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AGRA

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Allesley Green Residents' Association AGM Meeting Tuesday 23 October 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – 7.30 pm

Apologies:

Councillor Lepoidevin
Mike & Carol Littlewood
Ken & Jenny Battersby
Keith Jackson

John Payne
Moyra Gibbs
Mike & Katie Cruise
Linda & Paul Jarvis

Attendance: As per Attendance Register

Minutes: Lilius Maddock

Welcome and Introductions

Ann Smith welcomed residents and Councillors Male and Ridley to the meeting. Alan Nixon, a co-opted member of the AGRA committee was introduced to the meeting pending his appointment as a full member of the committee at the next AGM meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting on 5 June 2018

A minor amendment was made to the minutes of the last residents' meeting on 5 June 2018, as apologies from Keith Jackson had been omitted.

Eric Golby proposed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting and this was seconded by Eunice Nixon-Bain.

AGRA Constitution

Peter Heath advised that proposed amendments to the constitution had been circulated to all AGRA members for consideration in advance of this meeting. Peter explained that the proposed revised constitution would be simplified. Currently each household is a member and there is only one vote per household. The proposal is that every adult permanently

residing in a household could become a member and would have a vote. The annual membership fee of £5.00 per household will remain the same.

Peter also advised that the properties in Upper Eastern Green Lane between Park Hill Drive and Park Hill School would be removed from the list of residences as they are not strictly speaking in Allesley Green and in any event had never become members or attended General Meetings.

The number of committee members has now changed from being 5 members to 'not less than 5 and not more than 7 members'.

Point 7 – the description of 'Special General Meeting' would be amended to 'Extraordinary General Meeting'.

Peter requested that one person from each member household stand in order to vote on the proposed amendments to the constitution. The amendments were accepted unanimously and adopted with immediate effect.

Quiz Evening

Another successful quiz evening took place on 21 September 2018. The proceeds from this evening of over £500.00 were shared equally between AGRA and St Andrew's Church.

It is proposed that the date of the next quiz evening will be on 15 March 2019 at Massey Ferguson Club. This will be confirmed nearer the date.

Councillor's Report

Councillor Male briefed the meeting on the following points:

- ≥ **Local Plan** – There has so far been no updates from Hallam Land Management, the developers for H2:2 site. Neither has there been any feedback on the consultation exercise that they undertook in June of this year.
- ≥ **Park Hill Roundabout** – This work is still ongoing and Councillor Male commented on the fact that the lack of road markings and location of cones were of some concern. However he advised that he was reasonably confident that the work will improve this area.

Residents raised their concerns that if traffic flows more freely in this area that more people will use the route. There was also a request that the position of the traffic lights be clarified. It was confirmed that at this stage this information was not clear.

- ≥ **Parking in Woodridge Avenue** Councillor Male and AGRA have been supporting residents with their concerns about parking on yellow lines and across the disabled access point outside the One Stop Shop and has raised this at a full council meeting. A recent meeting at this site with Council Officers witnessed evidence of these

concerns. Council Officers have advised that enforcement will be part of any improvement, advising residents to report any incidents that occur. Councillor Male assured residents that he will maintain contact with the council officers to monitor this situation.

Alan Nixon advised that the problems are most evident around 7.30 am and late afternoon/evening when children are being taken to the nearby nursery and when schoolchildren are waiting for the school buses.

Questions to Councillors

Residents offered suggestions of placing suitable signage on the wall of the One Stop Shop advising drivers not to park on yellow lines; installing CCTV or a zebra crossing. Councillor Ridley advised that any surveillance would have to be done using ANPR camera to ensure that any action required would be enforceable.

A resident requested clarification from Councillor Male as to whether there was any likelihood that the number 82 bus could stop in Park Hill Drive. This request was made earlier in the year and it was confirmed by the bus company that this would not be possible for commercial reasons.

A resident also raised their concerns that the number 10 bus lay by was not functioning effectively. Councillor Male agreed with this view and advised that a significant amount of money had been spent on this change but has not have a successful outcome.

A resident raised their concerns that the hedges alongside the One Stop Shop were very overgrown and causing a hazard for pedestrians. Councillor Male advised that he would liaise with Councillor Lepoidevin and ensure that this was reported and shrubs cut back.

Concerns were raised about the speed of traffic which comes down the slip road off the A45 and a resident reported a specific incident that she had been involved in with a lorry leaving the slip road at speed. The resident suggested that rumble strips or stop signs be placed on the junction. Councillor Male suggested that we await the completion of the current work at this area and raise any appropriate issues during the review period once the work has been completed.

HGVs are still using Park Hill Drive despite the fact that there is a weight limit in place. Councillor Male advised that this is an enforcement issue which should be actioned by police. However they currently do not have the resources to monitor or enforce this situation.

