

Before the meeting Karen Cheney hosted a short meeting during which applicants for the Stirchley Ward share of Celebrating Communities Fund presented their case and voting took place.

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 13th September 2021 online by Zoom - starting about 8.15

Present: 28 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. There were no apologies

In view of the late start to the meeting Rob Morris invited representatives of Taylor Wimpey, who had been waiting for some time, to address the meeting.

Elliot Ashton introduced Ian Laing, the new site manager for the Hazelwell Lane site. They updated the meeting on progress.

Piling work is now finished, first four foundations are ready for inspection and other trades will be on site in November.

A plan of the site was shown and it was explained that a few changes had been made to some of the buildings now that they had been able to investigate further.

He explained that a new application (2021/07834/PA) in respect of boundary treatment and bricks had been made and he explained some of the details, including how the retaining wall to the rear of properties in Twyning road would be rebuilt.

He also said that there would be a sales event in the Baths on 2nd October (with 900 people having expressed an interest in purchasing property) where they would not be in a position to deal with any issues arising from the build phase.

Rob Morris thanked them for attending. They then left the meeting.

3. Minutes of meeting 12th July 2021

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record

4. Matters arising from meeting 12th July 2021

There were no matters arising

5. Police Update

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

6. Planning issues

Sandra Cooper, Planning Officer reported;

Hazelwell Lane - Seven Capital site,

2021/00196/PA

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

2021/04987/PA 1266/1268 Pershore Road - single storey rear extension, dormer windows and new shop front

Refused on grounds that the dormer windows would be too big and insufficient evidence that 'noise, vibration and odour from the ventilation system would not adversely affect neighbouring properties.

Building work has been continuing

2021/04996/PA Dads Lane Community Centre, 171 Pineapple Road - inclusion of café and provision of accessible access and 2 parking places

Decision communicated that day. Approved with conditions. Provision of cycle storage.

Decking to be used only for storage. Café to be open only when the Centre is open. Hot food that requires commercial cooking and extraction is not permitted

2021/05679/PA 1511 Pershore Road - erection of rear extension - Withdrawn

New application 2021/07311/PA

Rear single storey extension - says current use is flats

Former TSB building

An application has been made for an alcohol licence.

We have been informed by the Planning Officer that no planning application is required for change of use to a restaurant

2021/06136/PA 1704-1718 Pershore Road, retention of canopies to car wash, customer waiting area, etc

Permission refused after objections from neighbours and others

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

This seems to have addressed some of the concerns of residents in Warren Road expressed in previous application

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

The erection of a new discount foodstore (Use Class E) with access, car parking and landscaping and other associated works.

c/d 30/9

Seems to have addressed some concerns but still issues with vehicle access from Pershore Road (close to traffic lights and pedestrian lights), also bus stop.

Delivery vehicles apparently cutting through car park

There was a question about whether they would be allowed to build a supermarket so near to an intended Aldi store.

Planning Officer said that she had not had time to peruse all of the 30 plus documents and this may have been addressed, along with the change of use from Leisure to Retail.

The application form suggested that they had not spoken with the City Planning Department before they had submitted the application.

Clonmel Road Business Centre - Planning Officer said that it was not clear why no change of use is needed as some of the units are being used for distribution and retail.

Cllr Locke said that Planning Officer was looking into a change of use.

The Planning Officer said that she understood that residents of Clonmel Road are complaining of traffic noise and disruption from very early morning into the late evening.

A resident said that that the absence of HGVs had been much appreciated by local residents.

7. Changing location of Dogpool Lane Post Office

Consultation closing 21st September.

There was a brief discussion about the effect of the relocation when coupled with the fact that there was no post office in the Stirchley Ward. People using a bus along the Pershore Road would be most affected as there is no nearby crossing of Pershore Road as in currently the case.

Sandra Cooper reported that the relocation would be 0.6 miles along Pershore Road (almost opposite BP garage (M&S shop) and the new post office would be called Pershore Road Post Office.

There would be one counter with enhanced hours of opening

It is not clear whether services are to be reduced.

Sandra raised the issue of use of the post office by Stirchley traders and residents.

It was felt that ready access to a post office in Stirchley to be used by residents and businesses, was a must have.

It was agreed that comments should be made, although previous experience suggests that it would not make much difference.

8. Networking

Heritage Open Day

Saturday 18th September Baths and Library

Sunday afternoon 19th September Church of the Ascension and Tea on the Green - Pineapple Grove

Leaf were pleased to announce that Stirchley's Dementia Friendly status had been retained (one of only c200 in the country).

They also said that some of their events had restarted but with pre-booking.

Mention was made that Cllr Locke will be holding a Ward Forum meeting on Zoom on Tuesday 28th September @ 7pm.

9. Any other business

A resident raised the issues of residents of Bond Street being disturbed by the noise from trollies and deliveries at Morrisons in the early morning.

Rob Morris said that he would speak with the store manager. The Planning Officer said that she would look into the most recent planning application.

The Chair brought the meeting to an end at 9.05pm.

Date of the next meeting - Monday 11th October 2021

Forum AGM Monday 8th November 2021

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