

**ALLESLEY PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7:30pm****28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 the meeting was held at Corley Village Hall, Church Lane, Corley**

**Present:** Councillor T Burton (Chairman) Councillor L Swann  
Councillor Mrs V Parry Councillor Mrs L Hegarty  
Councillor Ian Farrar Councillor Adrian Hobson (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Mandy Davies

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

**Public:** 2 (Mr and Mrs Jackson)

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

Meeting Commenced at 7:30pm

*Councillor Burton was in the Chair.*

The Chairman opened the meeting.

**Attendance by Ian Lewis, Project Delivery Officer, Coventry City Council  
Richard Frost – Project Officer, Coventry City Council**

The Officers attended the meeting to talk through the plans and works in relation to the A45.

Question was raised as to why there was going to be a roundabout on the northside.

Mr Lewis reported that this was to slow the traffic down as the vehicles left the A45, the intention was to reduce the speed of vehicles. This decision was supported by a road safety audit, this had looked at the design issues and this had been their recommendation.

Concerns had been raised that this would then become a link road. Mr Lewis said currently that this was not the intention, and the new bridge was for the Eastern Green traffic coming from and back on to the A45.

It was stated that CCC had to deliver the project, but they were conscious of the effects this would have on the residents.

Members of the team would be on site during the works, and he was available to answer questions.

It was reported that Mr Lewis had previously met with Councillor Farrar and spent an hour talking through the issues, this was a help in supporting the affect residents. It was noted that it was a refreshing change to get someone from CCC to attend the parish council meeting and provide answers and updates to Council member's concerns and those of our parishioners.

**Planting**

First phase – number of trees to be removed. Felling trees on the side going towards Birmingham. Mr Lewis confirmed that these had to be felled because they were within the development site. Only trees that have been felled were on the plan and has been earmarked to be removed. No others have been felled.

**Slope gradient**

Councillor Mrs Davies asked questions in relation to the slope on the northern side. The slope stated as being 1:2 and not 1:3. The gradient prevented a planting scheme be implemented to form a buffer.

Mr Lewis updated that the embankments (shown on the plan) would have a planting scheme which would be for a mixture of trees, including saplings and semi mature trees, 3-4 years of growth.

A further area was discussed where shrubs would be planted. Due to this being too close to the boundary line, it was too steep for trees. Concern was expressed as with nothing installed to act as a buffer the residents close to the new road would be subject to light pollution etc.

**ACTION:** Mr Lewis made a note and would investigate what provision could be included, subject to costing. One option could be acoustic fencing. There are a number of solutions, and he would look into this and report back.

Question raised as to whether there was a provision for the maintenance of the trees.

Mr Lewis confirmed that the contractor covered maintenance of the trees for up to 2 years, if they died, they would be replaced. After 2 years they get handed over to the Parks Department. Newly planted trees do not normally need maintenance until around 7 years old. If planted in the tree pits, they come with a watering system. The water that is collected on the footpaths etc, runs off and waters the trees.

**ACTION:** Mr Lewis to send Councillor Mrs Davies the technical details.

The Footpath – it was confirmed that this would be shared use. No vehicles, but would include pedestrians, bikes, horses etc.

**Closing off of Brick Hill Lane**

Question was raised as to when Brick Hill Lane would be closed off.

Mr Lewis confirmed that this could be closed straightaway as part of the scheme, he has liaised with residents and agreed to let them know how the work was going.

A turning head would be installed between the two properties at the end of Brick Hill Lane.

**Communication**

Concern raised that work had started at 7am on Monday – but CCC had not informed residents that the work would start.

It was agreed that communication was an issue and would be looked at.

CCC were working with Solihull MBC in case of any overlap with the Meriden Road bridge works.

Issue with diversion routes due to multiple works going on. Meriden Bridge, Commonwealth Games, HS2 movement of machinery, Eastern Green Development etc.

#### **Further updates**

A presentation would be arranged for the Summer. This would be by the developers, Hallam.

The Chairman thank Ian and Richard for attending the meeting and looked forward to their return at April's meeting.

#### **Keresley Link Road**

**ACTION:** Mr Lewis to attend April's meeting to discuss the link road.

#### **Rob Back**

Rob Back, Head of Planning, had arranged to attend the meeting but had not turned up.

**ACTION:** Clerk to follow up and request attendance at the next meeting.

#### **563. PUBLIC FORUM** To adjourn to allow public participation

Mr Jackson attended the meeting to talk about his reasons for submitting a planning application to build a property on his land. Previous applications had been refused by CCC.

#### **564. UPDATES FROM WARD COUNCILLORS**

Council tax - Councillor Jandu updated that the Council Tax had been agreed and had gone up by 2.9%.

Bin lorry dispute - Bin lorry driver dispute continued – no breakthrough yet.

Councillor Keogh added that they had tried for 2.2% rise, but the Council had voted for 2.9%.

#### **565. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

#### **566. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **567. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED THAT:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved.

#### **568. MATTERS ARISING**

Bins in Elkins Wood – CCC were reluctant to install the bins, the main reason for their refusal was due to their belief that the lane is not littered. The litter was being left by people walking in Elkins Wood. CCC required the Forestry Commission to address the litter issue.

