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AGRA

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**Allesley Green Residents' Association AGM Meeting
Tuesday 5 June 2018
Park Hill Primary School 7.00pm**

Apologies:

Peter & Jane Heath	John Payne
Mike & Carol Littlewood	Councillor Gary Ridley
Pete & Debbie Roach	Robin & Linda Baker
Mike & Katie Cruise	Bill & Tina Eve
Mick & Pauline Ashby	Wayne Guy
Peter Maddock	

Attendance: As per Attendance Register

Minutes: Liliias Maddock

Welcome and Introductions:

Tony Simons welcomed residents, Councillor Male and Councillor Lepoidevin to the AGM meeting.

Review of the Minutes of the last meeting on 27 February 2018

The following outstanding actions were discussed:

- ≥ **Monitoring of HGVs travelling along Park Hill Drive & accidents occurring at Park Hill Roundabout.** This issue has been raised with local police and Woodlands Ward Councillors. Councillor Lepoidevin advised that minor accidents at this island are not recorded unless emergency services attend.
- ≥ **Congested traffic problems are still occurring at the One Stop Shop.** This problem will be revisited along with Woodlands Ward Councillors and police.

- ≥ **Reinstatement of Solihull bus stop on Park Hill Drive.** Councillor Male confirmed that he had spoken to West Midlands Travel and that it remains a commercial decision that they are unwilling to change the bus route as it was felt that there was insufficient demand for this.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2018 were approved as a correct record – Eric Golby and Alan Nixon proposed and seconded acceptance of the minutes.

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
Ongoing discussion to be arranged with Police and Woodlands Ward councillors regarding HGV traffic on Park Hill Drive and traffic congestion round One Stop Shop	Committee Members & Councillors	As soon as possible

Proposed Amendments to the AGRA Constitution

Tony Simons explained the key points that had led to amendments to the constitution being amended:

- ≥ Reducing the number of residents’ meeting from 4 to 3 per year – to come into line with school terms. This will also reduce the number of Newsletters which will be published, thus saving money.
- ≥ Minor typographical errors to be amended.
- ≥ To provide a clearer explanation in Paragraph 5 – definition of eligibility to become a member particularly in relation to voting rights.
- ≥ A key change now that AGRA has become established will be that the committee will elect the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. It was also proposed that the Treasurer or Secretary may also act as Chair.

Dave Ruff proposed that the constitution be amended to state ‘that there can be a maximum of 7 resident members on the committee all of whom will have voting rights’. This proposal was seconded by Roger Jones. The majority of residents approved this proposal and the motion was therefore carried. It was also agreed that the quorum for meetings would remain as three members attending.

Tony Simons advised that the committee could co-opt members on to the committee to support with any particular issues or projects.

Ken Battersby requested confirmation that the committee would have the right to call a Special General Meeting when appropriate and Tony Simons confirmed that this was the case.

Alan Nixon advised that the first paragraph of point 5 of the constitution needed to be revised as the wording was not clear.

Tony Simons asked for confirmation that the proposed changes were acceptable to the meeting – all agreed, with Alan Nixon expressing the view that he would accept this on the

proviso that point 5 was reworded. Peter Heath will be asked to amend the document for circulation.

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
Changes to be made to the Constitution as per agreement at the meeting	Peter Heath – Committee Member	As soon as possible
Document to be recirculated to members	Lilias Maddock	As soon as possible

Election of Committee Members

Tony Simons advised that Ann Smith had reached the end of her three year period on the committee, holding the post of Treasurer and that she was willing to be re-elected. He also advised that he had also reached the end of his three year period on the committee, holding the post of Chair and that he did not wish to be re-elected.

Tony reflected on the positive work that had been done by the existing committee and advised that he would continue to help and support the new committee.

The meeting unanimously agreed that Ann Smith be re-elected to the committee.

Lilias Maddock will circulate an email to all AGRA members which will explain what the role of the committee entails and ask for volunteers to express their interest in filling up to three vacancies.

The newly appointed committee will then appoint a member to the post of Chair of AGRA.

Greg Smith advised the meeting that the new committee might take a different view of objectives for the Association and that new members would not necessarily need to have an input similar to at present.

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
E mail to all members explaining the role of the AGRA committee	Lilias Maddock	As soon as possible
Appoint new Chair of AGRA	AGRA Committee Members	Once new members are appointed

Annual Review

Tony Simons presented a review of all of the meetings and events that AGRA have been involved in over the past 12 months – these are listed in the attached presentation.

Colin Smith reiterated an invitation for residents to attend the bi-monthly meetings with local police - either as a participant or an observer.

Treasurer's Statement – Ann Smith

Ann Smith presented the final accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018. The balance held at year end was £1,908.15. This amount does not include 2018 Party in the Park monies or a grant received recently from WM Police. These will appear in next year's accounts. A copy of this document is included in the attached presentation.

Ann advised that it would be important to explore ideas on how this money can be spent to benefit the community. The following suggestions have already been received:

- ≥ Fencing around the children's play area
- ≥ Extension to pathways around Juniper Park
- ≥ Noticeboard
- ≥ Defibrillator
- ≥ Benches around Juniper Park

It is hoped that Coventry City Council might be able to support some of these suggestions as anything which is located in this area must comply with Coventry City Council specifications and approval.

