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AGRA

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**Allesley Green Residents' Association AGM
Thursday 13 June 2019
Park Hill School – 7.00 pm**

Apologies:

Councillor Lepoidevin	Mike & Katie Cruise
Councillor Male	Moyra Gibbs
Mike & Carol Littlewood	Diana & Keith Jackson
Rav Bains	Bryan & Mary Williams
John & Lisa Payne	Linda & Richard Bones
Eric Golby	Jane & Peter Heath
Sue Ward	Janice Greatrex

Attendance: As per Attendance Register

Minutes: Liliias Maddock

Welcome and Introductions

Ann Smith welcomed residents and Councillor Ridley to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting on 5 June 2018

Stephen Turner proposed that the minutes were a true record of the last meeting and this was seconded by Eunice Nixon-Bains.

Membership Update – Liliias Maddock

Liliias advised that there are currently 147 AGRA members (compared with 136 last year) and that there had been 17 new members this year. A handful of members have still to confirm whether they wish to retain their membership.

AGRA Committee – resignations, nominations and appointments

Ann Smith provided the following update on committee membership:

- Ann Smith – Chair - Currently one year into her three year period
- Peter Heath – Committee Member – wished to relinquish his role on the committee after completing his three year period
- Liliias Maddock – Secretary – Had completed her three year period and wished to be re-elected to the role
- Colin Smith – Committee Member – Had completed his three year period and wished to be re-elected to the role
- Alan Nixon – Committee member – Had been a co-opted committee member since last year and wished to be formally elected to the role
- Robin Baker – wished to be formally elected to the role of Committee Member

The following appointments were made as follows:

Liliias Maddock – proposed as Secretary by Peter Ward and seconded by Linda Baker

Colin Smith – proposed as a committee member by Wayne Guy and seconded by Paul Jarvis

Alan Nixon – proposed as a committee member by Paul Jarvis and seconded by Joy Beasley

Robin Baker – proposed as a committee member by Tony Simons – seconded by Wayne Guy

Ann Smith advised that the maximum number of committee members was currently 7 as per the constitution.

Treasurer's Statement

Ann Smith presented the Treasurer's Statement for the year ending 31 March 2019

A copy of this statement is attached in the power point presentation.

The balance as at 31 March 2019 is £3,145.55

Tony Simons expressed the view that it would be important to start to earmark some of the monies for projects that will benefit the community before the end of this financial year. Failing to do so could impact on any future grant applications.

The siting of benches in Juniper Park was suggested, however Ann explained that such benches have to conform to Coventry City Council's Health & Safety standards and could prove expensive to purchase.

Ann suggested that any ideas as to how to spend this money should be e mailed to Liliias Maddock.

Carols in the Close 2019

Ann acknowledged that an Eastern Green resident, Marilyn Haddon, had recently been awarded the British Empire Medal for her fund raising services to Cancer Research. It was therefore suggested that monies raised at this year's Carols in the Close should be given to support Marilyn's hard work.

Party in the Park 2019

The success of this year's Party in the Park was acknowledged and it was suggested that around 2,500 people had attended the event.

Greg Smith highlighted the fact that the event had not made a significant profit this year, but neither had it made a loss. The event was supported by some grant funding, however not as much as in previous years.

A46 / Park Hill roundabout

Councillor Ridley advised that it was too early at present to acquire quantitative data as to how well the newly designed roundabout was working. However, residents agreed that it appeared to be working well and that it now felt safer to move out of Park Hill Drive.

Residents advised that it felt safer for pedestrians crossing to Allesley Park, however it was highlighted that the area would benefit from some foliage being cut back to improve visibility.

Councillor Ridley advised that air pollution was being monitored in several areas around the area – Rye Hill, the 'Wing Wah' roundabout and Holyhead Road.

Village Green Application

Lilias Maddock advised that this application will be considered by Coventry City Council's Planning Committee, but as yet a date has not been set for the meeting. It was suggested that the reason for the delay is pressure of workload on the Planning Department.

Framptons Proposed Planning Application and Exhibition – Windmill Green

A planning application is currently being prepared by Framptons on behalf of Bracebridge Holdings for new housing land at Windmill Green. Approximately 600 dwellings are being planned on this site.

An exhibition of Framptons plans took place on Thursday 6 June at the Quality Hotel and included demonstration boards, which comprised site maps, roads, green corridors and buffer zones. These can be viewed at the following link:

<http://framptons-planning.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Exhibition-boards-v8-for-website.pdf>

Framptons wish to receive comments on this exhibition – this can be done on line at:

<http://framptons-planning.com/project-comments/?project=22>

Or by post to: Windmill Green Exhibition, c/o Frampton Town Planning Ltd, Oriel House, 42 North Bar, Banbury, Oxfordshire OX16 0TH

Comments on this application must be submitted by: **Thursday 4 July 2019**

Once the application is submitted to Coventry City Council it will be important for views to be made formally as it may be possible to influence this plan.

Councillor Ridley advised of the importance of re-submitting any comments made on either the Hallam Development (which is likely to be re-submitted soon) or the Framptons Development – as previous comments may not necessarily be considered.

Councillor's Report – Councillor Ridley

Councillor Ridley was able to advise that traffic cables which are across Woodridge Avenue and in other places such as along the A45 relate to a large scale traffic survey exercise which is being undertaken by Warwickshire County Council (A45/A46). However it is still unclear why the cables should have been laid in Woodridge Avenue in relation to this exercise.

