

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 23rd February 2016

Keresley
Parish Council

Present: Jim Passmore, Walter W Milner, Dorothy Hall, Sandra Camwell, Tracy Gudgeon and Malcolm Jackson

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Councillor Milner proposed acceptance of the Minutes for January 12th 2016, Councillor Jackson seconded, minutes authorised nem con. No matter arising.

3. Declarations of interest

None

4. Items for discussion from the floor

The path in Robert Achieson's Way may to have been 'adopted'. David Wilson Homes will be contacted about the poplars. Litter and rats have been there. The Parish Council will ask Coventry City Council to collect the litter and check if it's been 'adopted' If Coventry City Council have 'adopted' Robert Atkinson Way the Parish Council will ask Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to adopt the part outside Coventry boundary

It was suggested that the Parish Council holds a 'Bluebell Walk' in April or May 2016.

5. Coventry Local Plan

It has been pointed out that there has been recent flooding in Bennetts Road and in the grounds of the Beechwood Hotel.

The deadline for comments was 29 February. Councillor Milner outlined some ways in which people could comment.

It was resolved that

The Parish would make comments based on:

- i) The aspiration to be a top ten city is a policy, chosen in order to increase council tax income, and does not reflect a natural increase. The Local Plan therefore does not meet the objectively assessed housing need*
- ii) The Hearn's study shows that the recent population increase is 50% due to international migration, and this is subject to several political controls. It is statistically unjustified to extrapolate this to 2031*
- iii) The population increase is likely to be low or no income, which is not consistent with the intention to build higher Council Tax band houses. The Plan therefore does not meet the local housing need.*
- iv) The Plan ignores paras 5.11 and 5.12 in Joint Green Belt Review, which recognises the value of Green Belt parcels within the city boundary and recommends giving them protection as Local Green Space.*

Proposed by Cllr. Milner, seconded by Councillor Jackson, passed nem con.

6. Keresley Festival

It was resolved that
the Keresley Festival is not pursued for summer 2016

Proposed by Cllr. Milner, seconded by Councillor Jackson, passed nem con.

7. Finance Report

The Cashbook was shown at the meeting and to public. Cheques for WALC booklet on audit & URC rental for 2015 signed & dated.

8. New Audit Procedures

It was resolved that:

The Parish Council follows the advice of WALC and does not opt out of the new audit process.

Proposed by Councillor Milner, seconded by Councillor Jackson and passed nem con.

9. Jubilee Wood planting

It was agreed that a tree with plaque by planted in Jubilee Wood to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday.

10. Other items to be considered at later Parish Council Meetings

None.

11 Date of next meeting 5th April 2016

Carol Milner Parish Clerk