: FUL/2014/1420

Hillfields Farm Harvest Hill Lane, CV5 9DD - Barn Conversion to Dwelling (Retrospective application)

RESOLVED: that the application be noted.

List dated week ending 3rd October - No applications

List dated week ending 10th October - No applications

List dated week ending 17th October – No applications

Cllr Burton declared an interest in the following application as the applicant was a customer of his.

Application Number: 2014/2784

Application Site: Wall Hill Cottage Wall Hill Road, Allesley

Replacement ancillary building to include stables and garden store

RESOLVED: that the application be noted.

MINUTE 43/2014 - WALL HILL ROAD -- SIGNAGE

Cllr Slater reported that the matter had been dealt with, the sign had now been removed. Members discussed a local breakin when a toolbox had been taken.

MINUTE 51/2014 - SECTION 85 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Following the letter sent to Cllr Shakespeare at the request of members, Cllr Shakespeare indicated that the reason he had not attended meetings was because he considered he had not been served the summons in accordance with due practice and procedure and wished this to be minuted. The Clerk advised this was not correct. He received the same notice that all members received and in addition he received a paper copy. A member had also indicated that he would be attending meetings, when he had not done so.

MINUTE 61/2014 - FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs D Weir

£59.79

Reimbursement of expenses as per schedule

b) Reconciliation of Accounts to 30th September

These were inspected by Cllr Burton.

MINUTE 62/2014 – 62/2014 EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/2014

The Accounts have been returned. An unqualified audit has been given and no matters drawn to the attention of the Council.

MINUTE 54/2014 - COMPLAINT – FLYTIPPING

The Clerk updated members with regard to the drainage pipes at Harvest Hill Lane. The City Council had passed the request for them to be removed onto Streetpride.

Cllr Slater reported further instances of flytipping at Pikers Lane and Wall Hill Road. The Clerk advised she would raise these with Coventry City Council.

MINUTE 63/2014 - DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

This item was deferred to the next Parish Council Meeting.

MINUTE 55/2014 – TO NOTE ANY COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

a) letter from Whitley Local History Group

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm and thanked Ward Cllr Birdi for attending the meeting.

Date of next Meeting : 24th November 2014