Action	Action By	Date Action Required
Hedges/Brambles/Shrubs to be cut back alongside One Stop Shop	Councillor Lepoidevin / Councillor Male	As soon as possible

Feedback from a Meeting with Mark Andrews – Coventry City Council Planning & Housing Policy Manager on 26 September 2018

Peter Maddock provided detailed feedback on this meeting – a presentation slide is attached which shows a summary of the key points of discussion.

AGRA and the Ward Councillors have attempted to make contact with Hallam to meet and receive feedback on the consultation which took place in June and also to gain information on any imminent outline planning applications. However, no response has been received to date.

Residents from Appledore Drive raised their concerns regarding the discrepancy between the buffer zones on Eastern Green Lane and Appledore Drive. This issue has been raised directly with Hallam but so far no specific response has been received. The residents stressed the importance of resolving this issue and asked that AGRA and the Ward Councillors continue to raise these concerns at any future meeting with Hallam.

A resident asked for clarification as to where the access to the first 250 houses would be. It was suggested that it was likely that this would be from Hockley Lane and that construction traffic would use this option as well. Two access points were identified during the consultation period from Pickford Green Lane which would inevitably involve heavy construction traffic - which is of concern to residents.

It was confirmed that developers have made two applications to access the development site via Juniper Park, however these requests have been refused by Coventry City Council.

A resident asked for clarification as to why the government inspector did not refuse permission for the green belt land to be released. Councillor Ridley explained that the Inspector's role was to check to ensure that the Local Plan was legal and the proper process had been followed. As she was satisfied that this was the case, it was assumed to be a local democratic decision to reclassify the land. Councillor Ridley reiterated the fact that it was his view that brownfield sites should have been used first and that political and economic uncertainties should have been considered with green belt land being reserved for at least five years and then reviewed.

Ann Smith advised that she had been able to ascertain that the Redbourne Group are the likely developers for the golf course site and that she was awaiting contact by them to organise a meeting to discuss their plans. At this stage it is not clear whether the whole of the golf course will be developed or just part of it, however it would appear that the Windmill Hotel will remain.

Peter Maddock advised the meeting of the importance of raising any objections as soon as any planning applications are made. If Coventry City Council receive less than five objections planning officers can approve the application. However, if there are more than five objections the application will have to be considered by the Planning Committee. AGRA will advise residents when any planning applications have been received and will provide guidance on how to register an objection.

Police Report

Ann Smith provided feedback from a recent meeting which took place between P C Karen Rayson, Colin Smith, Peter Heath and Ward Councillors. Details are provided in the attached document.

AGRA Newsletter

Ann Smith thanked all of the residents who helped with the delivery of the latest AGRA Newsletter. Ann also advised that the next newsletter would be due in the spring of next year and would include a membership form for 2019-2020. It has been suggested that this will be the only newsletter which will be delivered to all Allesley Green residents in future and that it would instead only be e mailed to members. AGRA will also submit regular monthly updates to the St Andrew's Link to ensure that Allesley Green news is shared with all residents.

Green Space and Heritage Forum

Ann Smith advised that AGRA committee members attend the meetings organised by this group along with representatives from various parks and open spaces throughout Coventry. This group focusses on environmental projects which take place within the city.

Bulb Planting Event

A bulb planting event will be held on Friday 26 October – 2.00 till 4.00 pm around the Juniper Park area. Bulbs have been donated by Wyevale Garden Centre, B & Q, AGRA and Allesley Green residents.

Carols in the Close

This annual event will be held in Birch Close on Wednesday 19 December 2018, commencing at 6.00 pm. There will be festive fayre and entertainment and there will also be a collection for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance.

Village Green Status

Ann Smith advised of the importance of protecting Juniper Park from development and that it is proposed that an application be made to Coventry City Council to register the park area as a Village Green. This would afford the area protection from development.

To support this application, residents were asked to provide AGRA with witness statements to provide evidence of how the area has been used by the community for the past 20 years or more. These statements are to be forwarded to Liliias Maddock for collation.

City of Culture

Ann Smith advised that she had been able to obtain a supply of stickers and badges which supports the City of Culture initiative. The Arts Council of England have recently agreed to invest £5m in Coventry as the city prepares to become UK City of Culture 202

AOB

Greg Smith advised that he still had 6 tickets available for the 'Michael Buble' event at Eastern Green Social Club

Councillor Male and Colin Smith have arranged a litter pick which will take place on Sunday 18 November – 10.00 am outside the One Stop Shop.

Gary Ridley expressed his personal thanks to Tony Simons for the work that he did as AGRA Chair. He also thanked the committee for their ongoing work.

Meeting Closed: 20:50

Next meeting: To be confirmed