

## **Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum**

**Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @7.30 online by Zoom**

**Present: 24** including; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Forum's management committee, Cllr Locke

1. Rob Morris as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. **Apologies** from; Diane & John White, Susan Maclean, Karen Cheney, Kerry Leslie, Linda Johnson
3. **Minutes of meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

### **4. Matters arising from meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Sandra Cooper said that there was an update from Karen Cheney following the Commonwealth Games funding meeting. The recipients of the 2 grants that were approved will shortly be receiving grant documentation. Proposers for the Ten Acres are being supported by Selly Oak NNS in respect of funding for their project.

Sandra urged organisations to submit a bid before the deadline in November.

It was stated that Alan Bale from Ten Acres had sustained an accident earlier that day. Everyone wished him well.

Dogpool Lane Post Office relocation.

Consultation period has ended. Decision not yet known.

### **5. Police Update**

PCSO Blackford was unable to be present and had given his apologies.

Cllr Locke agreed to speak with her colleagues in Bournville Ward and the WM Police Inspector to try to ensure that future meetings with WM Police in Cotteridge are not held on the same night as the Forum meeting and that WM Police would be represented at the next Forum meeting (AGM).

The issue of drug dealing in the area was raised and, in particular, the telephone box at the corner of Umberslade Road and Pershore Road.

Cllr Locke said that this was being looked into.

The issue of car crime was again raised.

### **6. Planning issues**

Sandra Cooper, Planning Officer reported;

**Taylor Wimpey** had no updates to report.

Sandra Cooper said that they were to hold a sales event at the Baths on 2<sup>nd</sup> October but this had been postponed due to shortage of bricks. She had been assured that the build would proceed as planned.

Premises along Twynning Road would shortly be receiving a letter re the reconstruction of the retaining wall at the bottom of their gardens.

A resident requested an update on the site **Corner of Maryvale Road**

Sandra Cooper said that it was to be student flats and progress in building is being made, albeit slowly.

**Hazelwell Lane - Seven Capital site,**

2021/00196/PA

No decision yet made, likely to go to Planning Committee?

It is confirmed that Aldi has bought the site, although the extent of their purchase isn't clear.

2021/07311/PA **1511 Pershore Road** - erection of rear extension -

Rear single storey extension - says current use is flats

A resident pointed out that building seems to have commenced although planning permission had yet to be granted. Cllr Locke agreed to take up the issue with Planning Enforcement

2021/06285/PA **Hazelwell House** rear of 1450 Pershore Rd

Approved

2021/07389/PA **Former Fitness First**. New application from Lidl.

c/d for comments has passed.

On further examination there seems to be little difference to the previous application

**Clonmel Road Business Centre** -

Cllr Locke said that the Planning Officer was still looking into a change of use and she expected to hear from them soon.

2021/07247/PA **1581 Pershore Road (former Magnet premises)**

Demolition of existing magnet retail unit and redevelopment of the site to provide a new self-storage unit (Use Class B8) alongside associated car parking and landscaping works.

20 documents

Sandra Cooper said that the most important document is the Design and Access Statement. It is a large building but has been reduced in size during discussions with the Planning Department.

There is also a description of the listing and photographs of the pill box at the rear of site near to the canal.

There didn't appear to be conditions regarding time of demolition and construction operations and time of operation of the unit. It was agreed that this be pointed out to the Planning Department.

C/D 28/10

2021/07391/PA

Avery Dell Trading Estate - Unit 5 Lifford Lane Cotteridge Birmingham B30 3DZ (part of the site has a boundary to properties in Dell Road

Change of use from vehicle crash repair centre and car wash bay to Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)(iii) for the maintenance, repair and storage of Road-Rail Vehicles, mobile elevated work platforms and associated attachments.

There didn't appear to be anyone living near the site at the meeting. Sandra Cooper said that comments could be made by the Forum if anyone made contact.

c/d 29/10

Cooperative Housing application.

Further information had been submitted to the Planning Department and Cllr Locke said that she understood that negotiations for the purchase of the site from Seven Capital were at an advanced stage.

Sandra Cooper said that 2 notices had been given to the Council in respect of the erection of monopoles and associated cabinets and infrastructure.

2021/08466/PA Telecommunications Determination

**Fordhouse Lane** Stirchley Birmingham B30 3BT (near entrance to new development)

Application for Prior Notification for proposed installation of 20m phase 8 monopole C/W wrapround at base and associated ancillary works

Near to the entrance to the new development

Comments by 27/10

2021/08702/PA Telecomms License Advisory

**Pineapple Road** Streetworks Stirchley Birmingham B30 2TL (Pineapple Grove)

Telecoms Licence Application for a proposed 5G telecommunications installation including installation of a 15 metre monopole supporting six antennas, four equipment cabinets and associated works

On the roadside edge of the green at Pineapple Grove.

Sandra said that her understanding was that, because they were less than 25 metres high, no planning permission is required.

BCC has 56 days to reply to the proposal.

It is not possible to object to the principle of the development but can consider the appropriateness of the siting and appearance of the installation.

She drew the meeting's attention to National Planning Guidance

The number of radio and electronic communications masts, and the sites for such installations, should be kept to a minimum consistent with the needs of consumers, the efficient operation of the network and providing reasonable capacity for future expansion. Use of existing masts, buildings and other structures for new electronic communications capability (including wireless) should be encouraged. Where new sites are required (such as for new 5G networks, or for connected transport and smart city applications), equipment should be sympathetically designed and camouflaged where appropriate.

It was noted that Bournville residents and Councillors had successfully challenged installations in Bournville. Cllr Locke agreed to contact Bournville Councillors for further information.

A resident raised the issue of noise and disturbance experienced by residents near to the Morrisons store by early morning deliveries (between 5am and 7am).

Rob Morris agreed to speak with the store manager.

Residents were urged to keep a noise diary and share it with the Forum so that the store could be made aware of the extent of the problem.

Sandra Cooper said that she would check Planning Permissions for restrictions on times of deliveries.

## **7. Networking**

It was noted that Heritage Open Day events had taken place at the Baths and Library, and, Church of the Ascension and Tea on the Green - Pineapple Grove

Cllr Locke pointed out that mobile recycling unit will be stationed at the foot of Hazelwell Fordrough on Friday morning (15<sup>th</sup>). It takes clothes and other items which are passed onto charities, etc if serviceable.

Cllr Locke explained the difficulty of finding sites in the Ward for such collections due to the size of the vehicles.

Stu Ward mentioned that Stirchley the Way Forward AGM was imminent.

## **8. Any other business**

Rob Morris welcomed Rachel West to the meeting and to Stirchley. She is employed by Birmingham City Council as Community Support and Development Officer for Stirchley. She introduced herself and invited people to pop in and see her at Stirchley Baths where she is based on Wednesdays.

Cllr Locke mentioned Kings Heath & Moseley Places for People consultation for Kings Heath High Street. Residents were asked to consider possible Implications for traffic through Stirchley & businesses in Stirchley. The consultation is on Beheard website with comments to be submitted by 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Rob Morris said that the next meeting was the AGM when the Committee was elected/re-elected. The Committee then elected officers at their first meeting. He asked people to consider joining the Committee. The Forum is looking for a Secretary & a Deputy (or apprentice) Planning Officer

The Chair brought the meeting to an end at 8.30pm.

**Date of the next meeting - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Forum AGM Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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