

HALL GREEN SOUTH WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: HALL GREEN SOTH	DATE: 12 DECEMBER 2018
VENUE: HIGHFIELD HALL, HIGHFIELD ROAD B28 0HS	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 8.20pm
COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 8
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Croxford, Head of Environmental Health Les Williams, Depot Manager, Waste Management Kevin Gibbon, Amey Highway Steward PCSO Giovanni Esposito, West Midlands Police Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Environmental Services – Traveller Encampment Injunctions, Recycling & Tackling Fly Tipping</u></p> <p>Mark Croxford explained the law around moving an encampment on and the notice periods for eviction from council owned land. Reference made to the recent travellers who had camped at Sarehole Mill & Chinnbrook Recreation Ground creating nuisance & asb. Following this an injunction had been successfully sought for both sites and The Dell, in place until August 2019. Sites had been identified and approved for 2 transit sites and a 3rd was being brought back into use. When these were operational the council would pursue an injunction to cover all city owned land and if this could not be achieved would apply for an injunction to cover all parks.</p> <p>Councillor Huxtable extended his thanks to all concerned in dealing with the encampments on Sarehole Mill. He added that prior to Sarehole Mill the travellers had been on Goodman Park & Greet Mill & queried an injunction to cover those areas and whether the transit sites would be successful given the size of the traveller groups seen</p>	

in the ward. Mark Croxford said that there had been no evidence of anti-social behaviour associated with those 2 sites. The transit sites were small but it was not expected that many travellers would pay to use them so if evicted from land a notice would be served directing them to a transit site or to leave Birmingham. If not compliant the travellers could be arrested.

Les Williams gave an overview of the new working arrangements for the refuse crews and the new responsibilities including waste management advice, reporting fly tipping to street cleansing for removal, recycling advice etc. There had been a bedding in period but results were now being seen. Rounds were being merged so it was hoped this would reduce missed collections. It was hoped to install cameras at the river to gather evidence on fly tipping. Cllr Huxtable identified 2 places near to the river at Baldwins Lane & Sribers Lane that were hot spots.

Residents commented on difficulties experienced with the recycling collection on Cole Valley Road as the lorries did not stop due to double parking and station parking. When it was collected it was mixed with household rubbish therefore recycling targets were not being hit. Les Williams said that the recycling therefore needed to be collected earlier and that he would look into reports of mixed collections.

In response to questions the meeting was advised that Redfern Deport was experiencing problems with vehicle reliability but hire vehicles would help solve the issues and it was hoped that there would be an improvement in the very near future.

2. Update from Police

PCSO Esposito reported crime statistics and a slight increase in overall crime. Burglaries had been a priority, including car key crimes. The next tasking meeting was on 17 December and all were invited.

3. Amey Highway Steward

Kevin Gibbon outlined his responsibilities and in response to questions commended;

1. Les Williams to provide figures for missed collections, recycling etc to next meeting

- He would visit Sarehole Green Parade to look at broken pavement slabs
- He was undertaking a site visit to Robin Hood Lane with Cllr Huxtable.
- Amey would remove any parking restrictions put down by residents on the highway
- It was an offence to park on a grass verge. Police & parking enforcement could enforce and Amey would repair damage.

Cllr Huxtable meeting with officers regarding Cole Valey Road – officers to be invited to next meeting.

4. Update on Potential for BID in Hall Green

Update read to meeting. There were 3 centres in Hall Green that if combined would support a BID. There would be significant house building in the area in the future so there would be an increased population to support the centre. Stuart Daniels explained the project – Re-Imagining Hall Green Parade – that had been supported by a LIF bid.

Cllr Huxtable said he had forwarded suggestions for 2 pocket parks in Hall Green.

5. Parish Council – Your Views

In response to a suggestion from residents Councillor Huxtable explained the concept behind parish councils. He added that Hall Green Residents Association had acted as an ‘unofficial’ parish council and that there were alternatives to a formal parish council that could be looked into if it was something that residents supported. Information was available at the conclusion of the meeting for anyone who wanted to consider the idea further. Councillor Huxtable said that the B28 area of Birmingham was clearly identifiable for some type of local council and he welcomed any ideas from local residents.

6. Residents Have Your Say

- a) **Budget Consultation** – Cllr Huxtable outlined the process and encouraged residents to have their say.
- b) **Fix My Street App**– recommended as a good way of reporting fly tipping
- c) **Land Rear of Highfield Parade** – in response to a query Cllr Huxtable advised that no planning application had

been submitted but that he would keep residents updated and object to any planning application received on the grounds that any build would be over intensive.

d) Items for Next Meeting

- Ward Planning
- Cole Valley Road parking
- Update on refuse/recycling collections

Councillors (s) Signed:

Councillor(s) Name(s) (please print):