

## **Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum**

### **Minutes of the AGM held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Stirchley Community Church**

**Present:** 66: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Members of the Forum's management committee, Councillor Locke

**Apologies:** 6

Peter Walker took the chair and welcomed everyone and confirmed the meeting was quorate. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were circulated and agreed as a true record.

#### **Presentation of Annual Report**

PW presented the annual report outlining the activities of the Forum over the previous 12 months. The report was adopted by Brian Sheridan and seconded by Emma Ashton. PW thanked Cllr Locke, the community policing team led by Sgt Sam Bonehill, Stirchley Community Church, and all the committee members and local residents and businesses who have supported the Forum over the last 12 months.

#### **Presentation of Accounts**

Paula Aubrey, Forum Treasurer, presented the annual accounts; these were adopted by Malcolm Bach and seconded by Rob Morris. PA thanked BCC for their ongoing financial support.

#### **Election of the Committee**

The Committee stood down and Sgt Sam Bonehill chaired the election of the new Committee. Paula Aubrey, Sandra Cooper, Rob Morris, Ann Newbold, Julie Saunders and Marg Walker were proposed by Malcolm Bach and seconded by Rob Morris and elected as committee members.

#### **Planning Report**

Sandra Cooper, Forum Planning Officer and Vice chair, updated the Forum on current planning issues.

Printigo: retrospective planning permission has been applied for to cover the creation of an additional unit for Venture Bikes in their premises; the owners themselves informed BCC Planning once they realised the existing permission did not cover this development.

Co-op conversion to Morrisons: SC explained this did not require planning permission.

Seven Capital site: the proposals are divided into a retail development at the front and a residential development of 82 units to the rear. The drive-through unit has been removed from the plans; the leisure unit is now labelled as a gym and the shop unit is marked as an Aldi; there are a number of smaller retail units adjacent to the British Oak; in total there are 170 car parking spaces. Hazelwell Lane will be reinstated but pedestrianised towards Hunts Rd. The triangle site has been reincorporated into the plans as public realm.

SC still has concerns about the lack of crossing points on the Pershore Rd and access onto the residential site; all vehicular access is via Twyning and Hunts Rds. SC suggested an electric gate on Hazelwell Lane could be introduced to create an additional access point for residents.

A resident asked about extra school places: SC explained no CIL monies or affordable housing were associated with the development, but hoped BCC Planning would negotiate the funding of elements such as pedestrian crossings as a condition of any permission.

Stirchley Co-operative Development: Chris Tomlinson updated the Forum on progress. The co-op is proposing an affordable residential development with 3 retail units on a plot on the corner of Hunts Rd; they have had their offer for the land accepted by Seven Capital. The group and their architect will be presenting the plans on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at Artefact café; they are accepting registrations of interest. The development will take around 2 years and will be built to high environmental standards. Mick Jones offered to publish details on [www.stirchley.co.uk](http://www.stirchley.co.uk).

Hazelwell Station: SC explained the name of the station is not a planning issue.

A lot of residents have expressed their concern about the impact on parking and traffic; the proposed station is adjacent to an already dangerous junction and the drop-off point is immediately in front of residential properties. There are also concerns the service road parallel to Cartland Rd will be used for parking, impacting on local residents. There may also be increased noise from diesel trains stopping and starting, and platform announcements. SC noted passengers would have to use the pavement on the vehicle bridge to change platforms, although there will be lifts.

A local resident and highway engineer suggested there is an opportunity for an area wide traffic calming scheme; he suggested the proposal to paint double yellow lines on Pineapple Rd would increase vehicle speeds as parked cars slow traffic down.

Sgt Bonehill is aware this is a dangerous junction and would like to engage with BCC to design out problems.

Cllr Locke noted there was a lot of local support for the new train station.

### **Goodbye from Pete Walker**

After 14 years as Chair, 2 years and Vice chair and over 40 years as a committee member, PW stood down from the Forum. PW thanked Mick Jones and Dave Gee who were also standing down and also everyone who had attended meetings and supported the Forum.

SC thanked PW on behalf of the Forum and all the residents of Stirchley.

Cllr Locke thanked PW for his work.

Pete Evans of Friends thanked PW on behalf of the Friends of Stirchley Park.

SC announced the committee would be appointing positions and setting up a new email address at their next committee meeting.

### **Date of the next meeting**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm in Stirchley Community Church

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