

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2021 @7.30 online by Zoom

Present: 25 including; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Forum's management committee, Cllr Locke (for part of the meeting)

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.
2. **Apologies** including; Tony Martin
3. **Minutes of meeting 13th December 2021**

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. Matters arising from meeting 13th December 2021

There were no items not appearing on the current Agenda.

5. Police Update

PCSO Blackford was unable to be present.

Information about Neighbourhood Watch meetings for the Bournville Division (of which Stirchley is part) facilitated by WM Police was given. It is understood that they are open to all residents.

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury Hall, off Oak Tree Lane 7pm
3rd February, 7th April, 9th June

6. Planning issues

Sandra Cooper, Planning Officer updated items from the December meeting;

Taylor Wimpey

Nothing new to report.

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

Refused on the basis that Aldi application at Hazelwell Lane needs to be decided first, otherwise was likely to be passed.

Clonmel Road Business Centre -

Cllr Locke and Sandra Cooper had conducted an informal site visit over the Christmas period

The Planning Officer was still looking into a change of use and Cllr Locke expects to hear from them soon.

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

Approved

2021/07391/PA Avery Dell Trading Estate - Unit 5 Lifford Lane

Approved

2021/10881/PA Land off Pershore Road/Hazelwell Lane

Application by Aldi for building of retail unit.

Unfortunately a representative of Aldi was not able to be present at short notice.

February meeting is after the closing date for comments and representatives may not be able to be present. If necessary a special meeting could be arranged.

Sandra gave a brief explanation of what she had gleaned from the documents as below.

31 documents

Consultation ends 3/2

There is an element of red brick (mainly windows to Pershore Road)

Comments could be made that the windows to remain transparent so as to preserve the street scene

Entrance to the site in the middle of the car park, not the existing Hazelwell Lane. Sandra queried how those walking along Pershore Road would safely cross the entrance.

Hazelwell Lane to remain to give access to the Club and cyclist and vehicle access to the new development

New pedestrian crossings of Pershore Road & Hazelwell Street by 'triangle site'

Loading bay to the rear of the site near the new development - would there be noise from reversing vehicles?

Of 127 car parking sites 6 are for disabled, 6 parent & toddler, 4 electric vehicle charging spaces (with provision for more if necessary). It was generally thought that disabled provision was insufficient

8 Racks for 16 cycles (covered), no provision for trailers

Apparently no seats by the entrance for disabled or infirm people to rest

External lighting turned off an hour after the store closes

Hours of opening - currently 8am until 10pm and 6 hours on Sunday, although there are no hours mentioned as part of the application

Don't seem to have taken into account the effect on houses in the Taylor Wimpey Development when considering noise & environment considerations

Two further small retail units with no parking near the British ak

Development of the Triangle site for public amenity

Construction Method Statement doesn't seem to show times of operation

It was felt that a meeting with Aldi could be beneficial

A further application has been publicised

2021/10882/PA 1 Ash Tree Road

Wicks

Change of layout for deliveries

Covered trolley park to the front of the building

Cladding to the outside of the building

Consultation ends beginning of February

Sandra welcomed the Chair of Selly Park South Forum to the meeting and said that Stirchley Forum had been invited to attend a meeting with the developers of the site at the corner of Dogpool Lane and Pershore Road.

7. Networking

Karen Cheney updated the meeting on application under Round 2 of Commonwealth Games funding. She said that lots of proposals have been forthcoming which are being verified by Council staff. She was hopeful that voting could take place at the beginning of the February Forum as in the first round. It is envisaged that events will start from April.

She mentioned that Stirchley Baths had reopened with COVID measures still in place.

Laura Creaven undertook to provide a contact with Stirchley Community Market.

Sandra Cooper gave information about slight changes to Stirchley Library hours of opening, opening until 6pm on Thursdays.

8. The future of Stirchley Ward - follow on from discussion in December

It was announced that the consultant's report into the High Street had now been received with proposals for future action. There had been no time to assimilate the information before the meeting therefore Rob Morris suggested that the Committee hold a meeting and discuss the report and proposed next steps,

There were no representatives of Stirchley the Way Forward present.

9. Any other business

Following on from the discussion about the junction of Bournville Lane and Hazelwell Street at the previous meeting Cllr Locke was asked if the current configuration is now permanent. She said that she thought that it was.

There was some discussion about the pros and cons of the COVID layout during which it was pointed out that loading and unloading at the church door is now again possible.

A query raised online in respect of clearance of the river path between Dads Lane and Cartland Road was raised. It seems that only half of the path has been cleared of leaves, twigs, etc..

Cllr Locke undertook to find out whether further work is planned.

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

Date of the next meeting - Monday 14th February 2022

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