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AGRA

**Allesley Green Residents Association Meeting
Tuesday 1 November 2016
Park Hill Primary School 7.00pm**

Apologies: Pete & Sue Ward
Eric Golby
Peter Maddock
Paul & Linda Jarvis

Attendance: As per Attendance Register

Welcome and Introductions:

Tony Simons welcomed residents, Ward Councillors - Julia Lepoidevin, Peter Male, Gary Ridley, PCSO Paul Jackson and Green Watch Commander Doug Jones (Canley Fire Station) to the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2016 were approved as a correct record. Diana Jackson proposed acceptance of the minutes and this was seconded by John Garton.

Local Police Report – Paul Jackson PCSO:

Paul Jackson advised that the crime rate in Allesley Green is still generally low, however provided the following details of recent events:

- Burglary in Park Hill Drive (Day Time)
- Burglary in Harpenden Way – (Day Time)
- Red Car which has been abandoned in Park Hill Lane for some time has now been broken into and items stolen. Advised that there is a risk that this might be set on fire if it is not removed.
- A car which is in disrepair has recently been parked in Larkfield Way and it was thought that occupants were sleeping in it overnight. Sleeping in a car is not a criminal activity – however it was identified that the car had not been taxed. This has been reported to the DVLA who may seek to remove it under their powers. Though it has been

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reported as being used recently, if left alone for an extended period the council will also be able to look at recovering the vehicle as abandoned.

Paul Jackson advised the meeting to be aware of distraction burglaries and suggested creating Neighbourhood Watch Groups in Allesley Green. Mary & Bryan Williams advised that they were the neighbourhood co-ordinators for New Ash Drive.

Paul also advised that any non-emergency criminal activity should be reported using the 101 telephone number – this will ensure that incidents are logged and will have a crime reference number.

Mike Cruise raised his concerns that a recent request for a police response to disorderly behaviour in the area went unanswered. Paul Jackson advised that there had been significant staff changes at the police station recently, however advised that new communication methods were due to be implemented. From 28 November changes are being made to the areas which are being covered by the station. This will mean that they will cover Woodlands, Westwood and Wainbody Ward. Whoberly Ward will then be managed by another team. Paul advised that he would feedback the communication issues to the station. Mike also raised his concerns about speeding issues on Park Hill Drive.

Nick Zumbe raised his concerns about the number of HGV's which were using Park Hill Drive on a regular basis. The classification of this road prohibits Heavy Goods Vehicles from travelling on it. Nick suggested that average speed cameras should be installed and advised that speed humps were not a deterrent. Councillor Lepoidevin advised that the city council has a long list of jobs outstanding and asked whether this issue had become worse since the problematic Broad Lane roundabout had been installed. Councillor Male suggested that it would be useful to capture photographic evidence of these events.

Tony Simons advised that the AGRA committee had ensured that traffic issues and pressures around the area had been highlighted with the Government Inspector, who is currently examining the Local Plan.

Paul Jackson confirmed that it is Coventry City Council's Highways Department who would be in a position to address these problems and is not the responsibility of the police to enforce these weight restrictions.

Lilias Maddock asked whether police could monitor the speed of traffic along Pickford Way as evidence suggests that many vehicles exceed the speed limit in this area.

It was also highlighted that traffic around the island at the bottom of Park Hill Drive is also dangerous and problematic, especially at peak times. Project funding is apparently available to address this area, however Coventry City Council do not have the staffing to manage the project.

Councillor Lepoidevin asked whether the police could provide support with monitoring cars who park on the double yellow lines outside the One Stop Shop – this often blocks the disabled ramp provision and restricts traffic coming off the mini roundabout. Paul advised

that this would only be possible if they could reach the scene whilst the incident was taking place.

A resident requested statistics of traffic counts along Park Hill Drive – both before and after the construction of the problematic Broad Lane roundabout. This comparison can be requested from Council Officers by Councillors. Tony Simons advised that the City Council have recruited an external consultant to review the Broad Lane roundabout.

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
To consider creating Neighbourhood Watch groups in Allesley Green	Residents	To discuss at next Residents' meeting
To discourage motorists from parking on double yellow lines outside One Stop Shop	Councillors to make contact with Council Officers	Immediate
Speed Monitoring along Pickford Way and at island at bottom of Park Hill Drive	Paul Jackson to feedback this request to the Station	Immediate
Traffic speed count statistics to be requested	Councillors	Immediate

Doug Jones – Green Watch Commander at Canley Fire Station

Doug Jones advised that his watch at Canley Fire Station was responsible for fire prevention in the Woodlands Ward. The station offers support to community events and groups; and to vulnerable people by providing 'Safe and Well' checks. The station takes a holistic approach by focussing not only fire safety, but also on road safety and works in partnership with Age Concern. Their aim is to ensure that all households have smoke detectors and that these are checked regularly. They also provide checks within the home environment which look at home safety; carbon monoxide checks on appliances and to identify potential risks. This check takes around 40 minutes.

