# ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 26th January 2015 at 7.45 pm at All Saints Church, Allesley

Present: Cllr W Jeffery (Chairman) Cllr T Burton Cllr Ms Smith Cllr Mrs J Colledge Cllr L Swann Cllr W Shakespeare The Clerk

3 members of the public

# **MINUTE 1/2015 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Members noted the resignation of the Chairman as Chairman.

**RESOLVED:-** that Cllr Jeffery continue as Chairman until the Elections.

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

# **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Milner, Kersley Parish Council was in attendance to raise with the Parish Council the possibility of holding a joint hustings meeting for the Bablake Ward. He outlined his proposals. The Clerk suggested that he seek advice as to whether or not such as proposal could validly be undertaken and read the guidance note on the Purdah Period. Mr Milner noted that the Parish Council could not consider the matter as his email had been received too late for it to be included on the agenda.

A local resident was in attendance to outline his planning application and request the Parish Council's support to the application. Following consideration of the plans the members advised that the application would be considered during the Agenda Item for Planning.

# **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Slater and Mrs Astbury.

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

None declared.

#### **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None received.

#### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The <u>Minutes of the Council Meetingheld on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014</u> had been circulated. **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup>November be approved.

#### **MINUTE 70/2014 – MEMBERS ALLOWANCES REGUATIONS**

The Clerk confirmed that a response was awaited from the City Council.

#### MINUTE 2/2015 - PRECEPT 2015/2016

A draft budget had been circulated and members considered the Council's budgetary requirements taking into account the tax base and level of grant available. Members noted the possibility of election costs arising in the event of an election.

**RESOLVED:-** that the precept to be raised for the financial year 2015/2016 and upon which the charge per household will be calculated, be set at £3,466 plus the grant of £734 making a total of £4,200.

#### MINUTE 39/2012 - HIGHWAYS MATTERS -UPDATE

Members discussed visibility at the junction of Windmill Hill and Washbrook Lane, due to hedge height. Cllr Burton requested an invitation be sent to ward councillors to attend a parish council meeting to explain what Coventry City Council would be doing about this matter. Cllr Shakespeare said that if drivers were driving within the speed limit, there was not a problem. The Chairman disagreed with this. Cllr Shakespeare stated that he thought traffic calming was an improvement on Browns Lane and referred to the comments made at the Ward Forum and that he considered the traffic calming was successful. Members considered the position with regard to the alleged cannabis plants being dumped in the ditch at Pikers Lane and the complaint of raw sewage being dumped.

**RESOLVED:**that the situation be noted.

# MINUTE 3/2015 - WALC – NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING SEMINARS/ELECTIONS TIMETABLE/PROTOCOL FOR DEALING WITH MEDIA AND FILMING OF MEETINGS/CONSULTATION ON PARISH POLLS/NOMINATION FOR ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

Members had been circulated with email correspondence from WALC and noted forthcoming seminars. Cllr Shakespeare expressed an interest in attending the WALC Annual Seminar and the Clerk asked him to let her have his choice of workshops which are required to be completed when registering delegates online.

**RESOLVED**: that Cllr Shakespeare be nominated for attendance at the Royal Garden Party together with Mrs Shakespeare.

#### MINUTE 4/2015-COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL - HALF MARATHON - SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2015

Members noted an email dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 from Go2events, Bath, notifying the Parish Council of Coventry's Half Marathon travel and access information and enclosing a copy of the 2015 race route along with the road closures that will be in place. The events company advised that they would be running a thorough communications programme throughout January and February 2015, to all affected residents, organisations and businesses along, and close to, the race route.

**RESOLVED:**that the Parish Council note the information provided.

# MINUTE 70/2014 DISPLAY OF ADVERTISEMENTS - DADLEYS WOOD

Members noted advice from the City Council that the breach of planning control identified on the site has now been partially resolved. With regard to the remaining sign, the City Council have been advised that this sign has been in position for more than 10 years and as they have no information to suggest otherwise, they would not be able to pursue a successful prosecution.

#### MINUTE 5/2015 - NJC NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2014-2016 FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Members noted details of the NJC Salary Award received from WALC. The increase comprises of a lump sum payable in December which is pro rata and paid to all employees who are in post on 1 December 2014. The lump sum payment was a non consolidated payment with an annual increase payable with effect from 1st January, 2015. A calculation had been provided for members.

**RESOLVED:**that the NJC National Salary Award be approved.

# **MINUTE 5/2015 - PLANNING MATTERS**

a) City Council Planning Policy Policy Arrangements – Members noted receipt of an email dated 7th January from the City Council's newly appointed Planning Policy Manager.

b) Planning applications List dated week ending 28th November 2014 No applications

List dated week ending 5th December 2014 No applications

List dated week ending 12th December 2014 Application Number: FUL/2014/4081 Application Site: Tidbury Castle Farm Wall Hill Road - Post Code : CV7 8AF Replacement dwelling **RESOLVED:**that the Parish Council note the application.

List dated week ending 19th December 2014 No applications

List dated week ending 2nd January 2015 Application Number: FUL/2014/3615 Application Site: Brownshill Green United Reform Church Hawkes Mill Lane - Post Code : CV5 9FQ Demolition of 3 detached dwellings.

**RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council express concern that a) there does not appear to be a site notice clearly displayed and the validity of the application is questioned, b) concern at the boundary treatment of the individual plots, particularly the former church and it is unclear whether the former church will be converted and c) concern overancient hedgerow. Parking provision to be queried.

Application Number: FUL/2014/4080 Application Site: Hawkes End Farm Hawkes Mill Lane - Post Code : CV5 9FP Removal of existing agricultural buildings and replacement with a new single dwelling with separate single garage / log store Members considered the application and copy plans.

**RESOLVED:**that the Parish Council support the application.

List dated week ending 9th January 2015 – No applications List dated week ending 16th January 2015 – No applications

# **MINUTE 6/2015 - POLICY – RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

A draft protocol based on the WALC Model had been circulated for consideration.

**RESOLVED:**that the Parish Council adopt the Draft Protocol.

# MINUTE 7/2015 – FINANCE

a) Payments I Geddes Website Maintenance

Cheque no 100067£30.28

**RESOLVED**:-that the payments presented be approved for payment.

b) Appointment of Internal Auditor

**RESOLVED:**that Mr Robinson be re-appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor for the financial year 2014/2015.

MINUTE 71/2014 - ALLLESLEY CHARITIES ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2014 This item was deferred for a written report to be provided.

# MINUTE 8/2015 - COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

There were no communications.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 pm.