

Minutes

of Parish Council Annual Meeting

10th May 2016

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm



Meeting Items

2016.1 Election of chair

Cllr Milner proposed by Cllr J Passmore, seconded by Cllr T Gudgeon, and elected nem con. Cllr Milner accepted the position.

2016.2 Election of Deputy Chair

Cllr Camwell proposed by Cllr D Hall, seconded by Cllr W W Milner and elected nem. con. Cllr Camwell accepted the position.

2016.3 Members present

Cllr S Camwell, Cllr T Gudgeon, Cllr D Hall, Cllr W W Milner and Cllr J Passmore.

2016.4 Apologies

Cllr M Jackson was absent by arrangement.

2016.5 Disclosure of Interests

None declared.

2016.6 Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting

Minutes of previous AM checked, agreed and signed.

2016.7 Review of Standing Orders.

a) Change 1.4.2 to remove the review of the power of well-being (replaced by legislation).

b) Change 1.4.2 to say 'Agreeing the minutes of the last (ordinary) meeting and signing them.

c) Change 1.6 to say 'members of the public may raise items from the floor for a maximum of 45 minutes, and a maximum of 15 minutes for individual items.

Changes proposed by Cllr Milner, seconded by Cllr J Passmore and agreed nem con.

2016.8 Dates of meetings for 2016 - 17

The dates for meetings were agreed as -

21/06/2016

23/08/2016

04/10/2016

15/11/2016

10/01/2017

21/02/2017

04/04/2017

16/05/2017 Annual Meeting (check with elections)

The dates were agreed pending the dates of the 2017 elections being confirmed.

2016.9 To approve the 2015-16 accounts and audit submission.

The Council accounts had been approved by the internal auditor.

The Annual Governance statement on the Annual return was proposed, and passed by vote nem con.

2016.10 Items to be considered at future meetings.

The Chair reported informally that most of the last year's Parish Council business had been concerning the proposed building on the Greenbelt and our opposition to it.

The Meeting was reminded that with the new leadership of Coventry City Council (Cllr George Duggins) the Local Plan can be withdrawn at any time. It was decided that the Parish Council should write to him regarding that.

It was also suggested that the Parish Council should plan ahead (in case the Local Plan goes forward) for the Inspectors Report, possibly in the Autumn or Summer. Many representations have been put in, from the Parish Council and other interested parties.

The Annual Meeting ended at 8:24 pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Carol Milner Parish Clerk

The Annual Parish Meeting 10th May 2016

The Meeting commenced at 8:25 pm

The meeting discussed the actions to be taken regarding the Local Plan and the expected Inspectors Report.

The news about the local elections were discussed, particularly Finham Parish Council's first (and contested) election. Bob Fryar and Angela were both elected to the Parish Council. It's precept is to be around £20.

It was proposed that Keresley Parish Council should write to Finham Parish Council welcoming them and offering any assistance they wanted.

The road by the President Kennedy School is in the plan for the school and is due to disappear by the last stage of the plan. The Parish Council should contact the case officers to mention concerns that the road is intended to be permanent instead of temporary.

The Parish Council should contact the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council concerning the rubbish and untended grass in their part of Robert Atchieson Walk. There is also damage to the trees in that area that needs to be attended to.

Regarding the Tree Planting to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday a person at the meeting who is looking into getting a plaque for the Parish Council, has not yet heard back from the company concerned.

There is concern about how few Ward Forums are held. There is a rumour that Coventry City Council are planning to cease having Ward Forums.

The Parish Clerk should check if Coventry City Council's Standing Orders mention Ward Forums.

It was suggested that the Parish Council could invite City Councillors to the local Parish Council Meeting. It should be noted that Cllr Birdi and Cllr Williams attend regularly. Their presence means that they could hear our views and it would give them a chance to explain their positions on mentioned topics.

Concerning the suggested Combined Authority, it was suggested that it was Cllr Ann Lucas's 'baby' and things might change now that Cllr George Duggins has replaced Cllr Lucas as Leader. Cllr Duggins will be answering questions on BBC CWR.

Things that might change under Cllr Duggins aegis - Worries about Cllr Lucas having 'pushed through' the Combined Authority decision - a referendum might be requested. We should watch and wait to see if a referendum is requested.

One reason for questioning the Combined Authority is the increased amount of air traffic it might generate and the danger from more planes. It was also pointed out that the Combined Authority will be yet another tier of unelected and unchecked government. It was noted that Cllr Maton is also in favour of the Combined

Authority.

A TV Company is interested in filming a demonstration against 'Building on the Greenbelt' .

The History Project was also discussed. It was suggested that a list be made of 'things to do' (and people who'll do them?). It was mentioned how initially Parish Councils (Church PC's?) were involved in distributing 'Outdoor Relief' - similar to the Keresley Foodbank (Trussell Trust) that operates on Friday mornings (10 am - noon) at the Keresley Community Church.

Carol Milner

Keresley Parish Clerk