

Minutes Keresley Parish Council 25/9/12

Apologies Walter Milner, David Lilly, Anne Lawrence

Guest visitor Councillor David Galliers – Bablake ward cllr elected May 02012

Discussed---

Core strategy –David member of Labour group on City Council, supports John Mutton no building on green belt, council are resisting developers bids for green sites. However commented all brownfield sites not suitable as many contaminated. Other issue is number of houses not in use in the city-housing Associations working with council re initiatives to bring more houses back into use.

Housing benefit changes will affect occupancy as some tenants will be seeking cheaper accommodation, or more shared accommodation ----could result in low take up of tenancies, which will result in less funds coming into council coffers, coupled with rise in unemployment could result in depressed city.

We raised issue of poor consultation re core strategy & flooding in Keresley to be raised in a meeting with Kevin Maton on 10th October in Hare & Hounds Pavilion.

Sandra raised issue of HGV's using Bennetts Rd trying to access Prologis – advised to note their company details & contact Shirley Reynolds City Council who will contact their head office – telephone 76831632.

Club & Footpath –David & Allan Owens had been meeting with Police & Club – Police & club working to reroute footpath to prevent damage by motorbikes to pitch –Noted Parish Council supports this. –Police also concentrating some resources on the criminal activity located around Thomsons Rd -- --there is an emerging residents group -- & neighbourhood watch group –Sandra in contact with them & will let them know that the Parish Council will support their efforts. The Club owners are exploring selling the club building, sports activities to continue.

We informed David of negative feelings in the locality that police don't respond quickly or appropriately & many people have given up reporting minor burglaries & suspicious activities. David to feed this into his meetings with police.

Declaration of Interest --- Sandra has sent hers direct to City Council---- advised her to contact Walter as they have to be noted in KPCC records & are posted on website –Asked Sandra to remind David Lilly to complete his.

Code of Conduct Adoption--- Proposed that we adopt the code of conduct circulated at last meeting. Proposal Dorothy Hall Seconded Jim Passmore. Unanimous vote.

Letter of Resignation from Cllr Hixon --- Advising time constraints prevent him continuing. Sandra has responded & sent a letter thanking him for his service.

Bank Account Signatures & finance update ---- Allan Owens & Dorothy Hall have been to bank to authenticate their signatures to be additional signatories on bank account.

When Anne Lawrence returns from holiday, if she has had cheque book & accounts from Christine Bromley, we must pay Anne's salary, & sort out tax position.

Notice of Next Neighbourhood Planning meeting & update. Jim & Walter went on a days course on the Localism Act & Neighbourhood Planning, Jim identified some points relevant to PCC's ie. if 66% of PCC members are elected, the PCC can exercise planning consent for items in the local plan. Further information & discussion at the October PCC meeting, after the next NP meeting on 12th October.

AOB

Dorothy had been to a **Landscape Characterisation seminar** run by Warwickshire County Council Records Office. Landscape Characterisation is a tool that has been developed by English Heritage that codes landscape features, ie. historical field & hedgerow patterns, archaeology, historical sites, any significant features in the landscape, that are relevant to future planning & land use. The tool is now used by planning depts. & developers & will be essential to our neighbourhood plan. The information is free & we will be assisted by the records office to access their records. I went with Sylvia Martin who is supporting the NP group in Fillongley, we felt that it was so interesting & important that we should try to arrange a specific seminar for members of Corley, Keresley & Fillongley PCC's for cross boundary information for NP's.

Allan gave an update on the proposed Woodland to be planted on fields in Watery Lane to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. The site has been prepared, fences erected & trees are already purchased –but fence keeping horses off the land had been cut & horses in a neighbouring field had got out & were damaging the site, the organisers were going to address this with the horse owner, as this could prevent project from going ahead.

The woodland planting is to be accompanied by publicity & lots of community involvement & PCC are to contribute funds for wild flower planting.

Coventry Marathon to go through Five Field Rd Keresley on 14th October

Dates

Next Keresley Parish Council Meeting 23/10/12

Corley Parish Council Meeting –Landscapes on the Agenda 6th November

Kerags meeting 15th October