

## ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:30pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley**

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

**Ward Councillors:** Councillor Birdi and Councillor Jandu

**Public:** 0

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

Meeting Commenced at 7:30pm

*Councillor Burton was in the Chair.*

The Chairman opened the meeting.

**Attendance by Jamie Horsley, Senior Engineer – Projects (Structures) Highway Infrastructure Economy & Infrastructure, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Member of the Construction Team, Belfour Beaty.**

The Parish Council had asked Jamie Horsley to attend the meeting to clarify the arrangements for the work planned to the Meriden Road Bridge. The Parish Council required factual information due to the conflicting information being provided by CCC representatives.

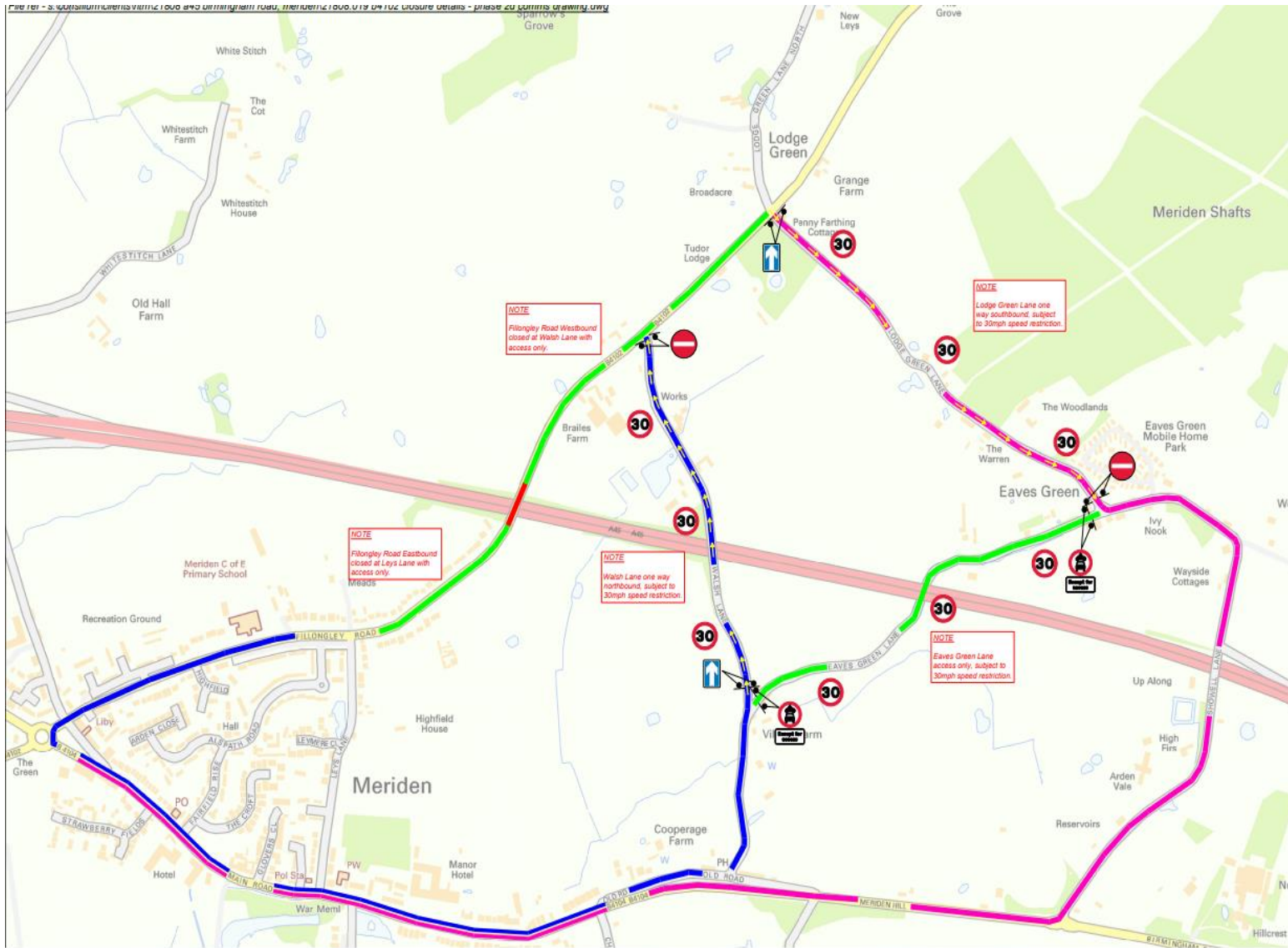
It was confirmed that:

**Construction**

- Work would start on 4<sup>th</sup> January (A45 full closure for that weekend)
- Meriden Road Bridge would then remain closed until mid-August.
- Single lane closure on the A45 whilst the bridge is constructed above.
- Work included diverting utilities within the bridge structure, preparatory work had commenced in July.
- A couple of weekend closures would follow as they put in the steel beams. Concreted the deck etc.