Councillor Ridley was also able to advise that Coventry City Council had previously received a request to put a road through the Juniper Park area – however this request was refused.

Councillor Ridley expressed his concerns in relation to the Hallam planning application – particularly around the increase in numbers and the lack of planned infrastructure, capacity poor connectivity/transport issues. He also expressed the view that it was unclear as to where people buying the new homes would be working. He also stated that he is mindful of the government inspector's caveat that only 250 houses could be built until the grade separated junction is completed on the A45.

Tony Simons enquired as to who is monitoring the Memorandum of Understanding between adjoining authorities, particularly given that ONS population figures appear to be flawed. It was concluded that it was unclear whether this was being done.

Councillor Ridley reiterated his view that brownfield sites should be used up before green belt land is built on and that given current uncertainties such as Brexit, pressures on the NHS (A & E in particular); and public services his view is that the Local Plan should be reviewed in light of so many conflicting priorities. Tony Simons agreed with this view and suggested that a review of the plan should be requested/actioned.

Councillor Ridley advised that he was unsure of the status of the Hallam planning application at present and suggested that this might be resubmitted at some point. Peter Maddock raised the point that comments made on planning applications by statutory agencies were

made public on the council website – but that comments by individuals were not, suggesting a lack of openness.

Residents from High Beech/Ridge Court/Larkfield Way expressed their concerns about a man who had been sleeping in his car for several days. Councillor Ridley advised that local police were aware, but could not prosecute as the car met DVLA requirements. He advised that the police were concerned about his mental wellbeing and welfare but had not been able to speak with the man. Councillor Ridley asked that he be advised of any concerns by email – gary.ridley@coventry.gov.uk so that he could liaise appropriately with police.

CANSUE - Coventry against non-sustainable urban extensions

Ann Smith advised of an action group led by Merle Gering who were opposing building on greenbelt land, particularly in Keresley, Eastern Green and Cromwell Lane. AGRA had been asked to support this group with a donation towards leaflets, hire of halls etc and it was agreed to donate £25.00.

Crime Update – Woodlands Ward – Colin Smith

Colin provided the Crime Statistics for this area for April/May 2019 with comparison figures for last year.

Crime Statistics April/May

	2018	2019
Woodlands Ward		
Burglary	14	21
Criminal Damage	23	22
Robbery	1	1
Vehicle Crime	3	6

Councillor’s Certificate of Appreciation

Ann Smith recently attended a celebration evening at St Mary’s Hall which was hosted by the company who have built the new Wave Leisure Centre – Buckingham Builders. Ann was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the volunteers of Allesley Green Residents’ Association for ‘the difference that they make to the community’.

City of Culture 2021

Ann Smith advised that liaison officers have now been appointed on a Ward basis and that Allesley Green would be in the South West Ward. The producer for this area is Ellen Booth. Greg Smith advised that it would be the community’s responsibility to generate community

programmes and that the City of Culture team would offer support and stressed the importance of engaging in this initiative.

European City of Sport

Councillor Ridley explained that Coventry is one of the 18 cities of sport across Europe – not the only city of sport for 2019.

Councillor Ridley provided an update on the complexities of the relationship between Coventry City Council, Sisu, Wasps Rugby Club and Coventry City Football Club. Explaining that Sisu had now taken their case to the European Commission which will inevitably result in a further protracted process of trying to resolve this complicated situation.

AGRA Events and Activities

The following events have been planned:

Litter Pick: Sunday 30 June -10.30 am at the One Stop Shop

Pickford Brook Clean Up: Friday 19 July – time to be confirmed

Quiz Evening: Friday 20 September 7.00 pm – Jaguar Sports and Social Club

Ann Smith requested that any ideas for social events be sent to Lilius Maddock

AOB

Ann Smith and Ken Battersby advised of an expert tool for assessing and measuring tree stocks in the community with a view to putting a value on trees - (CAVAT - Capital Asset Value for Amenity Trees). Information gained using this tool can then be shared with developers and appropriate reparation made for loss of any trees – this can take the form of a community facility. Ken stressed the importance of gaining landowners permission before accessing their land for this purpose.

Ann Smith advised that Allesley Parish councillors had approached AGRA to support them with the development of a Neighbourhood Plan – which would cover Eastern Green and Allesley Green as well as Allesley Village. This Plan is likely to take around 12 months to develop.

Linda Jarvis asked what progress had been made in linking groups who were opposing building on greenbelt land. Colin Smith confirmed that Merle Gering was still leading on this initiative and that another mass meeting is currently being planned. Linda expressed the view that it was important that the council listened to local residents' view.

A resident asked for an update on whether the ANPR cars had been able to attend at the One Stop Shop to monitor those parking on yellow lines. Councillor Ridley advised that this was

not yet in action – however Alan Nixon advised that such a car had been noticed in Allesley Village that day.

Peter Roach asked for clarification as to whether the One Stop staff took any responsibility for litter around the shop. Colin Smith was able to confirm that they do in fact undertake litter clearance. Lyn Simons suggested that the nursery in Woodridge Avenue should also be asked to be aware of litter being dropped by parents.

Ann Smith thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting.

Meeting closed: 8.42 pm

Date of next meeting: October 2019 – date to be confirmed