Ann also suggested that residents might offer their particular skills to improve the neighbourhood.

Dave Ruff requested details on membership numbers. Lilius Maddock confirmed that there are currently 131 members – 10 of whom are new members. This compares with 133 members last year. It was agreed that Dave's face to face canvassing for new members had worked well last year and that these members had been retained. However it was suggested that the membership numbers were lower than they could be.

Maintenance Request

A resident advised that a wooden plank on the bridge over the stream had been broken and requested that this be repaired. Tony Simons advised that he would report this to Michelle Tyrtonia CCC.

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
Report broken bridge to Michelle Tyrtonia	Tony Simons/Councillor Lepoidevin	As soon as possible

Local Plan Status

Tony Simons advised that the committee had met with Hallam (Developers of H2:2 Eastern Green) and also Mark Andrews and that they had hopefully influenced some of their planning. It was noted that Hallam have increased the proposed number of homes to be built to 2,652.

Redbourn Group (Luton) have now been identified as either the developers or buyers of the golf course land, but have so far not engaged with the community.

Councillor Lepoidevin advised that any plans received from Hallam will still be required to go through the Planning Committee for approval.

Tony Simons advised that three key meetings are to be held in June:

- ≥ Hallam Stakeholder Meeting (by invite) Tuesday 19 June 1.30 – 2.30
- ≥ Hallam Public Exhibition – Tuesday 19 June 2.30 – 7.00 St Andrew’s Church Hall
- ≥ Eastern Green Community Group Wednesday 20 June 7.30 pm Eastern Green Social Club. This meeting will be attended by Mark Andrews, Planning Officer who has confirmed that residents from Allesley Green can attend for this agenda item.

Councillor’s Report

Councillor Male complimented the group on being so active and organised and stressed that the group must continue. He also acknowledged the hard work and commitment of Tony Simons in his role as Chair commenting that he will be very much missed.

- ≥ Councillor Lepoidevin reported that she had been advised that Park Hill Drive roundabout will have traffic lights installed and pedestrian crossings leading to Allesley Village and Allesley Park. It is likely that this work will be funded with monies that have been allocated to the construction of the grade separated junction on the A45. The timescale for this installation is currently unknown.
- ≥ Councillor Male advised the meeting to accept information from Hallam Developers with caution as there are economic issues that can affect the development. It is only at the point of submission of a planning application that there should be real concerns. He advised that Hallam will not build a school on the site – merely allocate a space for one and that in order for a school to be built it would require either a Free School or an Academy Trust to raise funding for building. There is currently not a high demand for Primary School places in this area.
- ≥ Woodlands Ward Councillors recently organised a litter pick along Mount Nod / A 45 and advised that they would be willing to support a similar event locally.
- ≥ Tony Simons asked the councillors whether their responsibilities had changed following the Local Elections. Councillor Male advised that he was still Shadow Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and that Councillor Lepoidevin remains as Shadow Cabinet Member for Children and Young People. There have been no key council decisions made recently due to the purdah period around the local elections.

- ≥ Councillor Male advised that there were plans to build a second Friargate building around the railway station area with monies provided by the West Midlands Combined Authority.
- ≥ Several residents had raised their concerns that too much student accommodation was being constructed in the city. Councillor Male advised that these decisions were being controlled and approved by the ruling current Planning Committee.
- ≥ Councillor Male advised that the team who will lead the City of Culture initiative are now in place, but stressed that he felt that it would be important to ensure the legacy which it brings with this status must carry on beyond 2021.
- ≥ Ken Battersby sought clarification as to whether the new ONS figures had been produced yet as it seems apparent that such figures are skewed by students number, particularly as many choose not to remain in the city when their studies are complete. It has also been acknowledged that Coventry's population statistics are not in line with other towns and cities in the West Midlands. Councillor Male advised that it should be noted that developers can only build houses if they are sure that they can sell them and that economic issues such as Brexit will therefore need to be considered.

Crime Report

A copy of this report is included in the attached presentation, which logged 5 reported crimes around the Allesley Green area during the month of April 2018.

A resident asked whether residents who have CCTV should advise local police. Tony Simons advised that the police website WM Now encourage residents to register on line if they have CCTV as this could assist with solving crimes. Another resident asked whether the new General Data Protection Regulations would require that those who have CCTV must register this. It was not confirmed whether this is the case.

Local Police have organised a 'Cuppa with a Copper' event at the Serene Lounge, Mount Nod on Wednesday 6 June 100:30 – 12:00. Woodlands Ward councillors will also be attending.

Future Events

- ≥ Juniper Park Volunteer Day – including bulb planting – September / October 2018
- ≥ Quiz Night at Massey Ferguson Club – 21 September 2018

Thank You for your support

Tony Simons thanked all the residents who have supported the Association during the last quarter by delivering AGRA newsletters and supporting at Party in the Park – such support is always very much appreciated.

Thank you to Tony Simons

Ann Smith thanked Tony for all the hard work and commitment he has shown to AGRA, advising that he will be 'a big act to follow'. Thanks also to his wife Lynn Simons who has been also been an admirable supporter of AGRA.

Meeting Closed: 20:55

Next meeting: To be confirmed