



**Allesley Green Residents Association Meeting**  
**Tuesday 12 April 2016**  
**Park Hill Primary School 7.00pm**

**Apologies:** Roger and Carol Jones  
Bryan and Mary Williams  
Wayne Guy  
Alan Nixon  
Paul and Linda Jarvis  
Councillor Julia Lepoidevan

**Attendance:** As per Attendance Register

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Tony Simons welcomed residents. Ward Councillor Peter Male and Jenny Owen, Affordable Warmth Team, Coventry City Council to the meeting.

**Minutes and Matters Arising from last meeting:**

- Issues relating to the speed and volume of traffic on Park Hill Drive: Coventry City Council have installed traffic count equipment across Park Hill Drive (11 April 2016).
- Parking on double yellow lines outside One Stop Shop: Councillor Lepoidevin and Councillor Male to feedback progress at next meeting.
- Juniper Park – Results of request for funding from WREN will be known by the end of April 2016. This will be announced on the AGRA Website along with a copy of the Plan.
- Coventry Local Plan - Tony Simons and Colin Smith have been working with other residents groups and key individuals who are opposed to the Plan to share information and actions taken.
- Networking with Coventry City Council – Tony Simons and Colin Smith have recently attended key Council meetings. Also working with Affordable Warmth Officer

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2016 were approved as a correct record and Dave Ruff proposed acceptance of the minutes.

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## Local Police Report:

Tony Simons advised that the local police do not have capacity to attend all local Resident's meetings. They have therefore suggested that a regular meeting with Local Councillors and representatives from all of the local Resident's Associations take place on a regular basis. This process currently works well in Westwood Ward.

Tony Simons provided feedback on recent crime figures – which are perceived as being low at the present time.

- Burglary - New Ash Drive – early evening through an insecure window – January 2016
- Burglary - Oakford Drive – part entry during the early hours – occupants were alerted
- Car Theft – Polperro Drive
- Theft of wing mirror from car
- 2 thefts from Spar – with no pattern indicated

Following the anti-social issue which raised at the last meeting - It was confirmed that the police inspected the area around the One Stop Shop and discovered used gas canisters.

Richard Bones advised that he had found several car number plates in bushes around the A45/Parkhill Drive/King's Acre and suggested that the local police should be made aware of this issue

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
Local Police to arrange crime report joint meeting with Councillors and representatives from local Resident's Associations.	Local Police Officers	Before next meeting on 28 June 2016
Feedback on parking on yellow lines outside One Stop Shop	Councillor Lepoidevin/Councillor Male	Before next meeting on 28 June 2016
Advise local police of car number plates in bushes	Tony Simons	As soon as possible

## Presentation by Jenny Owen – from Coventry City Council's Affordable Warmth Team.

Jenny Owen's presentation covered the following areas:

- Fuel Poverty
- Energy Bill Savings
- Warm Home Discount
- Priority Services Register
- Switching Tariff
- Switching Supplier

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- Energy Savings Tips
- Energy Efficiency Grants

Further information on this topic can be found on Coventry City Council's website:

[www.coventry.gov.uk/energymatters](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/energymatters)

### **Election of AGRA Committee Members (Secretary and Committee Member**

Tony Simons advised that **Reverend** Greg Smith had recently advised the AGRA Committee that he would be stepping down from his role as Committee Member, having supported the Association through a period of transition.

Greg advised the meeting that time pressures and ongoing commitments had led to this decision. However he advised that he would be continuing to be involved in the Juniper Park project and fund raising efforts.

Greg paid tribute to Tony Simons and Ann Smith for their hard work, quality of work and dedication to the association and felt assured that the Association would be 'in good hands'.

Tony Simons advised that Liliias Maddock had recently been co-opted as Secretary of the Association and Colin Smith as a Committee member and that both wished to continue in these roles. There were no other nominations for the role of Secretary - Peter Heath expressed that he would be willing to become a Committee Member.

Steve Young proposed Liliias Maddock as Secretary  
Dave Ruff Seconded this proposal

Geoff Brown proposed Colin Smith as Committee Member  
Richard Bones seconded this proposal

Diana Jackson proposed Peter Heath as Committee Member  
Eric Golby seconded this proposal

### **Summary Report of AGRA's 1<sup>st</sup> Year and Outline Plan for Year 2**

Tony Simons as Chair of the Association presented a summary of key areas of activity and advised that there are currently 100 Association members which is approximately 1/6<sup>th</sup> of the households in Allesley Green:

Summary and Key Points:

- Outlined the Association's Objectives
- Highlighted key areas of activity
- Juniper Park update
- Fund Raising events
- Promoted the forthcoming Party in the Park

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- Provided an update on the Association's response to the Council's Local Plan.
- Attendance at Council meetings
- Development of AGRA Website
- Outlined plans and objectives for the coming year

Tony expressed thanks on behalf of AGRA to member residents who had volunteered their services to help achieve the aims of the Association:

- Paul Wright – Juniper Park
- Sarah Cockrill – AGRA Website
- Mike Cruise – Local Plan advice
- Greg Smith – Setting up the Association and fund raising
- Supporters at last year's Party in the Park and Quiz Night
- Bryan and Mary Williams; Richard Bones; Joy Beasley – Local Plan Petition

This presentation will be circulated with the Minutes.