**Diversion**

- Solihull Highways' official diversion for light traffic included using roads of the same category.
- Walsh Lane to remain open because of local residents, including farmers.
- One way network would have a 30mph restriction.
- Official HGV diversion via Furnace End, Coleshill and Stonebridge which the parish council felt was too long and likely to encourage HGV traffic to cut through Allesley Parish using unsuitable roads.



**KEY**

- Sign
- Red line Closed road
- Blue line EB Diversion route
- Pink line WB diversion route
- Green line Access only
- Yellow arrow One way road
- Red circle with 30 Subject to Speed limit

**Eastbound diversion detail**

- >B4102 Fillongley Road
- >B4104 Main Road
- >Old Road
- >Eaves Green Lane
- >Walsh Lane

**Westbound diversion detail**

- >B4102 Fillongley Road
- >Lodge Green Lane
- >Showell Lane
- >B4104 Meriden Hill
- >B4104 Main Road

Rev	Description	Revisions	By	Chkd	Date
Client					
<b>Balfour Beatty</b>					
Project					
Fillongley Bridge					
Grid Ref: 424783 , 282683					
Title					

**Parish Council Roads**

- It was noted that local residents would ignore the main diversion routes and use local parish roads.
- Many parish roads were not suitable for a heavy increased traffic flow as they were twisting and winding.
- HGVs get stuck because the roads are not suitable for HGVs.
- Many of the lanes have no pavements but have pedestrians, the increase in traffic was a safety concern.

The representatives confirmed that a road safety survey would be carried out.

The Parish Council proposed that a solution would be to include signage on the A45 Eastbound to direct traffic NOT to travel on Oak Lane and to head towards the Coundon Wedge Road and pick up major roads.

Jamie confirmed that traffic management was planned to go through Shustoke. Some apps should update including Google maps. The apps should know that the road was closed and divert the traffic and stop them getting to the closed road and then having to divert.

It was anticipated, from experience that there would be a period of 4-6 weeks where there would be difficulties until people fell into new habits.

The Parish Council stated that they would like a permanent “unsuitable for HGVs” on the A45 turn off onto Oak Lane – it was confirmed that this would be down to CCC.

**ACTION:**

- (i) PC to inform Jamie of the roads where there were concerns. They would look at these along with the traffic management survey.
- (ii) Solihull would work with Coventry to see what needs to be put in place.

Information to be added to other local newsletters, including, Corley, Allesley etc magazine.

The Chairman thanked them for the valuable update. Cllr Davies delegated to liaise with Jamie.

**546. PUBLIC FORUM** To adjourn to allow public participation  
Nothing to report.

**547. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

The Chairman asked the Ward Councillors for an update on the closing off of Watery Lane – it was confirmed that this was still being worked on.

**548. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence. Ward Councillors were reminded that the Parish Council had still received no acknowledgement from Cllr Keogh, this is now being considered as extremely rude and unprofessional.

David Robinson, Senior Network Co-ordinator – Events Coventry City Council failed to attend or apologise, he was due to discuss road closures for sporting events.

**549. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**550. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were approved.

**551. MATTERS ARISING**

Colin Knight - Attendance at October's meeting

**ACTION:**

- (i) Write a response to Colin Knight.
- (ii) Invite Mr Knight to attend January's meeting to provide an update.

**552. HIGHWAYS MATTERS – Cllr Davies to lead****Verge Mowing**

The Clerk confirmed that the Engrossed copy of the Service Level Agreement (Licence to Mow) the approved list of verges within the Parish was being prepared by the CCC legal team for signing.

CCC had to cut the final mow of 2021 as the Parish Council did not have the necessary permission to employ a contractor. It was noted that the ditches were full, there was a requirement on the landowners to clear them so that the ditches were clear running.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Clerk to chase the legal document.
- (ii) To start cutting from Spring 2022.
- (iii) Cllr Davies to request CCC to cut the verges again.

**God cake (Brick Hill Lane) – for-sale signs**

Councillor Mrs Davies updated that the for-sale signs had now been removed and were stored out of the way. Despite being requested to, these had not been removed by the estate agents.

**552.1 Overhanging hedges**

It was reported that letters had been sent out to residents from CCC and most had acted and cut their hedges.

The problem areas appeared to have been cut back and the hazards had been removed.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to Rebecca Alcock, CCC and thank her for her assistance, the work had been carried out.

