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MINUTES OF STYVECHALE GRANGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LOCATION – Grange Farm School

DATE – 3 April 2025

PRESENT – John Archer – Chairman, Mick Fitzpatrick – Treasurer, Councillor Mattie Heaven, Sheila Weare – Minutes Secretary.
Plus 18 members of the Association.

WELCOME – John welcomed members to the meeting.

COUNCILLOR MATTIE HEAVEN – the meeting welcomed Mattie back after her long illness. Mattie and John B had met with the Deputy Chief Constable (yet to be officially appointed) and had discussed parking ticketing outside schools. Our Ward Councillors are asking Coventry City Council's planners to liaise closer with them as the Ward Councillors are more able to advise on the problems and needs of the community. Mattie reported that problems are taking too long to resolve. She explained that a typical example was the absence of a footpath in Stoneleigh Road which was taking an excessive amount of time to resolve. She explained that a section 106 agreement (for King's Hill for example) is to mitigate the impact of the development on the local community and infrastructure. **Mantilla Drive Resurfacing** – no date for this work has been finalised, although it is believed the drainage work has been carried out successfully. Residents living in Mantilla Drive have received no further update.

School Streets – a six-month assessment of this trial initiative is due to commence shortly and a report will be produced. Cardinal Wiseman School, one of those included, and the effectiveness of the trial, were discussed. If the scheme is successful and is adopted, it is hoped Grange Farm School will be considered for inclusion. **Partners and Communities Together (PACT)** – these meetings will replace the police liaison meetings and the next meeting will be 29 April 2025. Meetings are open to everyone. **No.9 Bus** – John A has asked Finham Parish Council for their thoughts on the route including Central Six and he also hopes to liaise with the West Midlands Transport Consultancy Group about this. The three hours free parking at the **War Memorial Park** will continue. **Street Lighting** – the decision to switch these off from 12 am until 5.30 am still stands, however, if LED lighting units are installed in the future, it is thought the lights might be able to remain on overnight because of the savings made.

APOLOGIES – Councillor John Blundell, Judith and David Cule, Jayne and Bernard Every, Terry and Anne Kenny, Graham Mason, Kirt Parshad, Councillor Tim Sawdon, S. Subramanya.

MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2025, having been posted online and circulated, were accepted.

MATTERS ARISING – **Convenience Store, Hexworthy Avenue** – this is expected to open towards the end of April 2025. **St John's Ambulance** will return on 1 May 2025 to demonstrate 'how to stop a bleed'.

Alpine Rise Railway Line Fence – the wooden fence between Nos.42 and 44 is in a state of collapse. Network Rail claim the fence is not owned by them; however, a metal fence on the railway line side is thought to have been erected by them. The Council say the fence is not their responsibility. The residents are trying to obtain a favourable quote for the work and may need to fund this themselves. A similar situation existed in Chideock and here Network Rail have erected a mesh panel to replace a wooden panel, saying they regard it as a high priority. Could Network Rail help with the broken fence in Alpine Rise?

LOCAL POLICE UPDATE – Mick attended a Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting on 25 March 2025. This was poorly attended. The following was discussed: speeding on Styvechale Grange and a proposed Speedwatch on Hexworthy Avenue/Dewsbury Avenue. This was carried out later that day by PCSO Tyrone Breslin: ebikes being ridden on Leamington Road/Mantilla Drive: theft from a house in Green Lane, theft from the BP garage shop, parking problems around schools – police can issue a parking fine ticket. Daleway Road – a machete was found in a property by the landlord. It is hoped the PACT meetings will become better attended and the next one is on 29 April 2025. Finham Parish Council members were unaware of the 25 March 2025 meeting. A resident had contacted John A about speeding vehicles in our area, the state of the surface of Mantilla and parking problems around Grange Farm. The resident suggested the use of speed humps. This will be discussed with the police.

John A reported a 'change of priority' for traffic in Beechwood Avenue/Rochester Road.

Figures obtained from West Midlands Police website for February 2025 for Wainbody, Westwood, Whoberley and Woodlands are: Total Recorded Crime 354, 156 Violence and Sexual Offences, 41 Vehicle offences, 26 Criminal Damage and Arson, Other Theft 23, Other 108. Figures for separate Wards were not given. Crimes within Styvechale Grange – one in Bywater Close and two in Alpine Rise.

STREETWATCH – no further update has been received.

TREASURER'S REPORT – **Finances** – after costs of £35.08 for the hire of the hall and £10.50 paid to Best Host, we currently have £1,166.92. **Website** – 829 viewers (including some from USA). **Facebook** has 840 viewers.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Godiva Festival – this will be from Friday to Sunday, 4 to 6 July 2025. **King's Hill** – Finham Parish Council have opposed the scheme to build up to 4,500 homes, but approval has been granted. A 'stumbling block' has been an area of land belonging to Coventry City Council. The number of homes proposed was determined by the future population figures for Coventry supplied by the Office for National Statistics, which the Government have since agreed were flawed. Our No.9 bus will serve the proposed new estate. John A hopes to liaise with West Midlands Transport Consultancy Group over this matter. **Schools Parking in Finham** – at school time parking on Green Lane is extremely hazardous. People are reported to be using Peveril Drive as a drop-off point for the Finham schools. **Healthwatch Adult Social Care** – the findings are: people struggle to access the right social care. Many feel the system doesn't meet their needs and they rely on unpaid carers to fill the gaps.

The meeting concluded with the raffle.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 1 May 2025 at 7.30 pm. Members of St John's Ambulance will once again be our guests.