#### **AGRA Financial Report – Ann Smith**

Ann Smith presented the Treasurer's statement.

This identified **Income** from the following areas:

- Membership
- Donation from Allesley & Eastern Green Resident's Association
- Party in the Park
- Quiz Evening

#### **Expenditure:**

- Party in the Park
- Lettings
- Advertising
- Quiz Evening Prizes
- Printing
- Website

The current Balance at the end of the financial year 2015-16 is **£334.25**

Ann advised that ongoing and new memberships would be a key source of funding and advised that the annual membership cost had increased to £5.00 per annum for each household.

Ann also advised that the cost of hiring Park Hill School would be increasing to £45.00 (180.00 per annum) as from the Autumn Term.

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Other anticipated costs will be: Newsletter Printing (x4) £250.00 per annum and £20.00 per annum website maintenance.

Greg Smith advised that the Party in the Park is intended to be a community event, rather than one which raises funds, however this event does incur costs which need to be supported by grants and donations.

The Treasurer's Statement will be circulated with the Minutes.

### **Coventry City Council Local Plan Report – Colin Smith**

Colin Smith provided an update on the Coventry Local Plan. This included:

- A summary of statistical detail which was extracted from the Local Plan
- Issues which have been identified by local residents
- An explanation of the current status and ownership of the land which has been identified in the City Council's proposal. The definition of this land would change from Green Belt land to Green Space which would allow building to take place.
- Actions which have been taken by AGRA and other pressure groups

Colin advised that the Government Inspector's Report would not be completed until November 2016.

Richard Bones suggested that the threat to wildlife should also be added to the list of issues as the area is known to be a sanctuary for a wide variety of wildlife. It was agreed that this was an important issue and had been inadvertently omitted from the list of issues

Colin advised that there are several other sites around the Allesley area that have also been identified in the Local Plan - which includes the Brown's Lane and the Jaguar site. Gary Ridley advised that land around Browns Lane, originally green belt land, was re-designated around 15 – 20 years ago in order to allow Jaguar to expand. A plan was later put forward by the former Conservative Council re-designating the site as Green belt. However, Gary is concerned that current plans seem to indicate that this designation might be removed, thus freeing up the land for house building. The site is considered to be part of Coundon Wedge and the concern is that any incursion into the area could eventually erode the Wedge.

### **Ward Councillors Report**

Councillor Peter Male provided the following update:

- Woodridge Avenue – yellow lines outside One Stop Shop: Councillor's Lepoidevan and Male have commenced discussions with Coventry City Council requesting that the railings outside the shop be extended to deter drivers parking on the yellow lines. They have also asked Traffic Wardens to patrol the area periodically
- A meeting was held with Park Rangers to discuss the area around Pickford Brook and King's Acre where trees had been cut down by a resident and were blocking the brook.

Some clearance has been achieved however the issue has not yet been fully resolved. Councillors Lepoidevan and Male will monitor this.

- Concerns have been raised about the excessive amount of drinks cans that have been left in bushes around the One Stop Shop. The councillors have requested that this litter be removed by Coventry City Council – this situation will be monitored.
- HGV weight restriction signs have now been erected at the bottom of Parkhill Drive (Eastern Green Lane end). This will be monitored for effectiveness.
- Local Plan - 5,000 leaflets were delivered to households by Councillors Lepoidevan and Male. Coventry City Council would not allow an online petition to be raised on its website, however a petition on Change.org which was organised by Gary Ridley raised 800+ petitioners.
- Roadworks are currently taking place at the bottom of Parkhill Drive to replace a rising main – this work will take 2 – 3 weeks to complete.
- Councillor Male advised that the consultation about the proposed closure of Woodlands School ended 12 April 2016 and that government bodies would receive feedback next week.
- Councillor Male advised that the local Police now have a twitter account which will keep residents up to date with any police issues. Their address is: [@covsouthpolice](https://twitter.com/covsouthpolice)

### **Party in the Park**

Greg Smith provided an update on the Party in the Park preparations. The fun day will be on Monday 2 May 1.00pm – 5.00pm. Entertainment will include Fairground Rides; Donkey Rides; Bouncy Castle; Stalls; A Visit from Wasp's Rugby team members; Live Music from Coventry Festival Band and Speak Brother; Allesley Green Bake Off – 'a cake fit for a Queen' U14 and over 14 categories. Fancy dress with a favourite royal (past or present) theme.

Greg asked for volunteers to help on the day – to be notified via Greg Smith or Liliias Maddock.

A Skittles Evening has been arranged at the Jaguar Club, Brown's Lane on 24 June – details will be made available on the AGRA Website.

Tony thanked residents for attending the meeting.

### **Date of Next meeting**

Tuesday 28 June 2016 at Park Hill School – 7.00 pm

### **Meeting Closed at**

**8.35 pm**