Doug also advised that there is a dedicated team which advises business owners.

Contact details for the Canley Fire Station are as follows:

Canley Fire Station,
Sir Henry Parkes Road,
Coventry,
CV4 7BA

Canley.green@wmfs.net (Email)

@CanleyFireCrews (Twitter)

0121 380 7524 (Phone)

The phone number for a FREE Safe & Well Check for any residents is 0800 389 5525

Coventry Local Plan

Colin Smith provided an updated on Local Plan Status (presentation attached).

The AGRA committee members have been attending the Inspector's Hearings since June of this year and these hearings are still taking place. The committee have ensured that the following key issues have been raised with the Inspector and Coventry City Council:

- Pressures on Infrastructure
- Road Network and Transportation - Traffic congestion
- Lack of joint working with NHS/GPs and Education
- Ecology
- Population Assumptions
- Flooding
- Deliverability
- Impact of Brexit

The committee asked the Inspector to visit the area, however this offer was declined.

Colin advised that Hallam Land Developers who are the company who are interested in developing the Windmill Golf Course land have stated that they would be willing to work with local residents and respond to their concerns. This of course would be dependent on the outcome of the Inspector's Hearing.

At a Hearing which considered alternative sites – it was confirmed that the Woodlands School site was not currently under consideration.

Richard Bones raised his concerns about the impact of Solihull's Plan to build close to the Coventry boundary and stressed the importance of retaining the Meriden Gap.

Mike Cruise expressed his thanks for the commitment of the AGRA Committee and its supporters in the work that they had undertaken to prepare for and attend the Inspector's Hearings on behalf of local residents.

The AGRA committee and its supporters will continue to attend the Inspector's Hearings which may continue into the New Year.

All relevant documents/submissions can be found at: www.coventry.gov.uk/localplan

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
AGRA Committee and supporters to attend remaining Inspector's Hearings and keep AGRA Members updated	AGRA Committee	Feedback as required

Councillors' Report

Councillor Ridley briefed on 'Bus gate' fines.

Motorists who were issued with PCNs for driving through bus gates at Warwick Row, Gosford Street and Park Road between December 10, 2015, and April 21, 2016 may be entitled to a refund. This is because the signs were not legally enforceable due to a technical error. If you think you may have been affected by this please email parkingenforcement@coventry.gov.uk to claim a refund of your fine.

Juniper Park

Tony Simons provided an update on Juniper Park and advised that despite trying to make contact with the Project Lead over the past 6 weeks he had been unable to obtain a start date for the work. Tony advised that he had now been advised that the delay had been as a result of procurement and tendering issues and that the work is unlikely to be started before next spring. Both Tony and Greg Smith expressed their disappointment at this delay and requested that the Councillors follow this up and provide feedback. Greg advised that the funding deadline was 12 months - i.e. until mid/late spring of 2017. It was confirmed that Coventry City Council currently hold this funding.

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
To remain in contact with Mark Yates/Project Lead to ensure that there are no further significant delays that would affect funding	Councillors, Tony Simons and Greg Smith	To discuss at next Residents' meeting

Dog Fouling

Tony Simons advised that this situation had improved and that less bags were being found in hedges. However it was highlighted by some residents that the bins were often over full (they are emptied once a week).

Carol Singing in Allesley Green

Greg Smith proposed a community Carol Singing event in Allesley Green in the week before Christmas. This will include drinks and mince pies. Details of this event will be circulated as soon as the date and venue are identified.

Quiz Night

This event will take place on Friday 4 November at the Massey Ferguson Club and has been well supported.

The Albany Theatre has donated tickets for a Christmas show as a raffle prize and they have also advised that Allesley Green Residents' Association members can benefit from a 10% discount off selected shows at the Theatre. This voucher has already been circulated.

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Thank You

The AGRA Committee wish to thank the following for their support to the Association:

Support at Inspector's Hearings:

Paul Rowlands
Peter Maddock
Mike Cruise

Delivery of AGRA Newsletter:

April Wickens	Joy Beasley
Theresa Mason	Clive Murden
Debbie Roach	Janice Greatrex

Quiz Evening:

Edward Dyer – Albany Theatre
Mike Hodgkins – Quiz Master

AOB

There were no AOB items.

Date of Next Meeting – to be advised January/February 2017

Meeting Closed: 9.05 pm