Clerk asked about the request for a bin on the corner of Watery Lane and Green Lane.

**ACTION:** Clerk to resend the email Councillor Birdi again.

Watery Lane Closure

**ACTION:** Clerk to chase the Officer re Watery Lane closure.

**569. HIGHWAYS MATTERS – Cllr Davies to lead**

Parish verges - Councillor Mrs Davies reported that Warwickshire Wildlife Trust were on board to help with the identification of plants in the verges. This would be carried out in May starting with the initial areas of interest. Councillor Mrs Davies to prepare a sketch and work to that in the first year.

Litter picked – a litter pick had taken place yesterday which had been well attended and successful.

CCC Mowing – it was confirmed that CCC had carried out mowing for some of the verges, but some had been missed.

**ACTION:** Councillor Mrs Davies to check which ones had been missed.

Japanese knotweed – no new growth was visible yet. Sites to be monitored.

Mowing Contract – Councillor Mrs Davies to progress.

**569.1 Closing off of Watery Lane**

Nothing new to report, discussed under Matters Arising.

**569.2 Fly tipping**

Issues of fly tipping continued and had been cleared by CCC.

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

Nothing to report.

**571. Flooding – Cllr Swann to lead**

**571.1 Flooding on Pickford Green Lane**

Clerk updated that flooding had occurred to a property on Pickford Green Lane. Following heavy rainfall, the surface water from the new development had run off and into the property. Information had been passed to CCC requesting assistance.

**ACTION:** Chase up a response.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Councillors Mrs Parry updated that the Parish Council Facebook page now had 49 followers.

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

Nothing to report.

**575. CCTV**

Councillor Burton reported that the first system was installed and up and running on Watery Lane. The second installation was planned for Hawksmill Lane.

Clay Lane – was in progress.

Councillor Mrs Hegarty was putting together a Policy.

**ACTION:** Policy to be reviewed at April's meeting.

**576. CORRESPONDENCE****576.1 Response from KOGG**

A letter had been received from CPRE who had agreed to refund the Parish Council the donation made for the judicial review. Now that it had been decided not to proceed, CPRE were returning donations. However, the funds have not yet been returned.

Concerns were raised regarding in the apparent change of focus of KOGG from opposing development in the green belt, Eastern Green in particular, to supporting initiatives in the City relating to saving trees. Concerns had previously been raised with Merle Gering regarding his association with Extinction Rebellion, and members were concerned that our funds, if not returned, could be used in promotion of this group.

The problems with the Parish Council being involved with KOGG if they continued to be involved in supporting extremist groups was discussed. Question was raised as to whether the Parish Council should be officially represented at their future meetings as they were no longer in line with the Parish Council's objectives. Councillor Hobson was no longer willing to attend their meetings and Councillors Hobson and Burton along with the Clerk would not longer to continue to be part of their email circulation.

**576.2 Councillor email addresses**

Councillors were reminded to use a Parish Council email address not their personal emails for parish council business.

**ACTION:** Councillors to set up and use a parish council dedicated email address.

**577. Meetings with CCC and Parish Councils**

Councillor Burton updated that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting at the end of January with CCC officers and representatives from the three Coventry Parish Councils.

The next meeting was scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> March

**ACTION:** Feedback on the meeting would be circulated.

**578. FINANCE****578.1 To approve payments****Expenditure**

DATE	REF	CHEQUE	PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT
01.02.22	E40	100297	Corley VH	Feb Meeting	£30.00
01.02.22	E41	100296	Corley VH	Bkgs June to Nov	£160.00
01.02.22	E42	100298	J Chatterton	Clerk Salary February	DPA
01.02.22	E43	100299	J Chatterton	Expenses including supplies	£92.20
21.02.22	E44	DD	HMRC	Tax payment Clerk	£99.36
21.02.22	E45	DD	HMRC	Tax payment Clerk	£76.54
21.02.22	E46	DD	HMRC	Tax payment Clerk	£76.54
22.02.22	E47	100301	Lucas Fire & Sec	CCTV install 1	£2,014.80

**RESOLVED THAT** the payments be approved.

**578.2 Online banking**

**ACTION:** Clerk to progress setting up a Unity Trust bank account.

**578.3 Clerk's Annual Review**

Councillor Burton reported that the Clerk's Annual Review had taken place including a salary review.

**RESOLVED THAT** the update be noted.

**579. Governance**

The following polices had been reviewed.

1. APC Risk Assessment Policy Feb 2022 (no update)
2. Internal Financial Controls Feb 2022 (no update)
3. Health & Safety Policy Feb 2022 (no update)
4. Asset Register 2021-22 (UPDATED)

**RESOLVED THAT** the above Polices be approved.

**580. Councillor's reports and items for future Agenda:**

S106 – need to be involved.

**ACTION:** email Rob Back and invite to April's meeting.

Magic Maps – have a look into this.

**581. Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022, at Corley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
COUNCILLOR THOMAS BURTON

11<sup>th</sup> April 2022