**553. PLANNING MATTERS – Cllr Hobson to lead**

**553.1 Application no:** FUL/2021/1279  
**Site:** Sunnyside Farm, Wall Hill Road  
**Proposal:** Erection of a new self-build bungalow

**RESOLVED THAT:** The parish council OBJECTS to the application as they had to previous applications.

**553.2 Home Meadow, Wall Hill Road**

Concerns had been received from residents in relation to activity at Home Meadow on Wall Hill Road. Increase in moving heavy goods vehicles and vans and the ground being turned into a storage facility. Shipping containers and a static caravan were visible from the road. It had been reported that the property would be used for a business. Drainage work had also taken place and a new additional entrance appeared to have been created.

**ACTION:**

- (i) Investigation required to see if the development had the necessary planning permission.
- (ii) Investigate the drainage work, check that this had not involved diverting any water way.

**553.3 S106 Agreements**

There had been approval for planning developments within the Parish, but the Parish Council had not been consulted on any s106 payments.

**ACTION:** Meeting to be scheduled with Rob Back CCC to discuss.

**554. Flooding****Brick Hill Lane**

It was reported that the flooding issues on Brick Hill Lane had been sorted.

**Oak Lane**

Flooding had occurred on Oak Lane after the recent heavy rain. Water had run off the fields and through to the ditch. The culvert is blocked, and this caused flooding to the neighbouring house.

Legislation indicated that CCC should repair the culvert.

The resident of the flooded property had written to the City Council and were looking into who had the responsibility to carry out the required work. A response from CCC was awaited.

**ACTION:** The situation to be monitored.

**555. KOGG/CPRE Update – Cllrs Davies, Farrar and Hobson to lead**

Meetings continued to be held every two weeks. Councillors Mrs Davies and Hobson attended the meetings when possible.

**ACTION:** Updates to be provided on future decisions.

**556. Social Media Update – Cllr Parry to lead**

Issues with the Facebook page were being sorted.

**557. Police and Crime Update – Cllr Farrar to lead**

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team and request attendance at a future meeting.

**558. CCTV**

The desired locations of the first 6 installations were discussed in detail.

Councillors were requested to contact the relevant property owners.

Wall Hill Road (opposite Watery Lane) – (Clerk)  
Property on Washbrook Lane – Councillor Farrar  
Property on Stonehouse Lane – Councillor Burton  
Property on Hawkesmill Lane – Cllr Burton  
Property on Hollyfast Lane – Cllr Hobson

Severn Trent owned land, Wall Hill Road – Councillor Mrs Hegarty

**ACTION:** To be discussed further to enable the survey to be conducted.

**559. CORRESPONDENCE****559.1 Councillor Vacancy**

Coventry City Council had notified the Parish Council that we can proceed to fill the vacancy via co-option.

The vacancy would be advertised on the PC Website, Facebook and noticeboard.

**559.2 Coventry Half Marathon**

Question was raised about the responsibility for clearing up after the Coventry Half marathon. After the event the parish was littered with water bottles and packets from energy drinks. These could be found in the verges and were blocking ditches. Barriers and remains of a water station had also been left behind.

The concern was also raised that care staff had not been permitted to come through the barriers and get to their patients. They had been told by the organiser's marshals that they had to park outside the route and walk. This was not acceptable.

Another resident had lost a day's pay because she wasn't able to get to work.

Despite the event being organised to raise funds for charity the impact on Parishioners was totally unacceptable.

**ACTION:** Write to the event organiser and request a response. Request attendance at the next meeting by officer.

**560. FINANCE****560.1 To approve payments****Expenditure**

DATE	REF	CHEQUE	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
13.10.21	E28	100286	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary October	DPA
13.10.21	E29	100287	J Chatterton	Expenses October	£19.13
13.10.21	E30	100288	J Chatterton	Stationery Ink	£17.02

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**560.2 Draft Budget and Precept Request 2022-23**

The draft budget and Precept Request for 2022-23 was discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The Precept Request for 2022-23 be approved at £15,287.00.
- (ii) Clerk to send the Precept Request to CCC.

**561. Meeting Dates 2022**

The meeting dates for 2022 were discussed.

**Meeting Dates for 2022**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

*March – No meeting*

11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 (**Annual Parish Council Meeting**)

13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

*August – No meeting*

12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

*December – no meeting*

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The dates be approved.
- (ii) Clerk to book Corley Village Hall.

**562. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:****Fly tipping**

Fly tipping occurred on 20<sup>th</sup> October. A video of the offending person dumping the waste had been sent the police and CCC. In spite of the evidence available to date nothing had been done to secure a prosecution.

**ACTION:** Councillor Birdi to progress.

**563. Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Corley Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
COUNCILLOR THOMAS BURTON

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022