

## **Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum**

### **Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 @7.30 online by Zoom**

**Present: 19** 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 and explained that the Committee had decided to hold the meeting online in view of the current COVID situation.  
Some members of the Committee were in the Community Church and apologised for technical difficulties experienced.
2. **Apologies** including; Kerry Leslie, Linda Johnson
3. **Minutes of meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

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

There were no items not appearing on the current Agenda.

#### **5. Police Update**

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

Concern was expressed that meetings in the area held by WM Police in 2021 were all in the Bournville Ward.

The issue of the seeming increase in crime in the area was again raised.

#### **6. Planning issues**

Sandra Cooper, Planning Officer updated items at the October meeting;

#### **Taylor Wimpey**

Taylor Wimpey representatives were unable to be present but had sent a written report. They said that there had been an issue with asbestos being found on site which had held them up a little. They will be taking over the site from the groundworkers during week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> January, show home should be opened towards the end of May, first legal completion in June 2022 and next new plots to be released for sale in January.

Workers will be on site until Christmas Eve when the site will be secured and no work will happen between Christmas and New Year. Workers will start back 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Hazelwell Lane - Seven Capital site,**

2021/00196/PA

Sandra Cooper said that the site had been purchased by Aldi who have bought the supermarket and leisure parts of the site.

The planning application above has been withdrawn and Aldi has consulted with local people about their proposals although a new formal planning application had yet to be made.

She thanked Cllr Locke for arranging a meeting with Aldi and Sandra and Rob Morris from the Forum which was positive.

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

c/d for comments has passed.

No decision has yet been made with further information submitted in support of the scheme on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Clonmel Road Business Centre -**

Cllr Locke said that a Licensing Application had been granted although there were some objections submitted by residents. There should be no deliveries between 2am and 7am.

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

John Hemming pointed out that Stirchley School had some concerns about the traffic generated and the safety of pupils.

Cllr Locke said she would mention it to the Head Teacher.

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

No decision made. Further documents submitted by the applicants on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

2021/07391/PA

Avery Dell Trading Estate - Unit 5 Lifford Lane

No decision made

**Cooperative Housing application.**

Full planning permission has now been granted.

2021/08466/PA Telecommunications Determination

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

Permission granted.

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.

Permission refused.

On the issues of noise and disturbance experienced by residents near to the Morrisons store by early morning deliveries (between 5am and 7am).

Sandra said that she had checked the planning history for the site and there doesn't appear to be any restriction on number or hours of deliveries.

## **7. Networking**

Paula Aubrey reported that the Community Church Festive Fayre held on 4<sup>th</sup> December was well attended - mainly by families.

Rob Morris said that an event at Church of Ascension went well with around 53 people attending.

## **8. The future of Stirchley Ward - follow on from AGM discussion**

Rob Morris said that he envisaged the Forum as being a meeting place where other groups can join in discussions about the future of Stirchley and what matters to residents, traders and businesses. He said that the Forum is looking to be more outward facing. All Groups should be willing to work together effectively.

He explained that the Forum had received an approach from Stirchley the Way Forward and was very willing to work with them to ensure that traders have effective representation.

## **9. Any other business**

Rachel West told the meeting about a small amount of COVID Recovery funding available to organisations.

There could also be some further Commonwealth Games funding available in 2022.

Cllr Locke said that the MRC visit to Morrison's car park was very successful.

Thanks was given for the Christmas lights which have appeared on Pershore Road. Cllr Locke said that it was hoped that they could be extended further in future years.

A resident new to Forum meetings asked for some clarification of the purposes of the Forum. A brief description of the Forum and its membership was given.

A question was raised about parking on Pershore Road and transportation issues generally. Rob Morris suggested that the Transportation Department of Birmingham City Council could be invited to a future meeting.

It was also suggested that someone from BCC could be invited to give an update on Exempt Accommodation and Houses of Multiple Occupation.

Roadworks - roadworks and closure of Bournville Lane at its junction with Hazelwell Street was mentioned. There were some issues to be resolved and the works need to be passed before the junction is fully opened.

Cartland Road will be resurfaced in 2022 (probably in February) which will cause some short term congestion.

The Chair brought the meeting to an end at 8.45pm.

### **Date of the next meeting - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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