

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2019

Present: Cllrs Washington (Chairman), Woolliscroft, Payne and Wright, the Clerk, RB Cllr Gillias and 12 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Dalby and Partridge

Cllr Washington opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and introduced the Parish Councillors and new Cllr Mrs Fran Payne. Cllr Washington explained the format of the meeting.

Speaker Mr Edward Palusinski – Rugby Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Palusinski gave an informative talk explaining the concept and emphasising the necessity of everyone looking after their neighbours. He outlined the Police staffing arrangements in Warwickshire following the West Mercia force withdrawing from the joint policing policy with Warwickshire. The best deterrent is regarded as a plentiful supply of window stickers on both front and rear windows which is considered to be effective in crime reduction. Mr Palusinski brought a number of items and literature to distribute. The hope is to recruit enough members of the public to act as a “representative” for their small area in the village and for them to pass on information as received from the Police and also to work both ways by reporting information back. When there are sufficient volunteers to act as representatives then a meeting will be organised by Mr Palusinski together with an existing representative from Rugby Neighbourhood Watch. The new group will all be given a common email to receive messages which they can distribute by email or any social media e.g. Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Next Door Digest. It was confirmed that personal CCTV does not need to be confined to one property but can point onto the footway and highway as long as it does not encroach on a neighbour's privacy.

The Chairman thanked Mr Palusinski for coming along to the meeting.

Speeding coaches and cars

Complaints received about the speed of the coaches and the private cars bringing children to and from the Revel School. Everyone was asked to take note of the date, time and registration numbers of the offending coaches as this can then be taken back to the Revel School and WCC. Coaches and heavy vehicles were also mounting the footway and damaging the kerb stones in Brockhurst Lane.

RB Cllr Gillias pointed out this was a continual problem and agreed to talk to the School Governors and the Head Teacher asking them to impress on new parents, annually, their traffic responsibilities.

Cllr Washington agreed the Parish Council would also talk to the Head Teacher and Governors about using the preferred circular route, considerate speed of vehicles and considerate parking.

The Parish Council will, once again, contact WCC to ask for legal and financial options to facilitate speed calming measures.

Flashing Speed Sign

Cllr Washington asked if there would be support for the Parish Council to apply to the Police and Crime Commissioners grant fund to purchase a flashing speed sign. There was general agreement for this initiative.

Highways

Stocking Meadow potholes not been repaired despite several emails from residents. The Chairman agreed that the Parish Council would remind WCC.

Cllr Washington then went through the items raised at the Parish Meeting in 2018

- Neighbourhood Plans – The Parish Council will look again at creating a Plan, Pailton Parish Council has suggested a joint effort and Wolvey Parish Council have an exhibition in June for their emerging Plan which Cllrs will visit.
- Magna Park – the Appeal against the expansion at Magna Park has been heard and the Planning Inspector has dismissed the Appeal. The Parish Council will continue to lobby for improvements to the A5 and continue to attend Community Liaison meetings with Magna Park management.

Cllr Washington thanked Mr Ken Barrett for cleaning the signs around the village

Affordable Housing – a query was raised about progress of the scheme. Cllr Washington explained how well negotiations had gone but in the end the landowner refused to sell the piece of land.

Grass verge in Bond End being eroded by heavy, wide traffic. This is happening in several places in the village and there is little to be done as traffic get bigger.

The Clerk reported her investigations with WCC and CarterJonas about ownership of various trees in the village. The line of self set alders in the lane to Street Ashton has been reported to WCC. The damaged fence at the Bond End/Sandy Lane junction has been reported to WCC who have agreed to contact the contractors.

RB Cllr Gillias reported that the Rugby Local Plan will be on the website 4th June 2019. It is likely the status of Monks Kirby will change.

The Chairman announced the retirement of the Parish Clerk and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.